

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy

Downey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL

Downey outlined the process to be followed for considering the candidates for a vacant Council seat. The three candidates will have an opportunity to make introductory remarks before addressing questions from Council members. Questions in writing from the public will be answered by the candidates. Each candidate will present closing remarks. Downey will read letters received regarding the appointment, and there will be an opportunity for public comments.

Council comments will be followed by a nomination process. A vote will be taken on candidates in order of their nomination. The first candidate to receive four votes is appointed to the Council. The meeting will conclude after final public comments.

Downey introduced the three candidates - Robert Walsh of Smallwood Court, Dan McCleary of 14 Mile Road, and Phillip Schmitt of Riverside Drive. A fourth application from Rukni Abboud of Gould Court will not be considered because it was received after the deadline. Mr. Abboud was informed of that decision and was encouraged to seek other opportunities to serve the Village.

McCleary and Walsh made opening remarks. Schmitt waived an opening statement. The candidates then answered questions from Council members in rotating order. The candidates were invited to comment on issues including the Pathways Plan, 14 Mile Road redevelopment, funding of the water main replacement program, and support of park improvements. They were asked the criteria on which they would base their decisions as a Council member. Candidates were asked what they view as a positive direction of the Village that they would like to continue to support and if there is a course that they disagree with or an area that they feel is being overlooked by the Village.

Questions from the audience were addressed by the candidates. Audience members asked questions about financing of the Pathways Plan, bonding for sewer rehabilitation, support of Beverly Park renovations, and the financial position of the Village.

Council candidates presented closing remarks highlighting their qualifications and experience and why they deserve to be appointed to the vacant Council seat.

Downey read letters received by the Village regarding the Council appointment. Former Council member Paul Lison, who resigned from Council to follow a career opportunity out of state, offered a list of possible candidates for Council consideration.

The following residents wrote letters in favor of candidate Bob Walsh.

Bobbi Watson	31680 Lahser Road
Lawrence Needham	15588 Needham
Sue and Francis Plummer	21300 Thirteen Mile Road
Randy Munguia	31736 S. Verona Circle
Nancy and Richard Maxwell	18701 Walmer Lane
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Toth	17500 Kirkshire

Residents who voiced their support for Phil Schmitt were as follows:

Tami Wilms	32085 Waltham
Antonia Grinnan	1 Stonehouse Lane
Sheila Seaver	155 Charrington Court
Jolie Kaufmann-Laker	30720 Georgetown Drive
Andrea Brink	Riverside Drive

Downey entertained comments from the audience. There were questions and comments concerning the process from Dan Schechter of 31029 Rivers Edge Court and Irene McAdams of 16124 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

The following individuals spoke in support of Walsh.

Alda Marie McCook	19370 Riverside Drive
Rosemary McLennan	19977 Sunnyslope
Sue Plummer	21300 W. Thirteen Mile Road
Soter Liberty	20850 W. Thirteen Mile Road
Frank Worrell	32123 Bellvine Trail
Mike Freedman	32460 Evergreen
Norm Downey	23042 Nottingham
Norman and Cynthia Rubin	31020 Rivers Edge Court

Those present who expressed support of Schmitt were as follows:

Paul Kleppert	20855 W. 14 Mile Road
Irene Davis	18897 Warwick
Dennis Page	30470 Lincolnshire E.
Frank Cleary	31330 Cline
Kent Woodman	32475 Plumwood (read letter from Ann Woodman)
Bob Dery	18961 Devonshire

Council members commented on the candidates and the process. There was agreement that each of the candidates are highly qualified, and that this is a difficult decision.

Downey opened the floor to nominations for an appointment to Council.

Mooney nominated Phil Schmitt.

Pfeifer nominated Bob Walsh.

There were no further nominations. Downey closed the nominations.

Roll Call Vote for Schmitt:

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

Schmitt was appointed to Council by a 5 – 1 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no further comments from the public.

MOTION by Mooney, seconded by Domzal, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary