

Present: Council President Downey; President Pro-Tem Domzal; Members: Lison, Mooney, Pfeifer, Stearn and Woodrow

Absent: None

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

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Domzal, seconded by Woodrow, to add item “f” to the Business Agenda, “Parking on Allerton adjacent to Beverly Park”.

Motion passed (7- 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CONSENT AGENDA AND ITEMS NOT ON THE BUSINESS AGENDA

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court brought to Council’s attention at the last meeting that a Charter violation occurred when a Council member abstained from voting on a resolution at the March 4 meeting without being excused from voting by a unanimous consent of Council. Tischler took issue with the way this matter was handled by Council. It was discussed at the April 1 Council meeting but was not addressed to her satisfaction.

Downey stated that he appreciates Tischler’s comments but affirmed that Council took the advice of the Village Attorney and addressed this issue appropriately. He suggested that Tischler contact Mr. Ryan for a further understanding of this Charter issue.

Tischler remarked that Council has commented on the voter turnout at the March election. She recalls a discussion relative to mailing applications to registered voters for absentee ballots, which Council declined to do. Tischler suggested that Council might want to consider this for the next election.

Harold Milinsky of 32467 Evergreen Road stated that he understands that there must be a minimum charge for a water line coming to a house and a meter installed at that house. He suggests that the Village charge a flat fee for service to the house and charge for the usage of water and sewer. Milinsky leaves town in the winter, and his bill showing zero consumption increases every year.

Milinsky also asked if water bills can be addressed to the property owner rather than being addressed to “resident” so that he and others who leave town in the winter can have their water bills mailed to them. The Post Office will not forward mail addressed to “resident”.

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM 2001 ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR DUST AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS

A public hearing is held each year to review and confirm the assessment roll and billings to be added to the tax roll for dust control, water and sewer charges, Southfield Road maintenance, water mains and other miscellaneous assessments.

Downey opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.. No one wished to be heard; therefore the public hearing was closed at 7:43 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Lison stated that the Beverly Hills Public Safety Department conducts an annual program that recognizes a Public Safety Officer of the Year. Nominations for the recipient come from officers and department supervisors. He introduced Director of Public Safety Woodard, who will present the award.

Director Woodard announced that this year's selection process has identified Officer Howard Shock as Officer of the Year. Officer Shock stepped forward. Present in the audience were his mother and father Kathryn and Howard Sr. along with a number of officers.

Woodard related that Shock has worked for the department since August of 1999. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. Woodard described Shock as displaying a healthy work ethic and a motivated attitude towards police and fire work. He has been named in eight congratulatory thank you letters from citizens. He has been awarded one individual commendation from a drug investigation and one life saving award surrounding a CPR incident where he assisted.

Shock is one of several field training officers in the department who are trained to orient new employees. He is one of two representatives from the department who have joined the Troy Special Response Unit, a mutual aid consortium for hazardous materials incidents and other types of rescue operations.

Shock was nominated by Lt. John Roehrig, his field training supervisor, who describes him as consistently portraying an image of professionalism by the way he conducts himself while in uniform. Woodard presented a plaque to Officer Shock for his outstanding dedication to the public safety department and his exceptional commitment to the Village of Beverly Hills, helping to make it a safer place in which to live and work.

Howard Shock stated that he is honored to receive this award. He thanked his family for their support and expressed admiration for his co-workers hard work and dedication.

CONSENT AGENDA

Stearn asked that item "c" be removed from the consent agenda, "Review and confirm 2001 Assessment Rolls for dust and other miscellaneous assessments".

MOTION by Stearn, seconded by Lison, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held Monday, April 1, 2002.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 15, 2002

Motion passed (7 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR PAINTING DPW BUILDING

Bids were opened for renovations to the public services building. The work will include replacing deteriorated panels and painting. Pfeifer stated that the 2001/02 budget includes \$33,000 in the Capital Projects Fund for campus needs. The total amount for the two projects will come to \$32,020.00 plus engineering costs of **\$2,895.03, which raises the total for the project to \$34,915.03**, with \$33,000 coming from the Capital Projects fund and the remainder to be charged from the Major Roads, Local Roads, and Water and Sewer fund balances.

Motion by Pfeifer, seconded by Stearn.

RESOLVED to award contract for painting the DPW building to Trident National Corp. of 19035 Davison, Detroit, MI for the low bid amount of \$18,400 to perform the work according to the specifications. This amount will be charged to the Capital Project Fund #401-905-985.08.

It is further resolved to award contract to manufacture and install steel panels for the DPW building for the total amount of \$13,620 to International Building Panels, Inc. of 1090 Chicago Road, Troy, MI with work to be performed as outlined in quote dated April 2, 2002. This amount will be charged to the Capital Project Fund #401-905-985.08.

Questions on the bids were addressed by Spallasso. He noted that the final cost will be determined by how many panels are replaced.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

A subcommittee of Woodrow, Domzal, and Downey met earlier this evening to review applications for a position on the Parks and Recreation Board. Woodrow stated that all three applications were submitted by qualified persons. The subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend that Tammy Wilms be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board to complete the unexpired term of Janet Mooney ending June 30, 2002 followed by a full three-year term.

MOTION by Woodrow, seconded by Lison, that Tammy Wilms of 32085 Waltham be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board to complete the unexpired term of Janet Mooney and continue for a three-year term.

Bob Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court had a question on the length of the term, which was addressed by Council.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE PLANNING BOARD

A subcommittee of Stearn, Mooney, and Lison met at 7:15 p.m. this evening to review applications to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board. There were five submissions with three applicants in attendance. Stearn stated that all applicants were qualified for the position. The subcommittee recommended the appointment of Bruce Wayne.

Stearn suggested that Council address the procedural issue of whether Councilman Woodrow should vote on this motion. Stearn thinks that there is a conflict of interest due to Woodrow’s involvement in a lawsuit against the Village of Beverly Hills. It is probable that this lawsuit could lead to a Village Planning Board review of site plans. There may be a perception of impropriety because Woodrow would be voting on a candidate who may ultimately review and approve that site plan.

Woodrow stated that he has no problem recusing himself.

Pfeifer objected to Woodrow recusing himself at this time for something that may not occur.

Domzal recognizes that there is some reservation about Woodrow’s participation in terms of being involved in litigation against the Village. With respect to Woodrow representing a private client in a situation that could be adverse, Domzal hopes that the matter is resolved quickly. He would leave it up to Woodrow whether to recuse himself from voting on this issue.

Woodrow stated that he spoke with Village Attorney Ryan today and came to an understanding on this matter. Woodrow’s position is that, when and if this lawsuit has any adverse effect or this Council disagrees with anything that the Woodside Athletic Club wishes to do, he will no longer represent them nor will he vote on those issues and would ask to be recused from those votes.

Attorney O’Brien clarified that there is no accusation of impropriety rather the appearance of impropriety. He indicated that it requires a unanimous vote of Council to allow Woodrow to abstain from voting.

MOTION by Stearn, seconded by Domzal, to allow Woodrow to abstain from voting on the appointment to the Village Planning Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Woodrow	- yes
Domzal	- yes
Downey	- no
Lison	- yes
Mooney	- yes

Pfeifer - no
Stearn - yes

Motion fails.

MOTION by Stearn, seconded by Lison, to appoint Bruce Wayne to the Village Planning Board to complete the term of Hugh Woodrow.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND FILE ROADSIDE DRAINAGE STUDY

Stearn stated that Council received a Roadside Drainage Study from Hubbell, Roth & Clark that includes recommendations and priorities for re-ditching needs throughout the Village. The study prepared by the consulting engineers will serve as the engineering study for improvements and a portion of it will be submitted with a grant application for funding ditch work in the priority areas. The Village expects to hear in August whether a grant is approved that could double the amount of money available for ditch work from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Stearn stated that the study is available for public review at the Village offices.

Stearn suggests that Council direct administration to develop an implementation plan for the next Council meeting that will include priorities, timeline, and costs.

MOTION by Stearn, seconded by Mooney, that Council direct administration to prepare an implementation plan based on the Roadside Drainage Study for the Village to be submitted to Council by its May 6, 2002 Council meeting.

Council discussed the content of the study. Comments and questions were addressed by Spallasso. Spallasso stated that the report identifies areas rather than prioritizing by streets for the reason that a ditching project requires that work start at the outlet and continue upstream.

Domzal stated that the plan indicates that the options considered for re-ditching are open ditch, swale with an underdrain, and curb and gutter, which would be in conjunction with road paving. The HRC proposal assumes that the program will proceed with the swale underdrain design.

Spallasso affirmed that the project will primarily use the swale and underdrain method, which addresses water quality issues. The work will involve a combination of swale with underdrains and ditching depending on location. Spallasso stated that the plan includes the estimated unit cost of swales with underdrains. If a project is included that involves a couple miles of road improvement, those unit prices will likely be more favorable.

In answer to an inquiry, Spallasso stated that his recommendation is to wait to begin the program until it is known whether the grant is approved. Any expenses prior to the receipt of a grant can not be recovered.

Woodrow asked if the first phase of the program could be completed in time to alleviate problems in Coryell Estates this fall if the grant is approved in August. Spallasso responded that the project could possibly be completed by late fall.

Pfeifer asked if prior engineering studies prepared for resurfacing of the Coryell area can be used for this project. Spallasso answered that some of this work was available and did not have to be readdressed, which saved the Village approximately \$9,000.

Downey observed that the priority reditching projects identified in the report are all on unpaved roads. It appears that unimproved roads have problems with standing water and severe erosion. Ditches fill up quickly because of the gravel surface.

Spallasso agrees that the unpaved roads are the worst areas from the standpoint of aesthetics, water quality, and maintenance. Improved hard surface pavement is not as much of a problem in terms of maintaining that pavement. Poor or non-existent drainage will adversely effect a gravel road, which is why these areas have been selected as top priorities. This does not imply that the rest of the Village will be ignored. Top, medium and lower priorities will be identified in the implementation plan. Spallasso commented on the cost of the improvements and expressed concern about funding sources.

Downey remarked that, if the ditches are improved on an unpaved road, erosion will continue to occur and more maintenance will be required. It appears that this report supports further action on the part of this Council and residents to improve those roads.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court commented that she assumes that a ditching program will be implemented and money will continue to be allocated to the problem over the course of the next several years so that the work extends to other areas in need of improvements. Tischler was informed that Council is not making a long term commitment for action on reditching at this time.

Tischler expressed the view that Council should not assign money to the ditching program identified in the report and ignore other areas where there are water problems. If that is the case, people who have water standing in their area after a downpour should fill the council chambers. Tischler asked if Council would consider a special assessment district for improvements to a given area in order to facilitate the ditching program.

Tischler commented that there are some people who do not want to see deep ditches in their front yard. She asked if there will be an option for enclosing those culverts and questioned whether driveway culverts will be replaced.

Spallasso related that the proposed system of ditching and underdrains eliminates a lot of the culverts. He explained how this will be achieved.

Raymond Lacroix of 20285 Coryell asked a question about the drainage while referring to a sample swale with underdrain depicted in the study. Spallasso explained that the drawing is a cross section to designate the materials included in this method. It does not show the source of the water or the outlet. He explained that an outlet will be provided for discharge of water.

Lacroix commented on the poor condition of the roads in Coryell Estates. He asked if there is a chance of getting serious aggregate put on those roads to provide a decent road bed between now and the start of the project.

Spallasso responded that the ditching maintenance is in progress. There are things that can only be done at certain times of the year. He has instructed the public works department to start drainage cuts from the gravel surface to the ditches to take the water outside of the gravel surface. As soon as that is completed and the surface is dryer, the Village will lay limestone in low areas. He is uncertain of how much material the Village can afford in the current budget.

Downey expressed the view that, at some point in time, those residents should consider whether it is advisable to have a special assessment to improve the road surface to a higher quality. It is an alternative that should be considered along with the ditch program so that the Village is improving the ditches and the road surface at the same time.

Lacroix stated that there is an effort underway in his subdivision to obtain a consensus for a special assessment district for road improvements based on the results of this report. The neighborhood will probably speak to that issue in the near future. Lacroix appreciates the economics of doing the drainage and roads at the same time.

Stearn remarked that Council understands that drainage problems are village wide and is trying to prioritize a program to address the situation. He mentioned that later in the meeting he will propose that the Village special assess Coryell Estates for laying aggregate to temporarily improve road conditions.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 41 VEHICLE CODE

Legislation was enacted in 1999 that allows cities, townships, and villages the ability to adopt the Michigan Vehicle Code (MVC) and other laws by reference, eliminating the need for many of the sections of the Uniform Traffic Code (UTC) that are redundant with the MVC. In order to have the complete set of traffic laws available as local ordinances, municipalities must adopt both the MVC and UTC by reference.

Before Council for consideration is a proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 41 of the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Code by adding Section 41.09, an Ordinance to adopt by reference the Michigan Vehicle Code. Council questions were addressed by O'Brien.

This is the first reading of this Ordinance. Council will hold a second reading at its next regularly scheduled meeting and consider adoption.

PARKING ON ALLERTON ADJACENT TO BEVERLY PARK

Domzal commented that Beverly Park is undergoing major renovations, which involve closing the parking lot while improvements are being made. People using the park will be able to park in the Beverly School parking lot. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Board has asked that Council

consider allowing temporary parking on Allerton during the construction period. Allerton abuts the eastern boundary of Beverly Park.

Domzal proposes that Council authorize a temporary Traffic Control Order that would permit parking on the east side of Allerton as a short term solution to provide needed parking while the Beverly Park parking lot is not usable. He noted that the parking lot improvements will be completed soon, weather permitting.

MOTION by Domzal, seconded by Mooney, that Council authorize temporary suspension of parking restricting on the east side of Allerton for the time that the Beverly Park parking lot is not usable.

Council discussed the motion. It was noted that there will be congestion problems as more people use the park this spring. People carrying baseball equipment to the ball diamonds would benefit by this action. There was concern expressed that this would be an imposition on Allerton residents.

Director Woodard explained that, if Council authorizes the suspension of parking restrictions, the “no parking” signs would be bagged until the Beverly Park lot is open for use.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court maintains that the park improvements are a significant event and there is no parking available in Beverly Park while the parking lot is being paved. She finds it difficult to believe that the Allerton residents would not accommodate this use for 60 days or less.

There was agreement that administration should write a letter of explanation to the residents on Allerton informing them of this temporary situation. Parking on the east side of the road will not be allowed until those property owners are notified in writing.

Stearn suggested that Council delay action on the Traffic Control Order until Allerton residents are notified and have an opportunity to attend the next Council meeting. Pfeifer pointed out that Council will not meet for three weeks.

Roll Call Vote:

Downey	- yes
Lison	- no
Mooney	- yes
Pfeifer	- yes
Stearn	- no
Woodrow	- yes
Domzal	- yes

Motion passed (5 – 2).

REVIEW AND CONFIRM 2001 ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR DUST AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS

A public hearing is held each year to review and confirm the assessment roll and billings to be added to the tax roll for dust control on unpaved roads, water and sewer charges, Southfield Road maintenance, water mains and other miscellaneous assessments. The amount of this year’s special assessments against homeowners **and commercial properties** is \$53,459.38.

Stearn commented that Council has been discussing the initiation of a ditching program. A resident in the Coryell Estates area has suggested that the Village lay some aggregate on unpaved roads in that area as a temporary measure. He was informed that the budget may not allow for that in the upcoming year. Stearn proposed that the approval of this assessment roll be tabled for one meeting in order to arrive at costs and consider a special assessment to benefiting Coryell Estates homeowners for putting down aggregate on streets in that area.

Murphy clarified that the amounts before Council are for bills incurred over the 2001/02 fiscal year. In order to go forward on an assessment for Coryell Estates residents, the appropriate action would be to have a public hearing to discuss a future special assessment followed by Council approval to go forward with the issue. The special assessment would appear before Council at this time next year as the actual dollar amount.

Stearn asked that an agenda item for the next meeting be discussion to consider a special assessment for putting down a substance on some of the dirt roads in the Village. Downey suggested that this be a topic of discussion at the study session scheduled for next Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. Council will be reviewing policy related items at that time.

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Domzal.

RESOLVED to confirm the 2001 special assessments and unpaid billings and place the charges on the 2002 tax roll as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>No. of Properties</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A. Dust Control (asphalt)*	19	\$ 492.03
Dust Control (chloride)*	132	5249.97
B. Water & Sewer Charges	61	31,108.86
C. Southfield Road Maintenance	2	3563.26
D. Sunnyslope/Norwood Water main	3	2361.66
E. Kennoway Water main	<u>8</u>	<u>10,683.60</u>
Total	225	\$53,459.38

Raymond Lacroix of 20285 Coryell asked if consideration could be given to using dust control money to purchase aggregate in lieu of dust control service on inferior streets. Downey stated that administration will take that under consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT OF CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE

Pfeifer stated that there has been discussion of creating a Charter Amendment Committee to update the Village Charter for a number of years. The most recent revisions to the 57-page document were a change in the millage cap from 7.5 to 11 mills in March of 1995 and modifications to make the Charter gender neutral. No substantive changes have been made to the Charter for a number of years. It is being suggested that a Charter Amendment Committee be established to go through the document and recommend revisions to be placed on the ballot for voter approval.

Pfeifer proposes forming a committee consisting of three to five people who are familiar with the Charter. She suggests that current and former Council members be appointed to a subcommittee by Council. Former Council member Andy Craig has indicated that he would be interested in serving on this committee. Pfeifer has two other possible candidates. The committee will work closely with Village legal counsel and administration and will make recommendations to the full Council for discussion and approval.

Council discussed the composition of the committee. There were differences of opinion as to whether the subcommittee members should be appointed by Council and limited to current and former Council members or whether the board and committee selection process should be applied with applications accepted from the Village at large.

Mooney commented that the issue of the Village becoming a city has come up in the past. She suggested that Council consider revisiting this issue prior to or simultaneously with the Charter update.

Lawrence Needham of 15588 Kirkshire supports the Village's efforts to hold down its planning consultant expenses. He suggested that the Village Attorney and/or planning consultant review the work of the Charter Committee rather than sit through hours of committee sessions. Needham also suggested that the Charter Committee refer to a copy of Roberts Rules of Order while it is reviewing the document.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court stated that any committee will have to bring proposed modifications to Council for approval or revision before they are placed on the ballot for voter approval. She is not sure that a committee needs to be large or made up of residents to make those changes. Previous and current administrations have been noting needed changes for some time. She hopes that Council makes sufficient updates to do what it needs to do in a way that receives the approval of the residents next March.

Phil Schmitt of 18103 Riverside agrees that a committee of two or three people would be the most expeditious, but he would rather have the review done right. Schmitt does not think you need to be a current or former council member to understand and make changes to the outdated Charter. He thinks it should be a broader based group. Schmitt concurs that it is time for Beverly Hills to consider becoming a city.

MOTION by Pfeifer, seconded by Stearn, that Council appoint a three member ad hoc committee to serve as a Charter Review Committee that will bring to the attention of Council those items in the Charter that should be amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Lison	- no
Mooney	- no
Pfeifer	- yes
Stearn	- yes
Woodrow	- no
Domzal	- no
Downey	- no

Motion fails (5 – 2).

Downey remarked that establishing a Charter Amendment Committee can be discussed further at the Council study session next Monday, April 22.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

W. A. Zimmerman of 22191 Camelot Court asked Council to entertain competitive cable television providers in the Village such as Wide Open West.

Lance Heilbrun of 30272 Embassy referred to a suggestion made to lay aggregate on roads in the Coryell Estates subdivision to provide temporary relief. He does not think that the residents should have to pay a special assessment for that. The relief that this measure will provide will be minimal given the magnitude of the problem. Heilbrun would suggest not laying aggregate for a short term benefit if the Village does not have the resources to pay for it or if it would take away from money that can be used to begin work on the drainage problems.

Heilbrun commented that there is momentum building among area residents to give serious consideration to an assessment for paving.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Yard waste collection begins today, April 15th. Starting with this week's collection, residents are asked to separate their yard waste from their household rubbish. The contractor will not pick up commingled rubbish for the balance of the season. Yard waste collection ends December 12th.

The next Village Council work session is scheduled for Monday, April 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council chambers.

The Beverly Park Clean Up is still scheduled for this year aside from the current construction area. It will take place on Saturday, May 11.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board plans to host a Beverly Park Grand Reopening Celebration in conjunction with the first Concert in the Park. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd. There will be more information in the next Villager newsletter.

Work on the Evergreen Bridge project appears on schedule. The contractor expects to take delivery of the culverts in the next two weeks. The project should take two to three weeks after the culverts arrive. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in the day time during construction and will open to bi-directional traffic in the evening.

Weather depending, it is likely that the asphalt paving contractor will begin milling our local streets for resurfacing by the end of April. This year's asphalt resurfacing may be completed by June.

COUNCIL

Mooney congratulated Tammy Wilms on her appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board and Bruce Wayne, who was appointed to the Planning Board.

Domzal stated that the Pathways Advisory Committee will be meeting tomorrow in the municipal building.

Domzal commented that drainage problems that exist in the Village have become evident in the last couple of weeks. He understands that the County has responsibility for drainage ditches on County roads. He asked Spallasso to remind Oakland County that there are some ditching improvements that need to be made along Lahser.

Domzal congratulated Officer Shock for his well deserved honor of Officer of the Year for 2001.

Administration will submit an implementation plan for the ditching program to Council in three weeks. Domzal commented on the relationship between ditching and road improvements. He suggests inviting residents on unimproved streets to come to the Council meeting three weeks from now to have a discussion about special assessments and what direction they would like to proceed in terms of road improvements. Domzal would like to place the issues on the table.

Woodrow reported on the construction at Beverly Park. The fence along Beverly Road is installed. The area has been prepared for the new playground equipment. Three days of dry weather are needed before the asphalt can be placed on the parking lot.

Pfeifer stated that the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council will hold its monthly board meeting tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at the BASCC headquarters. She reminded everyone that the organization will hold its annual fund raising event "BASCC in the Glow" on April 25.

The Birmingham Area Cable Board will be meeting this Wednesday, April 17 in the Beverly Hills Council chambers at 7:45 a.m.

Pfeifer hopes that Council will continue its discussion of the ditching program. She agrees with the Embassy resident who said that it is not cost effective to spend money on aggregate if it will

be a temporary fix. There appears to be discussion by the area residents about road paving. She has suggested having a town meeting and inviting everyone who lives on an unimproved road. Pfeifer questioned whether there would be enough time to develop the ditching program and recommendations to dovetail with road improvements. She thinks that area residents should be offered options and cost estimates.

Stearn reported that the Planning Board met last week and discussed priorities for the next fiscal year including the following: 14 Mile Road Corridor Plan revisions and implementation, Open Space Development Option, Southfield Road Corridor Study, Master Plan Update and Site Development Handbook. Stearn mentioned that the Planning Board has asked for Council input on defining the scope of the Southfield Road corridor study. He asked that this be placed on the study session agenda for next week. Stearn congratulated Bruce Wayne for his appointment to the Planning Board.

Stearn asked that another topic for the April 22 study session be discussion of the Village's relationship with its planning consultant firm Birchler Arroyo.

Stearn congratulated Officer Shock who was selected as Public Safety Officer of the Year in a department that is keeping this Village one of the safest communities in the State of Michigan.

Stearn invited all Village residents to be part of the April 22 Council study session at the Village municipal building and join Council in a discussion of its priorities. He looks forward to discussing the possibility of improvements to unpaved roads. Stearn expressed the view that the time to make serious efforts to improve the roads in Coryell Estates is now.

Downey commented that he has noted recommendations from Council on topics for next Monday's study session. The proposed budget for 2002/03 will be a major topic.

Downey congratulated Tammy Wilms and Bruce Wayne for joining the Village volunteer system. Downey mentioned the upcoming Birmingham Youth Assistance Service Recognition Dinner.

MOTION by Domzal, seconded by Lison, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary