

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy
Director of Public Services, Spallasso
Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka
Village Attorney, Ryan

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 Pfeifer, seconded by Mooney, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CONSENT AGENDA AND ITEMS NOT ON BUSINESS AGENDA

Pat Greening of 19289 Riverside Drive referred to incorrect comments made at the last Council meeting. She clarified a remark made about Little League baseball in Beverly Hills, noting that there have never been problems between the parents and coaching staff. Greening mentioned that the playground area of the park is under construction and should not be used by children at this time.

Greening announced that a grand reopening celebration of Beverly Park will be held on Sunday, June 23 in conjunction with the first concert in the park. Greening thanked all of the Friends of Beverly Park for their support including those who donated money towards the renovation of the park, bought personalized bricks, attended the fund raising dinner, worked on the petition drive to place the millage question on the ballot, or voted for a five-year dedicated millage to finance park construction. The opening event will feature the first phase of the park renovations including the fencing, pedestrian and vehicular entrances, paved parking lot and new play structure. The area is landscaped and has a detention pond that will insure proper drainage and minimal use of our sewer system.

On Sunday, June 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. there will be free food and drink as well as games and old-fashioned fun for everyone as a “thank you” from the Parks and Recreation Board. Greening emphasized that no money that has been donated to the park will be used for this celebration. The Red Garter Band will perform from 7-9 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Board invites all past and future Friends of Beverly Park to come to this event.

Hildreth Buterbaugh of 18171 Dunblaine brought up a number of items for Council’s consideration. He expressed concern about the recent Council appointment to fill a vacancy. Buterbaugh was of the understanding that a Council appointment occurring this close to an election was filled by the runner up in past years. In this particular situation it was not.

Buterbaugh referred to an error of one vote in the tabulation of the March election results. He thinks that there should be an investigation by the Oakland County Clerk as to why this error occurred, regardless of the fact that it did not change the election results.

Buterbaugh expressed the view that work recently done to pave his road was substandard and that there was a lack of supervision by the Village's field inspector. He contacted Spallasso and was assured of a meeting with the contractor and area residents, which has not yet been scheduled. Buterbaugh related that he was approached by a construction worker today but informed him that he could not speak for his neighbors on issues regarding their property.

Buterbaugh informed Council that the rubbish contractor does not separate yard waste from recyclable material. He has observed all material going in the same truck.

Buterbaugh stated that checks written to the Water and Sewer Department of the Village should be deposited within a week. He suggested that Council meeting minutes should be posted on the Village's web site more expediently with a notation if necessary that they are not yet approved by Council.

Buterbaugh referred to a recent newspaper article relative to how the City of Detroit misspends money with respect to home renovation. He expressed concern with Detroit's operation of its Water and Sewer Department, which provides water to the suburbs, and apprehension about the rising cost of that water service.

Buterbaugh commented that, as part of the cable consortium's recent agreement with Comcast to resolve outstanding customer issues and waive liquidated damages, the cable company will be providing free pay-per-view movies to subscribers. He stated that there are subscribers without converter boxes. Pfeifer remarked that Comcast customers can receive their free movies without a converter box.

Buterbaugh referred to his comments as constructive criticism and thanked Council for doing a great job.

Dick Maxwell of 18701 Walmer Lane was present as a member of the Beverly Hills Lions Club, a community service club in the area since 1972. He stated that there are 32 members with all but 12 being Beverly Hills residents. Maxwell understands that there has been discussion regarding signage changes in the Village. He specified a number of Lions Club projects in Beverly Hills and emphasized the importance and significance of the Lions Club emblem attached to Village entryway signs. It is important signage for identity with the community. The Beverly Hills Lions Club would like to retain its existing signage and expand the Lions logo to every entrance to the community. Maxwell asked Council to take the Lions Club signs into account when it considers a decision on entryway signs.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court pointed out a procedural error in the Council meeting minutes of June 3, 2002. She noted that Schmitt was administered the oath of office before the meeting was called to order. This should be reflected in the minutes.

Ben Marks, past president of the Michigan Municipal League, stated that President Bob Slattery has invoked a new program of reaching out to the League's members. The MML is the largest lobby organization in the State of Michigan representing over six million people with the purpose of improving their lives.

The League makes its Elected Officials Academy available to elected and newly elected officials. Marks outlined how the various programs will make the jobs of elected officials easier and more effective. The program is being funded by the MML foundation. He mentioned that the League's fund drive is targeted at \$1.3 million and will last until the end of the year.

Marks asked the Village Council to become more involved in the Michigan Municipal League and increase its focus on the legislative conferences and the upcoming MML convention in Dearborn. The organization needs this municipality's input, expertise, and energy. Marks thanked Council for an opportunity to address them this evening.

Downey thanked Marks for his presentation affirming that Council members find the information provided by the MML beneficial in helping them do their job.

Jim McCook of 19370 Riverside Drive referred to remarks made at the last Council meeting regarding a 1990 appointment to Council following a resignation. McCook referred to minutes of the April 2, 1990 Council meeting to clarify that Council appointed Frank Worrell to Council by acclamation to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Mike Bouchard. Applications were requested for the vacant Council position and a three person committee was appointed to consider applications and make a recommendation to Council. Applications were received from Frank Worrell and Charles Novak. Worrell was the only candidate nominated to fill the vacancy, and he was appointed to Council by acclamation.

At the last Council meeting, McCook requested an accounting of all money allocated to modernize Beverly Park. He received information that indicated that \$918,460 has been designated towards park improvements through citizen contributions, grant money, dedicated millage, and budgeted expenditures.

McCook would like to see an accounting of how much money the Village has received and anticipates receiving for park improvements and how much money was and will be spent on the park. He thinks the subject should be brought before Council and discussed publicly. Downey responded that this information is available for public review at the Village office.

Norman Rubin of 31020 Rivers Edge Court questioned the agenda for a Special Council meeting held on June 1, 2002. He maintains that the posted agenda did not specify that action would be taken by Council on an appointment to fill the vacant Council seat following the interview of candidates.

PUBLIC HEARING – CORYELL ESTATES ON PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Domzal provided background information on events that led to tonight's public hearing on a proposed special assessment district for road and drainage improvements in Coryell Estates.

There has been much discussion in the community about roadside drainage. Council authorized preparation of a drainage study by consulting engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC). The study was submitted to Council in April. The focus of the study was to look at drainage problems in the Village and suggest approaches for addressing drainage issues. The report indicated that the greatest number of problems with respect to drainage issues relate to unpaved streets within the Village. Council has discussed the relationship between drainage and road problems at recent meetings.

Council accepted the report and asked Village administration to prepare a priority plan based on the HRC report. Public Services Director Spallasso submitted his report to Council three weeks later separating the drainage problems into high and medium priority areas. At the top of the list is the Coryell Estates area including Embassy, Coryell, Plantation and Elwood. The second area within the high priority area is Kennoway, Marlin and Stafford. The third was Hummel and Sheridan.

Domzal reviewed that residents of Coryell Estates have been meeting to discuss how to address the area's drainage and road problems. A petition was circulated indicating the desire of those who signed it to have the Village establish a special assessment district to pave streets within the subdivision - Embassy, Elwood, Coryell, Plantation, Panay and Buttonwood Court.

There has been an understanding by the Coryell Estates residents that the Village would contribute towards a portion of the cost of paving and drainage improvements. The Village has committed to approximately 20% of the overall cost including the improvement of existing pavement from gravel to an asphalt pavement as well as providing 20% of the cost of upgrading the current open drainage system to a swale and under drain system.

Domzal outlined the procedures established by Village Ordinance regarding special assessment districts. He recognized that there are opportunities for citizen input at every phase of the process.

The first step is for Council to authorize administration to contract for preparation of detailed engineering plans and specifications that will be used to go out for bids and to accomplish the improvements. This information will provide a more accurate cost estimate of the project. Domzal remarked that an original cost estimate indicated that the total cost of the project per resident would be approximately \$18,000, 20% of which the Village would fund. The cost associated with preparing detailed engineering plans and specifications was included in the original cost estimate and will be part of the overall assessment district. It was noted that the cost of preparing engineering plans and specifications for this project is estimated at \$35,000-\$40,000.

A necessity hearing will be scheduled when engineering plans and specifications are available. Area residents will have an opportunity at the necessity hearing to review the improvement plan and cost estimates and comment on the project. Council will vote on whether to go forward with the improvements and establish a special assessment district. Affected residents have a designated time frame after the necessity hearing and approval of the district to challenge the assessment being levied on their property before the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

If Council decides to proceed with the project at the necessity hearing, the Village will go out for bids on the plans and specifications, engage the lowest and best contractor, and complete the work. When construction is completed and actual costs are available, the cost of the project will be spread over the assessment roll. A second public hearing will be held at which time benefiting residents can review and comment on the assessment roll.

Tonight's public hearing is an added opportunity for area residents to communicate with Council. It is not a necessity hearing. A valid petition has been filed providing Council with the basis to go forward with a special assessment district. Council will vote on whether to proceed with preparation of detailed plans and specifications and refined cost estimates.

Downey opened the public hearing on a proposed Coryell Estates special assessment district at 8:22 p.m.

The following residents were present with comments and questions, which were addressed by Council and administration.

Gerald Morrison	20150 Plantation Lane
Patricia Casenhiser	20301 Elwood
Barbara Salamas	20201 Elwood
Sharon Weisswasser	30247 Embassy
Phyllis Eisenberg	30844 Embassy
Vicki King	30231 Embassy
Mike Beacco	20305 Plantation
Julie Abear	20305 Plantation
Dan Connelly	30845 Embassy

Clarification was provided on the proposed project, procedures involved in the special assessment process, and the Village's participation in the cost of the improvements. A petition presented to the Village and signed by 37 of 64 property owners in Coryell Estates indicates a request for asphalt paving with a swale under drain system.

It is the Village's policy to pay for 20% of paving an unimproved road and 20% of the cost to improve the drainage. The property will be burdened by the assessment following the necessity hearing and decision by Council to proceed with the project. The necessity hearing will be set in about six weeks at which time plans and specifications are available. The amount of the assessments will be determined after the work is completed and the actual cost is spread on the tax roll. Residents will have an opportunity to review and comment on the special assessment roll at the second public hearing, at which time Council will adopt the assessment roll.

Spallasso related that the Village will receive notice from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in about 15 days as to whether Beverly Hills will receive grant funds to offset cost of drainage improvements in Coryell and other areas. Administration cannot indicate at this time what portion of that grant money would go towards improvements in Coryell Estates. Spallasso remarked that the improvements could begin before the end of the construction season if everything proceeds as outlined.

There were residents who commented on poor maintenance of the drainage system and roads on the part of the Village. Residents suggested that the Village should contribute more than 20% of the cost of improvements. A few people questioned whether the petition submitted to the Village could be challenged on the basis that there was a lack of information and understanding about the options available for road and drainage improvements and the costs of those options.

Ryan responded that the Village Council has received and is acting upon a valid petition from the majority of homeowners in Coryell Estates. Individuals can challenge the benefit on their property in front of the Michigan Tax Tribunal if the project goes forward. Residents also have a legal right to circulate a counter petition. Property owners can meet to determine a consensus on alternative options and bring a petition to Council. It was noted that the petition submitted is available for public review at the Village offices.

Murphy commented on the incremental storm water system improvements as they relate to the overall cost of the project. It was explained that the Village will pay 100% of the cost of restoring the original open ditch system, which is considered maintenance, and 20% of the cost to install an under drain system, which is an improvement to the drainage system.

There were specific questions and technical issues that cannot be answered until engineering plans and specifications are available for this project. If Council approves the preparation of plans and specifications, Spallasso offered to meet with residents to review those plans and answer questions when the information is available.

No one else wished to be heard. The public hearing was closed at 9:29 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – HUMMEL COURT ON PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Domzal stated that there is a petition before Council from the majority of residents on Hummel Court requesting the Village to pave the gravel road and address drainage needs within the subdivision. Council will consider a proposal to proceed with engineering to generate plans and specifications necessary to go out for bids for the project. This work will be done by Hubbell, Roth & Clark at the same time plans are being prepared for the Coryell Estates paving and drainage work.

Downey opened the public hearing at 9:30 p.m. on the proposed Hummel Court special assessment district.

Mary Gleeson of 16020 Hummel Court understands that there has been discussion of combining the Coryell Estates and Hummel Court projects for economies of scale. She stated that Hummel Court residents want to proceed with improvements on their street if the Coryell Estates project is held up in any way.

Kitty Stephenson of 16007 Hummel Court asked questions about the drainage system and why the cost of drainage work is not the responsibility of the Village.

Murphy explained that the original infrastructure was installed by the developer of that subdivision. The subdivision was developed with an open cut ditch system. What is proposed on Hummel Court is to repair the ditch at the Village's expense as an open cut system followed by installation of an under drain system, which will improve the quality of storm water control in the neighborhood. The Village will pay 20% of the cost of the under drain system. The residents will pay 80% of that cost because the system is being improved and they will benefit by that local improvement to the infrastructure.

There were no other comments. Downey closed the public hearing at 9:35 p.m.

A recess was called at 9:35 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Pfeifer asked to remove item b. from the consent agenda, "Review and consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held on June 3, 2002" and add it to the business agenda.

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

- Review and consider approval of minutes of a special Council meeting held on June 1, 2002.
- Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, June 17, 2002.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED CORYELL ESTATES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Woodrow.

Resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorize preparation of engineering plans and specifications for paving gravel roads and addressing drainage needs in Coryell Estates and Coryell Estates No. 1 Subdivisions.

Pfeifer stated that the drainage study prepared by Hubbell, Roth & Clark encompassed the Village as a whole. She recalled that Council approved expenditures for a topographical survey of Coryell Estates in the amount of \$15,000 in May of 2000. Spallasso indicated that the cost of that study will be recovered through the special assessment district.

Pfeifer clarified that Council will not commit to proceed with the project until after the necessity public hearing. The motion before Council is to approve funds for preparing engineering plans and specifications, which will provide more refined cost estimates. It is understood that, if the project does not proceed, the cost of preparing plans and specifications will be borne by the Village at large.

Stearn reiterated that, if Council decides at the necessity hearing not to go ahead with the improvements, the \$35,000-\$40,000 for the plans and specifications and the \$15,000 for the preliminary study will be borne by the Village.

Stearn stated that Council is prepared to go forward with improving existing ditches in the Village. It has allocated \$200,000 towards a ditching program. The money has not been spent because of the petitions for paving and ditching improvements in Coryell Estates and on Hummel Court. Council is responding to a petition presented by residents requesting the Village to improve the drainage and pave the roads. He suggested that any alternate petition be submitted prior to the necessity hearing. Stearn added that there is a clear, written Village policy regarding unimproved roads.

Pfeifer mentioned that, if residents decide to petition for ditch improvements without paving, a special assessment district would cover the cost of that part of the engineering study.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED HUMMEL COURT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Schmitt.

Resolved that the Village Council authorize administration to have engineering plans and specifications prepared for Beverly Manor No. 1, also known as Hummel Court, to provide for paving the gravel road and addressing drainage needs.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (7 – 0).

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Woodrow made the second announcement of a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board. Interested residents are encouraged to apply for this position. Applications are available at the Village office and on the Village of Beverly Hills web site (www.villagebeverlyhills.com).

The deadline for receiving applications will be Friday, June 21, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. A committee of Woodrow as chair, Pfeifer, and Stearn will meet at 7:00 p.m. on July 1 prior to the Council meeting to review applications and recommend a candidate to Council.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE PLANNING BOARD

Schmitt made the first announcement of a vacancy on the Village Planning Board created by Carolyn Hayes, who is not requesting reappointment. During her short tenure, Hayes made a real contribution to the Planning Board. Her service to the Village is appreciated. Applications for the Planning Board position are available at the Village office or on the Village web site.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2001/02 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The State Uniform Budgeting Act requires that Council reallocate budget appropriations in any department that exceeds the budget amount approved in May of 2001 without changing the total budgeted amount. The proposed budget amendments for 2001/2002 also reflect budgeted and reserved money in balance sheet accounts or transferred to the Capital Projects Fund because the expenses will not take place until after July 1, 2002.

Council is in receipt of worksheets outlining adjustments needed to the 2001/02 adopted Village budgets for the General, Major Road, Local Road and Water & Sewer Operating Funds.

Motion by Woodrow, seconded by Mooney.

Resolved that the Village Council of Beverly Hills approve the proposed amendments to the 2001/2002 budget for the General Fund, Major and Local Road Funds, and Water & Sewer Operating Funds as outlined in the memorandum from the Finance Director dated June 13, 2002.

Questions and comments on the 2001/02 Village Budget Amendments were addressed by Murphy. At Stearn's request, Council will be provided with a breakdown of revenue and expenditures for ditch improvements. Domzal suggested that future worksheets be formatted to designate variances from the adopted Village Budgets.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

THE 2001/2002 VILLAGE BUDGET AMENDMENT MEMO IS ON FILE AT THE VILLAGE OFFICES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE 2001/02 FY DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET

Before Council for adoption is the 2001/02 fiscal year Drug Law Enforcement Budget. This will be the final time that the Drug Fund Budget will be adopted at the end of the year. Council adopted the Drug Law Enforcement Budget for the 2002/03 fiscal year at the conclusion of the budget process in May of 2002.

The only income received in this fund other than income from investments is drug seizure money and property collected by the Public Safety Department as a result of drug arrests. There is a requirement that this money be spent for law enforcement purposes.

Motion by Woodrow, seconded by Pfeifer.

Resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council adopt the 2001/02 Beverly Hills Drug Law Enforcement Fund budget of \$1,600 for revenues and \$1,600 for expenses.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF COUNCIL CHAIRS

Research has been done on the purchase of new seating for those people sitting at the Council table. New audience chairs have been purchased to replace chairs that had been used for over 20 years. Chairs currently used by Council and board members occupying the room are of similar age and condition.

Motion by Woodrow, seconded by Mooney.

Resolved that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award the purchase of 12 Raptor office chairs to Steel Equipment Company of Pontiac in the amount of \$3,780 through the Oakland County Cooperative Bid Program. Funds for this purchase are available in Account #101-900-976 Capital Purchases: Office Equipment.

Pfeifer suggested that 14 chairs be purchased rather than 12 in order to accommodate the Cable Board members and associated representatives that meet in the Beverly Hills Council chambers on a monthly basis. There are also occasions when Council meets jointly with other boards. The chairs will have other uses in the building when not in use in the Council chambers.

Norman Rubin of 31020 Rivers Edge Court asked questions addressed by Council regarding expenditures made in the Council chambers in the last 18 months. He maintains that the expenditure on chairs for this chamber is extravagant in this financial climate when the Village has other needs.

Jeff Pynnonen of 31724 Allerton Drive expressed the opinion that new chairs for those sitting at the Council table is a well worth expenditure if Council and board members must sit for three or more hours in an uncomfortable chair.

Motion by Woodrow, seconded by Mooney, to amend the motion to authorize the purchase of 14 Raptor office chairs from Steel Equipment Company of Pontiac in the amount of \$4,410 through the Oakland County Cooperative Bid Program. Funds for this purchase are available in Account #101-900-976 Capital Purchases: Office Equipment.

Roll Call Vote on amended motion:
Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Stearn reported that the Personnel Committee of Council met at 6:30 p.m. this evening and voted unanimously to recommend reappointment of all board and committee members who seek another three year term.

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Schmitt, to reappoint the following board and committee members to a three year term to expire on June 30, 2005: Planning Board members David Jensen and Vincent Borowski; Zoning Board of Appeals members James Kamp, Roger Pagnucco, and Todd Schafer; Parks and Recreation Board members Patricia Greening and Daniel Nelson; Finance Committee members Donald MacDonald and Ana Dan; Birmingham Area Cable Board member James Delaney.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 3, 2002

On page 4, first line, Flag Day should be corrected to read ‘June 14’. The minutes were amended to reflect that the Oath of Office was administered to the newly appointed Council member before the meeting was called to order and the roll call taken.

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Stearn, that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on June 3, 2002 be approved as amended.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Norman Rubin of 31020 Rivers Edge Court referred to the expenditure of \$4,410 on Council chairs and urged Council to show fiscal responsibility.

Raymond Lacroix of 20285 Coryell thanked Council members and administration for helping residents of Coryell Estates address and clarify issues on proposed improvements to that area. He stated that residents have been working towards proceeding with these improvements for a number of years. Individuals promoting the project have attempted to convey the information as clearly as they could. There are 37 residents of Coryell Estates who understand the drainage and paving project and the necessity to do both projects at the same time. Lacroix asked Council to pursue the drainage and paving improvements with the confidence that the majority of the residents are behind this project and anxiously await the results.

Lance Heilbrun of 30272 Embassy thanked Council for its patience and endurance in guiding the entire group through the debate tonight on Coryell Estates improvements. He hopes that Council and administration will pursue what 37 residents have put to paper as their commitment to see this project through to completion.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Murphy thanked the entire Village staff and especially Renzo Spallasso for their hard work on the park renovation project.

The next Council strategic planning session is scheduled for Monday, June 24 in the Beverly Park pavilion at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

Woodrow stated that the grand reopening of Beverly Park will be Sunday, June 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. There will be free food and drinks, fun and games. The first concert will follow at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Red Garter Band.

Woodrow clarified several statements and misconceptions from the public this evening regarding the Coryell Estates proposed improvements.

Schmitt commented that he was in the park yesterday and observed people playing baseball on both ball diamonds, a large group using the pavilion, high school kids playing sand volleyball, and about 100 people in the new play area. He was pleased to see everyone having a great time.

Pfeifer will attend a Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council board meeting tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m. at the BASCC headquarters. The Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet in the Village council chambers at 7:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19.

Earlier this evening Ben Marks, former executive director of the Michigan Municipal League made a presentation to Council. Pfeifer encouraged every member of Council and future Councils to take advantage of the programs that the League offers. She noted that Council received a letter in the past week from the current executive director George Goodman regarding the operation of MML. It appears that the organization is looking for funding from the Village. She asked that administration bring a proposal before Council to consider a contribution to the Michigan Municipal League.

Pfeifer stated that the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention will be held in Dearborn this year on September 9-13. She has attended two MML conventions and remarked on the value gained by the meetings and workshops.

Mooney thanked Stan Pasieka and Ellen Marshall for their efforts in organizing the Village appreciation dinner last Thursday for Village volunteers.

Stearn thanked Downey for his presentation at the Appreciation Dinner. He thanked Public Safety Officers Nate Cook and Dan Gosselin for the great job and professionalism they exhibited in response to a car accident involving his wife.

Stearn commented on and corrected misstatements he heard this evening. The park improvement project is not in arrears. A Hubbell, Roth & Clark study that outlines the park improvement project costs in detail is available for public review.

Stearn read the agenda for the special Council meeting held on Saturday, June 1, 2002: Roll Call, Review and consider applicants for Council vacancy, Public Comments. Council reviewed and considered applicants and voted on them. There was no intent to mislead.

Domzal reported that the Pathways Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow in the Village office to finalize its report to Council. It is proposed to present their report to Council at the July 15 Council meeting. Domzal thanked Renzo for the time he spent providing necessary information to the Pathways Advisory Committee.

Domzal outlined four items he would like Council to address in the next two or three months: 1) signage; 2) rental ordinance; 3) tree ordinance; and 4) community foundation.

Downey commented on the successful volunteer appreciation dinner held last week. He thanked administration for organizing the event.

Motion by Mooney, seconded by Pfeifer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary