

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

Absent: None

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

President Downey called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Downey asked boy scout Ben Despard of Troop 1699 to step forward and introduce himself. Despard attends Bingham Farms Elementary School and is present working on his Citizenship in the Community Badge.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Domzal, seconded by Mooney, to add item “j” to the business agenda, “Parking on Allerton”.

Motion passed (6-0).

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

Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton Drive asked Council’s permission to attach a sign to the Allerton street sign that would direct people to use the Beverly Park parking lot and dissuade them from parking on Allerton for park or baseball field use during the summer. He displayed a proposed sign.

Downey responded that the sign would be unenforceable unless it was approved through a formal process. Pynnonen was not authorized to erect the sign in the road right-of-way.

Norman Rubin of 31020 Rivers Edge Court asked why Council does not acknowledge and read letters it receives from residents, noting that there are members of the community that do not like to speak in public and others who do not come out at night. All of these people deserve to be heard.

Downey stated that he received a couple of letters regarding the appointment to fill a vacant Council seat. He is reserving those letters to read at the appropriate time. He is not aware of any outstanding letters to Council.

John Mooney of 19111 Devonshire commented that he is present tonight as the President of the Beverly Hills Little League and also as an individual who served on Council in the past. He was a member of Council in 1986/87 when a decision was made to prohibit parking on Allerton. He also recalled Council discussion of Allerton residents’ objection to picnic tables

being located near the ball fields. Every possible effort has been made to accommodate these people who bought a house across the street from a park and ball diamonds.

There was a need to allow parking along Allerton during park construction so that kids could walk to the ball fields and coaches could bring in their equipment. Mooney thought it was in the best interest of the community to cover the “no parking” signs on Allerton for a short period of time. He is disheartened that Allerton residents have spoken to Council in opposition to permitting parking on a temporary basis. Mooney feels that their unwillingness to put up with four weeks of people parking on their street is not the action of people who are concerned with the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Pfeifer, seconded by Domzel, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held on May 6, 2002.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 20, 2002.
- c. Review and consider agreement with BASCC to administer 2002/2003 CDBG Funds.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL

Downey made the second announcement of a vacancy on Council created by the resignation of Paul Lison. The last day to submit applications is Thursday, May 23. Applications are available at the Village offices and on the Beverly Hills web site. Council will interview applicants as a committee of the whole on Saturday, June 1, 2002.

Norman Rubin of 31020 Rivers Edge Court questioned whether a decision will be made following the interviews or whether an appointment will be made at the subsequent Council meeting. Downey responded that action could be taken at the June 1 Special Council meeting if that is the decision of Council.

SECOND READING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE #309 AMENDING CHAPTER 42 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Mooney conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 309, an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code for the Village of Beverly Hills by amending, in part, Chapter 42, Section 16 (b), Assault and Battery, to include a definition of Assault, a definition of Assault and Battery, and a definition of Assault and Assault and Battery in Domestic Matters, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof. Mooney stated that this is a reporting ordinance that will keep the Village in line with newly enacted state law.

MOTION by Mooney, seconded by Woodrow, to adopt Ordinance No. 309.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Ordinance 309 is available for public review at the Village offices.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #2 TO 2001 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT CONTRACT W-01-02

Before Council for consideration is Change Order #2 to the original Water Main Replacement Contract in the amount of \$105,220.00 to replace the main on Medford between Beaconsfield and Bedford for a new contract price of \$620,525.00.

Stearn reviewed that Council allocated \$500,000 in FY 2001/02 towards water main replacement and that the work was performed by Bricco Excavating Co. Council allocated an additional \$500,000 in the 2002/03 budget towards the Village's \$2 million water main replacement program. The Village has applied for state Drinking Water Revolving Funds (DWRF), a long-term low interest loan at 2.5%, to finance the program. Administration is proposing to use \$105,000 from the \$500,000 allocation for 2002/03, leaving the remaining \$395,000 to apply for State Revolving Funds.

The \$105,000 project to replace water mains on Medford will be added onto last year's contract with Bricco. All of the other segments of the plan will be postponed at least one year, at which time the Village will proceed with the current water main replacement program all at once or go back to yearly projects depending on whether the Village is successful in receiving State Revolving Funds.

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Pfeifer.

RESOLUTION to approve Change Order #2 to Contract W-01-02 in the amount of \$105,220.00 for the construction of the water main replacement on Medford Road between Beaconsfield and Bedford Road to Bricco Excavating Co., 21201 Meyers Road in Oak Park, MI for a revised contract price of \$620,525.00. Funds for this expense are available in account #592-537-974.

It was questioned why the \$105,000 water main replacement on Medford is not included in the overall program. It was explained that this particular segment is next on the priority list due to its poor condition. In addition, this section of pipe may not qualify for DWRF funds because the project involves replacing existing pipe with like size pipe. The revolving fund program requires an improvement in the service area. The Village is applying for DWRF funds in areas where it is proposed to replace 6" lines with 8" lines.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM OAKLAND COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Motion by Woodrow, seconded by Pfeifer.

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Oakland County Executive, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has established an Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program to assist Oakland County cities, villages and townships in addressing clean water and storm water needs; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County's Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program authorizes Oakland County cities, villages and townships to apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred in connection with environmental remediations or improvements relating to ground and/or surface water, water supply, sewer and/or drainage systems and/or water pollution control efforts incurred as part of a city, village or township road project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills, Oakland County, Michigan has incurred expenses in connection with environmental remediation or improvement project(s) believed to be eligible for reimbursement under Oakland County's Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorizes and directs its DPS Director, as agent for the Village of Beverly Hills, in the manner and to the extent provided for under Oakland County Board of Commissioner Miscellaneous Resolution 99093, to request reimbursement of eligible environmental remediation or improvement project expenses under Oakland County's Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CHAIN SAW PURCHASE

The capital budget for FY 2001/02 contains funds for the purchase of one ventilating chainsaw for firefighting operations. Three quotes were received as outlined in the May 15 memo from Director of Public Safety Woodard.

Motion by Mooney, seconded by Stearn.
RESOLVED that the Village of Beverly Hills Council awards the purchase of one Unifire PS-20 Pro-Saw to 5 Alarm Fire & Safety Equipment in the amount of \$1,500. Funds are available for this purchase in Account #101-900-980 Capital Purchases – PS Equipment.

Questions from Council were addressed by Woodard.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 14 MILE ROAD CORRIDOR IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSAL

Stearn reviewed that Council took action at its January 22, 2002 meeting to refer the 14 Mile Road Corridor Study to the Planning Board for further study with certain conditions. The topic was brought back to Council on March 4, 2002 at which time Planning Board chairperson David Jensen attended the meeting seeking further direction from Council. Council provided a clear indication of how it would like to proceed with the 14 Mile Road Corridor Plan. Stearn

spoke with Jensen today, and he is comfortable that the Planning Board knows what it needs to do.

Before Council for consideration is a proposal from Village planning consultant firm Birchler Arroyo that presents a work plan and budget to continue the 14 Mile Road Study. The proposed not-to-exceed budget for the two-stage study is \$4,500. The continuation of this study has been identified as the first priority of the Planning Board for FY 2002/2003.

The study breaks down the project into two stages. The first stage calls for a report that outlines the available options for implementing the vision and focusing east of Pierce. The second stage develops suggested zoning language that complements the goals of the plan with the wishes of the residents. Both stages encourage resident involvement in the process.

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Pfeifer.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal from Birchler Arroyo Associates for the completion of the 14 Mile Road Corridor Study as requested by the Village Council in the amount of \$4,500 for both phases. The cost of the project is to be paid from Account Number 101-371-810.

Council discussed the 14 Mile Road Corridor Study implementation proposal from Birchler Arroyo. Murphy and Stearn addressed questions relative to resident involvement in the process, scope of work, and deliverables of the work plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Stearn reported that the Personnel Committee of Council met on May 13, 2002 to conduct its annual review of the Village Manager. The entire Council was in attendance. Recommendations were made with regard to the Manager's goals for the upcoming year. The Committee unanimously recommended that Council increase Murphy's salary next year to \$81,000.

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Mooney.

RESOLVED that the Village Council accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to raise the Village Manager's salary to \$81,000 effective on June 4, 2002.

Council members thanked Murphy for the fine job he has done during the past year. It was noted that the term of the Manager's contract will be discussed at a Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for June 3, 2002. Murphy has completed the first year of a two-year contract.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

DISCUSSION OF STEPS AND TIMELINE FOR ADDRESSING DRAINAGE AND PAVING IN CORYELL ESTATES

Pfeifer emphasized that this agenda item is a discussion of the Special Assessment Procedure in preparation for proceeding with a construction project. She will be referring to Chapter 2.02 of the Village Charter.

In order to ascertain whether or not a reasonable number of property owners to be assessed desire any particular improvement to be made, Council may receive a voluntary advisory petition. In the case of Coryell Estates, a petition has been submitted with the appropriate number of signatures and has been referred to Council for action.

Before determining to make any improvement, any part of the costs of which is to be defrayed by special assessment, Council shall require administration to prepare plans and specifications and estimated costs of those improvements to be defrayed by special assessment. The next step is to hold a public hearing and hear any person to be affected by the proposed public improvement.

After the public hearing, Council may determine by resolution to make the improvement and defray the whole or any part of the cost of the improvement by special assessment upon the benefiting properties. By such resolution Council shall approve the plans and specifications for the improvement; determine the estimated cost; determine what proportion of such cost shall be paid by special assessment upon the property especially benefited and what part, if any, shall be a general obligation of the Village.

The procedure continues with the preparation of a special assessment roll and notice of hearing on that roll. Pfeifer commented that the special assessment procedure takes time and preparation. She added that this will be an education process for other neighborhoods that would like to implement a special assessment process.

There has been discussion as to the possibility of combining both Coryell Estates and Hummel Court into an overall project but as two separate special assessment districts. Further investigation is required.

MOTION by Pfeifer, seconded by Domzal, to set a date for a public hearing to create a special assessment district for Coryell Estates Subdivision and/or Hummel Court on June 17, 2002 at a regular Council meeting with the venue to be determined by administration.

Spallasso was asked for an updated timeline for the Coryell Estates improvement project. The petition has been verified. Spallasso stated that it will probably take four to six weeks to complete the design. Another item to be considered is the fact that the Village applied for a grant and will probably receive word on the status of that grant before the end of June. The outcome of the grant application will assist with making a decision in terms of funding. If the plans are prepared and a grant is received, the project could start before the end of the construction season or next spring at the latest.

Pfeifer remarked that the cost of improvements will be spread on the special assessment roll based on single lots and not on a lineal foot basis so that every homeowner will be paying a like amount.

Pfeifer asked if the Hummel Court project would proceed if there is a delay in implementing the Coryell Estates project. Spallasso responded that the construction plans for the Hummel project are near completion. The Hummel property owners will decide whether they want to expedite their project or wait to take advantage of more favorable unit prices on a larger project.

David Jensen of 31130 Stafford commented on the degraded condition of Stafford Road. The unimproved road collects water every time it rains. He related that area residents approached the Village three years ago requesting cost estimates for paving Stafford. Property owners were informed that the policy of the Village was to pave a street with curbs and gutters. Jensen and others found this to be unreasonable considering the number of asphalt paved streets in the Village without curbs and gutters. The cost of paving with curbs and gutters would prevent area residents from petitioning for a special assessment district. Stafford residents worked with administration to get that policy changed.

Jensen commented on the Roadside Drainage Study prepared by the Village's consulting engineers, which identifies Stafford as the second priority problem area requiring drainage improvements. He understands that a portion of the study will be submitted with a grant application under the Clean Water Act for funding of ditch work in priority areas. Jensen questioned why the grant application does not combine the neighborhoods identified as having drainage problems.

Jensen urged Council to prepare a detailed plan with a timeline for the implementation of drainage improvements. Stafford has severe drainage problems and the road is improperly graded. Jensen believes that there is an obligation to invest in a public road regardless of whether or not its residents petition to pave their road. Stafford residents would like to know if there would be a cost benefit to improve their road in conjunction with the Coryell Estates project. They are asking what will be done about the drainage problems and improper grading of their street to bring it to a useable and safe condition.

Downey remarked that the drainage study outlines and prioritizes five specific areas in the Village with drainage issues. He invited Jensen to discuss this study with Village administration.

Mike Beallo of 20305 Plantation stated that his questions about drainage and road paving issues in Coryell Estates were not answered at the last Council meeting. He asked if there is a formal process for Council to answer the questions that he or any residents have.

Downey responded that the agenda item this evening is to discuss the steps and the timeline for proceeding with a special assessment district for Coryell Estates. The purpose of the public hearing on June 17 is to address questions and receive public input on proposed improvements.

Beallo commented on the lack of information needed to decide whether to sign a petition and questioned the process for contesting a petition for a special assessment district. Downey responded that the Charter states that a person deeming himself aggrieved by the special assessment roll may file objections in writing with the Clerk prior to the public hearing.

Beallo asked a number of questions on the Coryell project. He was informed that his questions are valid but the public hearing will be the proper place for addressing his inquiries. Downey encouraged Beallo to communicate with Village Manager Murphy and Public Services Director Spallasso about his specific questions. Those questions will also be answered at a public hearing that will be held on June 17.

Jessica Cooper of 31115 Stafford questioned why the grant application does not include the five areas identified in the study as needing drainage improvements if there is no distinction between drainage and paving issues. The problem on Stafford is that, while there is agreement that there is a terrible drainage problem, there is a dispute as to paving the road. That is why area residents have not presented a petition for paving. She requests Council to include the other priority problem areas in the grant application on the basis that it would be more fiscally responsible and save money for everyone if the grant results in drainage remediation on a large scale.

Spallasso stated that the Village only included the Coryell Estates area in the grant application due to time restraints involved in preparing a plan for submission with the grant application. Funding availability is also a consideration. Clean Water Act grants will become available every six months. If the criteria are met and this grant is approved, the Village intends to go after grant money for all areas identified as needing drainage work as long as there is money available. The Village has a drainage study that prioritizes identified problem areas village-wide. Council knows what it needs to do and will be discussing how to implement the plan.

Cooper asked if the Village will accept a petition for the purposes of drainage as opposed to purposes of drainage and paving.

Domzal commented that Council addressed the drainage problem by first authorizing the preparation of the Roadside Drainage Study and prioritizing the areas identified in the study. Coryell Estates was the first organized group that came to Council with a petition for drainage and road paving. Council adopted a policy that deals with the Village's financial responsibilities relating to improvements. To the extent that residents are interested in pursuing strictly a drainage plan, that is something that Council would consider along with assistance in funding an underdrain system.

Downey suggested that Cooper contact Village administration to address drainage improvements.

Joan Jensen of 31130 Stafford questioned whether the Village can provide a revised cost estimate to Stafford residents for improving the road with drainage and paving. She understands that there would be cost savings due to economies of scale if the project were combined with the Coryell paving project.

Downey asked that Jensen contact administration relative to providing a cost estimate for Stafford road improvements. He thinks that this can be accomplished in a timely manner.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

POLICY AGENDA UPDATE AND STUDY SESSION SCHEDULE

Downey has produced a document that lists a number of issues that Council has determined to be of concern to the residents and the Village. Council selected five items on which to focus. It was suggested at the last Council session when policy issues were addressed that Council should meet quarterly to review and update the policy agenda. Downey asked for Council comments on whether a meeting should be scheduled to move this process forward.

Stearn requested that an item be added to the policy agenda whereby Council would take another look at the drainage issues collectively. Council agreed to add this item.

Domzal commented that Council progressed from a general ditching study that outlines the options available for ditching to a priority plan. A funding plan is now needed.

There was agreement to hold a special Council meeting at the end of June to address policy issues. Administration will schedule the meeting. It was emphasized that special Council meetings are open to the public.

Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton suggested that the agenda for meetings called to discuss policy items be posted on the Village web site.

ALLERTON DRIVE PARKING

Domzal commented that there has been discussion of Council's action to authorize temporary suspension of parking restrictions on the east side of Allerton for the time that the Beverly Park parking lot is unusable. He asked for an update from administration on the status of Beverly Park construction before Council considers restoring the "no parking" signs on Allerton.

Spallasso reported that the asphalt base course has been installed on the parking lot. The parking lot can be used as it is. There will be some inconvenience when the final work is being done.

MOTION by Domzal, seconded by Stearn, that Council rescind its temporary suspension of parking restrictions on the east side of Allerton.

Council commented on the motion. Questions on the remainder of the parking lot work were addressed by Spallasso. Domzal mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Board and Council will be discussing the condition of the fence along Allerton.

Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton asked that the orange temporary fencing at the park entrance be removed so that people are not dissuaded from driving into the park.

Denise Martin of 31804 Allerton appreciates Council's comments and action tonight on reinstating the "no parking" signs on Allerton. She commented on the difficulties experienced for Allerton residents when there is increased traffic on a street that has no sidewalks. She would like to see more forceful signs at some point, possibly directing people to where there is parking at the park and at Beverly School.

Mark Melendy of 16905 Kinross stated that he has observed some rough areas of road where grindings were dumped during recent road construction. He asked Council to address this issue.

Melendy, who lives across the street from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, related ongoing problems experienced every weekend whereby people attending church services park on his easement. He asked for resolution of this problem.

Eileen Michalak of 31788 Allerton commented that Allerton residents do not object to baseball coaches parking vans on Allerton to unload equipment and then moving their vehicles back into the Beverly Park parking lot. They object to cars parking on Allerton for park use. Allerton is a dead-end residential street, and problems are created when there is parking and additional traffic on the road.

John Mooney of 19111 Devonshire commented that he supported no parking on Allerton and not allowing picnic tables near the ball fields. He understands the special problems on Allerton and is not suggesting that parking restrictions be changed. However, the Village had a temporary problem for four weeks, and he thinks Council took the appropriate action to permit parking on the east side of Allerton on a temporary basis. He thanked Council for being considerate of all the baseball players over that four week period. He will let everyone in the Beverly Hills Little League know that they should not park on Allerton.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Almost 70 residents and volunteers showed up at Beverly Park on Saturday, May 11th to help with the annual Beverly Park Clean-Up. He thanked Pasieka for coordinating the event for administration.

Work on the Evergreen Bridge project is substantially complete. Evergreen should be restored to two-way traffic at this point. There will be some additional impediment to traffic when the railing is installed and surface work done.

The local street resurfacing project is underway. It appears that the contractor has completed the milling of local streets scheduled for resurfacing and will likely have the streets capped in the near future. Marimoor, Metamora, Hampstead, Lauderdale, Reedmere and Amherst are already complete.

The Road Commission for Oakland County has closed 14 Mile Road between Southfield and Greenfield as of May 15. The Road Commission expects to complete the construction by November 15th. The Village requested Type-III barricades along local streets in the vicinity to discourage cut-through traffic. Enforcement of traffic control orders has been increased in that area.

The parking lot base course has been installed at Beverly Park. The weather continues to cause problems and delays, and target dates may not be met. Murphy commented that he is pleased with the progress in the park.

The Memorial Day Parade and Carnival takes place on Monday – Memorial Day. The parade starts at 11:30 a.m. at Groves High School and runs along Evergreen and Beverly Road, ending at Beverly Park. The Carnival at Beverly Park opens at the conclusion of the parade and continues to about 3:00 p.m. The Carnival itself will be located more towards the south of the parking lot rather than to the west. The west area with the play equipment is still under construction.

Invitations for the June 13 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner have been mailed.

Stearn stated that he has received complaints from residents on Kirkshire about cut-through traffic due to the closing of 14 Mile Road. Murphy stated that the barricades placed in the area are advisory, and the Village cannot prohibit people from cutting through the neighborhoods on public streets. He has talked to the Director of Public Safety about increased surveillance in the area and enforcement of speed limits.

Downey noted that wood chips have not been placed in the fall zones under the playground equipment. He questioned how children will be kept away from the equipment under construction during the Memorial Day Carnival. Murphy responded that administration will take appropriate measures.

Spallasso was asked about a problem mentioned earlier in the meeting regarding the road surface in the area of Pierce. He answered that the construction debris at the northwest corner of Pierce and Dunblaine is on the contractor's punch list. The contractor is working on resurfacing currently and will do the clean up when the major resurfacing work is complete.

Spallasso is familiar with the parking issue on Kinross on weekends due to parking overflow from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church services. In past years, he issued a traffic control order to restrict parking on the north side of Kinross to prohibit parking during Sunday services. There is an issue of cars parking on Pierce and surrounding streets when the church parking lot is full and sometimes when it is not. He noted that the Village is limited as to what can be done in terms of prohibiting parking.

Spallasso has had conversations with people at Queen of Martyrs in the past. He understands that the pastor has placed notices in the Sunday bulletin asking parishioners to park in marked spaces around the school and church. Spallasso will make further attempts to resolve this issue.

COUNCIL

Woodrow stated that the park reopening ceremonies will take place in conjunction with the first concert in the park on Sunday, June 23. Engraved paving brick sales for the park entranceway are continuing. There is a form for purchasing bricks in the recent edition of the Villager newsletter. The Village will be making application for a Baseball Tomorrow Grant for renovation of the baseball diamonds at the park.

Pfeifer offered to assist Spallasso in working with the clergy at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church regarding parking on residential streets in the area.

Council has received a request from a resident to adopt a Flag Day Proclamation. There was a consensus that this will be an agenda item for the June 3 meeting.

Pfeifer reported that the Birmingham Area Cable Board met on May 15 and addressed a number of items. The Cable Board budget for 2002/03 was reviewed by the Board and forwarded to the communities. The Cable Board recommended that the member communities adopt a resolution Granting Consent to the Change in Control of the Cable Franchise from Comcast Corporation to AT&T Comcast Corporation with conditions. This should be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

The Cable Board passed a unanimous motion to accept an offer from Comcast to resolve outstanding customer issues with conditions and, in doing so, waive liquidated damages for customer service defaults that existed between January 1, 2001 through May 15, 2002. Pfeifer commented on this action. There was a consensus that the permanent meeting location of the Birmingham Area Cable Board will be the Village of Beverly Hills Council chambers in lieu of the Baldwin Public Library.

Stearn commented that the Personnel Committee met last week on Monday, May 13. The Retirement Board met on May 14 and took action to reallocate approximately \$0.5 million in the Retirement System portfolio. It will be considering additional asset allocation at its next meeting to provide a more favorable return on investments.

Stearn reported that the Planning Board has been focusing on a work plan for the Southfield Road Corridor Study. He disclosed that he has not been attending Planning Board meetings as Council liaison. Stearn has discussed this with Planning Board Chair Jensen, and they decided that there was no reason for him to attend the meetings unless he was asked to be there. Stearn has been communicating with Jensen about the work of the Planning Board.

Stearn referred to the January 14, 2002 Special Council Meeting minutes, at which time it was decided as follows: “There was a consensus that it is administration’s responsibility to communicate between Council and Village boards and committees and agreement that attending board meetings should not be mandatory for Council liaisons.”

Stearn commented that there is a vocal minority in the Coryell Estates area with concerns about road paving and drainage, and they are entitled to information. He requests that administration

provide significant and substantial information for residents at the June 17 public hearing so that Council can answer all questions to their satisfaction.

Domzal reported that the Pathways Advisory Committee met last week on May 14. The committee hopes to finalize its report and report back to Council in July or August. Estimated costs for pathway improvements outlined in the plan have been provided by Spallasso. Costs are being put together on the crosswalk improvements, which are a key component related to the pathways. The committee is in the process of preparing a five year plan that would divide the crosswalks and pathway improvements into five equal segments. They are coming up with recommendations on funding the plan. The committee will have a proposal before Council in a couple of months that will generate a good discussion.

Domzal noted the high number of false house alarms in the Village. He is aware that administration is working with the Village attorney to collect a fee for the charges associated with the Public Safety Department responding to false alarms.

Mooney announced that Beverly Community Ed is sponsoring a bicycle safety inspection program this Saturday at Beverly Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. until noon. A Public Safety Officer will be present to talk to the children. Bicycle owners will be able to register their bikes with the Public Safety Department. There will also be a decoration station where kids can decorate their bikes to ride in the Memorial Day parade on Monday.

Downey mentioned the volunteer appreciation dinner on June 13. It is a special event organized to thank the people who contribute their time to the Village.

Downey mentioned the efforts of Bob Belaustegui in creating the Village web site at the last meeting. He neglected to note that Stan Pasieka and Ellen Marshall contribute to the maintenance of the web site. Pasieka updates the “Speak Up” page and Marshall posts the Council agenda and meeting minutes. Elizabeth Sherk is working on a cross reference for the Municipal Code.

MOTION by Downey, seconded by Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary