

Present: President Stearn; President Pro-Tem Pfeifer; Members: Craig, Domzal, Downey and Munguia

Absent: Walsh

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy  
Public Services Director, Spallasso  
Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka  
Village Attorney, O'Brien  
Director of Public Safety, Woodard

President Stearn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF MONDAY, JULY 2, 2001 COUNCIL MEETING**

MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Munguia, that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on Monday, July 2, 2001 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA**

Harold Milinsky of 32467 Evergreen Road was asked to reserve his comments on the Pathway Plan for agenda item #6 when that topic will be addressed.

**THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO VACANCIES ON THE BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD**

Pfeifer made the third announcement for two vacancies on the Birmingham Area Cable Board. The board is made up of representatives from the cable consortium communities of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Franklin. It meets once a month on the third Wednesday of the month at the Baldwin Public Library at 7:45 a.m.

Applications are available at the Village office and can be obtained from the Village web site ([villagebeverlyhills.com](http://villagebeverlyhills.com)). The last day to submit applications for these positions will be Friday, July 27, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. A committee of Pfeifer as chair, Domzal, and Stearn will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building prior to the August 6 Council meeting to review applications and recommend candidates for appointment to the Cable Board.

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Munguia made the second announcement of a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This board meets once a month on the second Monday of the month. The deadline for receiving applications will be on Friday, July 20 at 5:00 p.m. A committee of Munguia as chair, Downey, and Pfeifer will meet at 7:15 p.m. prior to the August 6 Council meeting to review applications and recommend a candidate for appointment to this position.

**REVIEW PATHWAY STUDY AND SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

Stearn stated the Village's planning consultant Kathryn Wyrosdick from Birchler Arroyo will give a presentation on the Pathways Plan drafted with her guidance by the Village Planning Board. Council will not take action tonight on adoption of this plan. Consideration will be given to setting a public hearing on the Pathways Plan in September or October. The purpose of this meeting is for Council and interested individuals to receive a presentation on the Pathways Plan. People will have an opportunity to comment briefly on the study with the understanding that a village-wide discussion of the plan will be scheduled later this year at a facility that will accommodate more people. Stearn noted that the Planning Board has held two public discussions for the purpose of involving residents in the planning process during the drafting of the plan.

Downey stated that the Village has adopted a Master Plan that serves as a 20-year vision for land use in Beverly Hills. Council will be discussing whether the Pathways Plan should be adopted as a plan for the future. The Planning Board has spent over 12 months on this study. Two public discussions have been held at Planning Board meetings. There has been a substantial need identified by some sectors of the community for pathways in the Village. The goal of the Pathways Plan is to provide a pathway system that will promote safety in the Village, usefulness of public facilities, and a plan that will not detract from the natural appearance of the community.

Council will consider setting a date for a public hearing on the plan. Following a public hearing, Council could adopt the Pathways Plan to serve as a long term vision for the Village.

RESOLVED by Downey, supported by Domzal, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council set a public hearing for October 1, 2001 for consideration of the Pathways Plan.

Planning consultant Wyrosdick stated that she will present an overview of the 60-page Pathway Plan. She informed the public that the plan is available for review at the Village offices noting the instructive value of the maps included in the plan.

Wyrosdick stated that the Pathways Plan is a wish list of improvements to the pathway system in the Village and to the entire pedestrian environment of the community. She described the planning process. The Planning Board has done a thorough analysis to determine existing conditions in the Village and the history of previous sidewalk and engineering studies. The board looked at areas where there were safety issues or ineffective pedestrian flow to determine the needs of the community. Community facilities were identified. Schools, churches, Village and Township buildings, recreational facilities, and public parks were identified as destination areas.

The Planning Board then established goals and objectives that would be the basis of the plan. The first and foremost goal is to provide safety for the community. One way to do this is to provide pathway system improvements that are designed for pedestrian safety. Another goal

was to provide an attractive system that would not detract from the natural beauty along roadways and that would have a minimum effect on existing vegetation.

Providing a useful and connected system was a goal. The pathway system should be a benefit to the community and be designed to encourage its use as an alternate to driving. An objective of the study was to plan pedestrian routes that connect neighborhoods and key community facilities and recreational areas. The Planning Board attempted to create a plan that would balance the rights of individuals with the needs of the community and provide a sound basis for the location of a pathway system. The plan looked not only at sidewalks but at the pedestrian environment with respect to crosswalks.

After establishing goals and objectives, the Planning Board analyzed various strategies for enhancing the pedestrian environment. They looked at crosswalks, sidewalks, and multi-use trails constructed with alternative materials in areas where retaining natural vegetation is a concern. Recommendations that made the most sense to the board were carried over to a preferred recommendations map.

The plan includes an implementation section. Wyrosdick emphasized that the plan is not something that will happen tomorrow or even next year. It is something that the Planning Board feels that the Village should strive for in the next five, ten or maybe even 20 years from now. There are a number of steps that need to be taken if the Village Council adopts this plan.

Currently, the Village has no money available for these improvements. The plan recommends developing a sidewalk committee that will assist Council with implementing the plan recommendations and establishing priorities. The committee would be involved in pursuing grant funds to implement plan recommendations.

It was stressed that the Pathways Plan is not a stagnant document. It can be reviewed and revised periodically to determine if any modifications to the plan are necessary.

Wyrosdick related that the Planning Board felt that there are many benefits to be realized from providing a more friendly pedestrian environment for the Village by accommodating people walking on sidewalks and safely crossing the street. Ideas on traffic calming techniques are included in the plan. The safety of children and pedestrians is foremost throughout the plan.

Wyrosdick referred to the map on display to review the preferred recommendations of the pathway study and explain the rationale for those suggestions. The plan is color coded to show existing sidewalk, recommended extensions of sidewalks, and crosswalk redesign. The plan recommendations result in a fully connected system in the Village on major roads with access to community facilities.

Wyrosdick commented that the Planning Board also discussed pedestrian connections that could be initiated by individual property owners to connect one subdivision to another using a pedestrian easement. This idea remains in the plan.

Wyrosdick mentioned that there are only a few areas where there is not enough right-of-way to implement the preferred recommendations. The proposed sidewalk is on the public domain in most cases and not over private property. There may be places where there is unique vegetation that could be preserved if an easement would allow that to happen.

Sidewalk and crosswalk design will occur during engineering studies that could eventually come out of this plan. Before implementation, the Village will have to do an engineering study to determine where the sidewalk can go and how much it will cost.

The Village Council could adopt the proposed plan after holding a public hearing according to the Municipal Planning Act. Any substantive changes deemed by Council to be needed before the plan is adopted should be referred to the Planning Board for a report. The Village Council will determine an appropriate time frame to implement planned recommendations. It is anticipated that the recommendations in the plan may take five, ten, or more years to implement. Funding and community support for improvements will be key factors in determining when plan recommendations can be completed.

Wyrosdick concluded that the Planning Board has provided a well thought out plan of where sidewalks should be installed to provide safety for people who walk or ride bikes, where they would be attractive assets to the community, and where they would connect residences to community facilities and be useful to the community.

Roll call vote on resolution to set public hearing on Pathway Plan:

Resolution passes unanimously.

Stearn opened the floor for comments from the public.

Harold Milinsky of 32467 Evergreen expressed the view that affected property owners should have been notified of the Planning Board study. He maintains that the Douglas-Evans nature preserve is not accessible to the public, and no one goes there. Milinsky does not think that sidewalk should be constructed on that portion of Evergreen Road that has been designated as a Natural Beauty Road. He does not want sidewalk on his property and does not see a necessity for a rim of sidewalks around the Village.

Toni Grinnan of 1 Stonehouse Lane thanked the Planning Board and others who have put so much time and effort into this plan. She is glad to see Council looking at this issue. Grinnan thinks it is Council's job to listen at the public hearing. She thinks that the plan could succeed if it is implemented in a sensitive way that takes into consideration the concerns of adjacent landowners. She sees them as adjacent landowners since the proposed sidewalk is on public right-of-ways and does not involve private property.

Grinnan remarked that the reason why nobody goes to a particular amenity in the community may be because they cannot get there safely. The population of Beverly is not the same now as it was ten years ago or one year ago. She urges Council to initiate this project so that the

present people who have worked on this issue will be able to enjoy it. We need a safe way to get around this Village on foot.

Dennis Page of 30470 Lincolnshire East thinks that the Planning Board and consultant did a good job on the Pathway Plan, and he is pleased that Council set a public hearing date. He understands that the plan provides for the extension of existing pathways. The preferred recommendation plan is minimalist in what it proposes. It fills in gaps between pathways that are already there – some of them paved and some not paved. The plan will provide safe pedestrian access to the community.

Chad Swain of 22822 Highbank commented on the increase in traffic on the streets. There are a lot of children and families in the community walking and riding their bikes on heavily traveled streets. He thinks that the proposed plan is a good program that looks out for the growth of the Village.

Jan Bennish of 22830 Shagbark commented that she and her family have lived in the Village for 26 years, and she has always come forward whenever this issue arises. She complemented the Planning Board for its comprehensive study. It will be important at the time of the public hearing that the Village residents understand that the issue has been looked at from all angles. Bennish views this as a minimal plan, but it is very positive because it connects the Village. Sidewalk use is important for people of all ages, and she hopes the Village can go forward on this plan.

John Clark of 31265 Sleepy Hollow supports the concept of sidewalks. However, he would like to be assured that the Village does not embark on a new project before making necessary improvements to streets in his area including Sleepy Hollow, Metamora Drive, and Fiddlers Cove. Clark added that he strongly opposes any public easements through Sleepy Hollow for the purpose of connecting subdivisions. He does not want to encourage more people to cut through his yard.

Chris Elliott of 30890 Georgetown South related that it is dangerous riding his bicycle on the gravel going to Detroit Country Day School. He asked that sidewalks be constructed on 13 Mile Road and Lahser.

Joly Kaufmann-Laker of 30720 Georgetown Drive stepped forward with her husband Martin and son Simon. Photographs showing pedestrian traffic on the shoulder of 13 Mile Road just west of Lahser were distributed to Council. She stated that this route is perilous to all individuals because it is dangerously close to the cars. In addition, the shoulder of the road is deteriorated. Kaufmann-Laker stated that Beverly Hills is a village that is willing to make improvements as it did with the Beverly Park enhancements. She commented that concern for citizen safety and well being is paramount to the Council's voting interest. She asked Council to realize that adopting the safety pathway plan will be an improvement to all who call Beverly Hills their home.

Mike O'Shea of 31021 Old Stage Road complimented the Planning Board and the planner on the excellent presentation of the Pathways Plan. There are gaps in the sidewalk on 13 Mile Road west of Lahser that constitute a serious safety concern. People who like to walk and bike are confined because of the road traffic. He suggested that the Village consider coordinating a sidewalk plan with Bingham Farms past the Village limits to Bingham School to open the community going west.

Allison Smith of 31104 Old Stage, member of the Groves High School track and cross country teams, stated that the team practices by running on the shoulder of 13 Mile Road. She feels that this is dangerous and related that a friend of hers was struck by a car. Smith hopes that the Village will construct sidewalks, particularly on 13 Mile Road between Lahser and Evergreen.

Mike Sabourin of 22866 Highbank Road thinks that this is a workable plan and that the Planning Board did a good job connecting the main areas of the Village. The important thing is to move forward to ensure safety for kids and the whole community.

George Meyer of 22542 Fiddlers Cove thanked the Planning Board for its excellent work and the consultant for the informative presentation. He is an advocate of sidewalks and requests that the gaps on existing sidewalk be completed.

Anne Hammond of 32848 White Oaks Trail is present advocating sidewalks being constructed on 14 Mile Road as soon as possible. Her children cannot walk safely three blocks to Berkshire School.

Morris Brackenbury of 31411 Sleepy Hollow urged Council to adopt this plan as it is and fine tune it in the future. He stated that this is the third time he has talked to a Council about a bicycle rider who was killed in the 1970's at 13 Mile and Lahser Road after dark. Let's not have any more deaths because of the lack of sidewalks along major roads.

Sharon Faricy of 31488 Sleepy Hollow Lane commends the Planning Board on the Pathways Plan and urged the Council to go ahead with the pathway recommendations for the safety of the children of this Village.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court commented that her major concern with the plan is that the walkways vary from one side of the street to the other. She maintains that people will not go out of their way to cross the street to access sidewalk. There may be problems with topography and cost of construction, but it would be nice to have sidewalks on both sides of the streets.

Carol Woodard of 32750 Bellvine Trail expressed the view that the plan is great. She mentioned that she has observed people cross the street to walk or bike on sidewalks in Bloomfield Township. They go from east to west on Lahser at Lincoln. She has seen people go out of their way to stay on a sidewalk.

Stewart Mandell of 22601 Highbank Drive thinks that this is a fine plan, and he is pleased that Beverly Hills is moving forward to a public hearing. He asked Council to consider placing the Pathways Plan on the Village web site and set up a way for residents to comment, particularly those who are adjacent property owners.

Jan Cannavo of 30823 West Lincolnshire commented on the need for pathways and commends the plan. She is happy to see so many people at this meeting who want the plan implemented. The support for this plan should tell the Council that there is a great need for safe sidewalks on major roads.

Joan Brackenbury of 31411 Sleepy Hollow stated that she has lived in the Village for 30 years and has been waiting for sidewalks on the west side all that time. She hopes the Village can do this without thinking about it for another five or ten years. These sidewalks are needed now.

Munguia commented that he likes some of the ideas contained in the plan in principle. His position on sidewalks has been to consider safety issues or filling in the gaps on existing sidewalk. He thinks that there is a need to take a closer look at some aspects of the plan. Items that need discussion and clarification are priorities, legal liability issues in terms of repair and maintenance, and funding.

Domzal is in favor of pathways in Beverly Hills. He was a member of the Planning Board and was involved in preparing the Pathways Plan. There have been many good comments made tonight. Domzal thinks the document is a solid plan. He agrees that it is a modest plan and is not aggressive. There are improvements being proposed on the west and the east side of the Village.

Domzal proposes that Council move forward and receive public comments before approving the plan. He will suggest the creation of an implementation committee as Council proceeds to address challenges. An implementation committee would have representatives from Council, the Planning Board, staff, and residents. There are right-of-way and design issues to address and coordination with other construction within the Village. Domzal is encouraged by the interest in this project.

Pfeifer remarked that the proposed pathway plan is not as ambitious as some of the former sidewalk plans. She looks forward to receiving comments at the scheduled public hearing, which will be held in a larger setting. The public should know that the Village must have a sidewalk plan in place before it can make application for any grant money for sidewalks or crosswalks.

Pfeifer commented that she has observed people walking in the street on Beverly Road instead of using the sidewalk. If pathways are constructed, she hopes that they are used.

Downey thinks that it is an excellent idea to post the Pathways Plan on the Village web site. He is encouraged by the public who appears to be educated about the plan. He requests that administration have copies of the plan available to interested residents for their review.

Downey agrees that residents should be involved in an implementation group that could be engaged in fund raising. He will support that action if the plan is adopted.

Downey explained that the Planning Board originally included priorities in the Pathways Plan, which were removed from the final draft with the thought that establishing priorities for these projects falls within the executive branch of local government. Priorities will be a future topic of discussion.

Downey thinks it is a good thing that the plan is minimalist and representative of the way Beverly Hills tries to be efficient with its funds. Previous plans have been drafted but never adopted. He urges everyone who wants to see this plan adopted to follow through with their support.

Stearn asked that Village legal counsel prepare an opinion letter to Council regarding the liabilities of municipalities and private property owners with respect to maintenance and snow removal on sidewalks. He commented on the need to balance community needs with the needs of private individuals.

Domzal mentioned that he has spoken with the Bloomfield Township Supervisor about maintenance of sidewalks. An approach that can be used to remove liability issues with respect to snow and ice removal is to categorize the pathways as seasonal walkways.

Stearn thanked everyone in the audience for coming to this meeting and sharing their opinions with Council. The location of the public hearing to be held on October 1, 2001 will be publicized.

MOTION by Downey, supported by Craig, for a recess at 9:24 p.m.  
Motion passes unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

**APPROVE PURCHASE OF RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Funds were set aside in the capital budget for fiscal year 2001/02 for the purchase of a new recorder/logger for public safety department communications. The department's recording needs are currently served by a 10-channel, reel-to-reel device, which documents the activity on one radio frequency and nine telephone inputs. The current recorder has shortfalls that make the purchase of replacement equipment desirable.

Bids were received from four vendors for a 20-channel digital recording system. Two quotes were above the budgeted amount of \$20,000 and two were below that amount.

RESOLVED by Craig, supported by Downey, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the purchase of a Mirra 20-channel digital recorder from DSS Corporation of

Southfield in the amount of \$17,400. Funds are available for this expenditure in Account #101-345-980 Capital Purchases: PS Equipment.

Questions from Council were addressed by Director Woodard.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

**APPROVE PURCHASE FROM HRC FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Domzal stated that there was discussion at the last Parks and Recreation Board meeting on how to proceed with park improvements in the most time efficient and cost effective manner. There was agreement to engage the consulting engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark to act as construction manager for the millage related work in the park since HRC is already doing the design work for the portion of the park improvements being funded by Clean Michigan Initiative grant funds. It was suggested that HRC complete the design for park improvements that will be funded by the millage and provide construction management services.

The Village received a proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark in a letter dated July 10, 2001 to provide these services. Domzal stated that there remain some questions with respect to exactly what is included within the scope of this proposal. He suggests tabling Council action on the proposal tonight to allow the Parks and Recreation Board to meet with a representative of HRC at its Thursday, July 19 Parks and Recreation Board meeting to discuss what is being provided in the scope of this proposal under the quoted cost.

Stearn referred to the letter from Walter Alix regarding this proposal whereby HRC becomes the construction manager of this park project. It is intended that HRC will work directly with the Parks and Recreation Board attending meetings and receiving input from board members. HRC will present options for the board's consideration. The engineering firm will then prepare a priority list and proposal for Council to adopt.

Stearn talked to Village Attorney Ryan about concerns with the July 10 letter from HRC. The letter is an overview of what the contract will include. Ryan suggested that Council could vote to authorize administration to enter into negotiations with HRC on a contract that would ultimately be signed. Council has the option to table this agenda item and vote on specific contract language or authorize administration to work out a contract with HRC based on input from Council and the Parks and Recreation Board.

Stearn read the motion approved by the Parks and Recreation Board at its June 21, 2001 meeting as follows: "Motion to request Council to authorize administration to pursue construction design and management of the park improvement program through Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc." Stearn believes that the Parks and Recreation Board has recommended that Council employ HRC in this regard. Council discussed the options.

MOTION by Domzal, supported by Pfeifer, to table the engineering proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. for park improvements to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Downey - no  
Munguia - no  
Pfeifer - yes  
Stearn - no  
Craig - no  
Domzal - yes

Motion fails (4 – 2).

Stearn relinquished the chair to Vice-President Pfeifer.

RESOLVED by Stearn, supported by Craig, to authorize administration to enter into negotiations and a contract with Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to act as construction manager for the park master plan improvements. The contract is to be substantially in compliance with the July 10, 2001 letter from Walter Alix. Funding will be from the park millage.

Roll Call Vote:

Munguia - yes  
Pfeifer - no  
Stearn - yes  
Craig - yes  
Domzal - yes  
Downey - yes

Resolution passes (5 – 1).

#### **AWARD CONTRACT FOR WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Downey reviewed that Council has determined that there is a substantial need to replace deteriorated water mains in the Village. There have been a number of maintenance issues with water main breaks and emergency repairs. The Infrastructure Committee and Council have approved a program to replace water mains.

Nine contractors have submitted bids for this work with the low bid from Bricco Excavating Co. in the amount of \$448,720. The budgeted amount was \$518,000.

RESOLVED by Downey, supported by Craig, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award contract #W-01-02 Water Main Replacement to Bricco Excavating Co. for their bid amount of \$448,720.00. This award is contingent upon the contractor submitting all bonds and insurance coverage as required in the contract documents for this project.

In answer to an inquiry, Spallasso stated that the work will be done on Sheridan between 13 Mile and Amherst, Arlington north of Beverly and a small section south of Beverly, and Pierce between 13 Mile and Georgina.

Roll Call Vote:  
Resolution passes unanimously.

**APPROVE BILLS**

MOTION by Pfeifer, supported by Downey, that the bills from a period of 7/02/01 through 7/16/01 be approved for payment in the following amounts:

\$186,929.71	General Fund
2,530.03	Major Road Fund
6,030.59	Local Road Fund
51,648.75	Capital Projects
58,729.46	Water/Sewer Operation Fund
10,112.22	Trust & Agency Fund
<u>\$315,980.76</u>	Total

Questions on the bills were addressed by administration.

Motion passes unanimously.

**LIAISON'S REPORT**

Downey reported that, at its July 11 meeting, the Planning Board approved a directional ground sign for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church on Pierce north of Beverly.

The Planning Board continued its discussed of the 14 Mile Road corridor at its meeting last week. Downey explained that the board will be recommending the concept of an overlay zoning district as a method of approaching future redevelopment of 14 Mile Road between Southfield and Greenfield Roads. The 14 Mile Road Corridor Plan will be forwarded to Council for review and approval. If the concept is accepted by the Village Council, the next step would be for the Planning Board to draft zoning ordinance language that would define the overlay district. Ideas from the corridor plan will be incorporated as design guidelines and text in the zoning ordinance.

Pfeifer stated that the Birmingham Area Cable Board will be meeting this Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m. at the Baldwin Public Library. She informed Council that plans are proceeding on the control room and audio/visual equipment for the council chambers.

Domzal reported that the Finance Committee will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building. New member Ana Dan will be joining the Finance Committee. One of the items that was discussed with Finance Committee members last month was having a joint meeting with Council in August or September.

Domzal commented that he brought up the idea at a previous Council meeting regarding the feasibility of establishing a community foundation. Unless there are objections from Council, he would like to ask the Finance Committee to explore this idea and report back to Council on whether it is something Council would be interested in pursuing.

In response to an inquiry, Domzal explained that the purpose of a community foundation is to provide a vehicle by which people can donate money on a tax free basis for the benefit of the community. The idea is to build up a trust fund over a matter of time for the purpose of funding activities. A board is created to determine how that money will be used. The community foundation would be a central group that would handle privately donated funds.

The Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park. Domzal announced that there will be a concert in Beverly Park on Sunday, July 22 at 4:00 p.m. featuring the X Band.

Munguia stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals met last Monday to review three appeal cases. There was a request that board members receive an attendance report mid-year to give them an idea if they are meeting the 70% attendance guidelines of Council. This will be discussed at Council's study session.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Village staff will meet with Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council (BASCC) representatives regarding the outstanding Community Development Block Grant Fund balance assigned by the Village to the senior organization. Following that meeting, staff will meet with Oakland County representatives to address the issue.

Bids were received by the City of Southfield for the 13 Mile Road improvements on Wednesday, July 11. The unaudited results appear to be within \$20,000 to the negative of the budgeted amount, not including engineering costs. Village staff will work with Southfield representatives to confirm the audited numbers and develop the necessary contracts between the two organizations. The matter will likely come before Council in August.

Village staff expects to receive bids for FY 2001/02 asphalt resurfacing work on July 31, 2001. This matter will come before Council on August 6 for consideration.

With the Village in the final year of its Solid Waste Collection contract, administration is beginning to explore different possibilities. It appears that six of the 12 SOCRRA member communities including Beverly Hills, Ferndale, Lathrup Village, Oak Park, Royal Oak, and Troy have collection contracts that expire at the end of this fiscal year. Village staff expects to review the relative merits and develop relationships and cooperatives that will provide the Village with the most economic, responsive, and responsible result.

Senate Bill No. 3 that relates to the Royal Oak/SOCRRA issue was passed by the full Michigan Senate. Council has received a copy of the bill. It appears that there will be no legislative action until fall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Page of 30470 Lincolnshire East commented that Council requested Village legal counsel to prepare an opinion letter on Village and property owner liability with respect to paved pathways. He suggests that the opinion letter also address liability for pathways that might not be paved.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Munguia suggested that a sign indicating the Village's web site address be posted somewhere in the council chambers. Munguia made it know that Franklin Manager Jane DiSessa has accepted the position of manager for the City of Berkley. He wishes her well.

On July 24, 2001, the City of Detroit will be 300 years old. Munguia remarked that there are very few cities in the country that can boast a 300 year history.

MOTION by Downey, supported by Pfeifer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

**Todd S. Stearn**  
**Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**