

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

Absent: None

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

The agenda was approved as published.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ingrid Haddock of 32780 White Oaks Trail was present representing the Pathways Grass Roots Committee. She thanked Council for allowing the community to vote on this issue. The committee will be working on its passage until the election.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court inquired about two bills before Council for approval. Her questions were addressed by administration.

Randy Munguia of 31736 S. Verona congratulated Village Attorney Dan O'Brien on his election as Oakland County Circuit Court judge.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Mooney, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held on November 4, 2002.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, November 18, 2002

BUSINESS AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF 2002 BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Mary Ann Verdi-Hus, chairperson of the Beautification Committee, stated that the Beautification Committee was formed in 2000 for the purpose of recognizing residents and businesses for their contribution in making Beverly Hills a more beautiful Village. She thanked the committee members and Stan Pasieka, who served as liaison with Village administration. Members of the committee include Bob Bliven, Lisa Christie, Irene Davis, Debbie Morrow, and Janet Sebo.

Bob Bliven joined Verdi-Hus at the lectern to award the following recipients with a framed certificate recognizing their outstanding contribution towards the beautification of the Village of Beverly Hills and a gift of a Pewabic Pottery tile.

Jeffrey Copes	16941 Beechwood
Michael Sahourieh <i>Beverly Hills Amoco</i>	31015 Southfield Road
Diane Forbes	15830 Kirkshire
Michael & Lauri Solaka	20250 Coryell
Charles & Jeanne Reddie	19515 Waltham South
Randy & Sally Teague	32464 Madison
Carl & Deloras Keding	31746 Sheridan
Nancy & Jim Lewandowski	18945 Saxon
Karen & Stephen Zeiler	32555 Eastlady
Robert & Robyn Feys	19050 Hillcrest

Verdi-Hus encouraged people to nominate deserving residents or themselves for this award next year to preserve the spirit and beauty of Beverly Hills.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER FINAL REQUEST FOR OAKLAND COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL REFUND

Before Council for consideration is a resolution requesting reimbursement of eligible environmental remediation and improvement project expenses under the Oakland County Environmental Infrastructure Fund Program. In his memo of November 14, 2002, Spallasso indicates that these funds are being used to offset costs related to the sewer improvements and also to address costs related to requirements contained in the NPDES storm water permit issued to the Village by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Motion by Woodrow, seconded by Pfeifer, to adopt the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

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 remediation 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.

Council questions and comments were addressed by administration.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE

The fiscal year 2002/03 budget contains funds for fleet purchases to include two marked patrol vehicles (purchased July, 2002) and one administrative vehicle to replace the village manager's vehicle. It is proposed that the Public Safety Department decommission the 2000 Jeep Cherokee special service patrol vehicle, which would be reassigned for the manager's use, and purchase a new, larger model SUV to replace it in the patrol fleet. Mooney outlined problems with fitting the 2000 model Jeep with required public safety equipment without compromising the comfort of personnel.

Invitations to quote on the 2003 Ford Expedition special service vehicle were addressed in the Macomb County Cooperative Bid Program. The price for an equipped vehicle under this program is \$26,059.

Motion by Mooney, seconded by Stearn, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council awards the purchase of one 2003 Ford Expedition Special Service vehicle in the amount of \$26,059 to Signature Ford of Perry, Michigan. Funds are available for this purchase in Account #401-905-979.00.

Questions from Council were addressed by Director Woodard.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SCBA EQUIPMENT FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The fiscal year 2002/03 budget contains funds for new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and related equipment. The two new units will replace units that have been taken out of service due to age. Eight current SCBA units will be upgraded for pressure and motion alarms. The new units and equipment upgrades will provide for safer, more efficient operations by officers working in hazardous atmospheres.

Prices quotes for the equipment were received from Apollo Fire Equipment, the sole and exclusive distributor of MSA breathing apparatus in this area of the State.

Motion by Mooney, seconded by Stearn, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award the purchase of two MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus harness units and

eight MSA SCBA upgrade kits in a total amount of \$11,598 to Apollo Fire Equipment of Romeo, Michigan. Funds are available for the purchase in Account #101-900.980 Capital Purchases: Public Safety Equipment.

Director Woodard answered questions regarding the proposed equipment upgrades, the vendor, and the amount budgeted for this expense.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

W. A. Zimmerman of 22191 Camelot Court stated that the Village mails water bills addressed to “resident” rather than using the property owner’s name. If the homeowner is traveling, the water bill postcard is not forwarded to whatever address is filed at the Post Office. The consequence is that those residents who are traveling receive a penalty for not paying their water bill on time. Zimmerman objects to this practice as being unfair and asked that water bills be addressed to the resident name or whoever pays the water bill for each property.

Murphy responded that the postal service will not forward water bills using the postcard bulk mail system. Property owners can continue to receive their water bills if they contact the Village and provide the address where they want their water bills sent.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Leaf collection is in high season as evidenced by collection counts in the Village. Beverly Hills is averaging just under 30 tons of leaves each day with an average of 78 bags per home.

Village recycling efforts have seen improvement over the past year. Recycling numbers dropped off significantly following September 11, 2001 and remained low until recently. Before then, the Village’s monthly average recyclable collection ranged between 90 and 100 tons. Following that, numbers dropped to a monthly tonnage of between 60 and 70 tons. An all-time low for recyclables of 47 tons was posted in July 2002. There has been steady improvement since then. Our September tonnage reached 80 tons, and October saw 89 tons. This past week alone Great Lakes collected over 30 tons of recyclables in the Village. He hopes that the Village can continue its recycling efforts.

A question from Pfeifer on an item in the fund balance report prepared by administration was answered by Murphy.

COUNCIL

Pfeifer announced that the Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village municipal building. This month’s meeting is scheduled in the evening for the convenience of residents who wish to attend and voice their comments or concerns to the Cable Board. Pfeifer noted changes in the cable television channel line up effective December 1, 2002.

Pfeifer thanked Sharon Tischler, Southfield Township Clerk, for a wonderful job of running the recent election. She congratulated Dan O'Brien on his win. Voter turnout in Beverly Hills was 69.59%, which was higher than the average 40% turnout in Oakland County. Pfeifer commented that she is proud of the civic minded Village residents.

Stearn stated that the Retirement Board will meet tomorrow night, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Department building. Stearn apologized to the Village Manager for being overly harsh at a recent Council meeting adding that Murphy is creative and hard working and possesses a great amount of integrity.

Schmitt reported that the Planning Board held a public discussion at its November 13 meeting to update residents on its progress with revisions to the 14 Mile Road Corridor Study and to receive feedback from the public on a proposed redevelopment plan for 14 Mile Road between Pierce and Greenfield Roads. Approximately 25 residents were present. Schmitt related that area residents were unanimous in their opinion that the study area needs rehabilitation and that the Village needs to adopt a landlord/tenant ordinance for safety reasons and to discourage rentals of single family homes. Residents also think that the Village should enforce existing codes. The Planning Board will continue its work on the Corridor Plan and will forward recommendations to Council in the next several months.

The regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting of November 27th was canceled. Schmitt wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Hanukah.

Domzal thanked members of the Beautification Committee for their hard work. Volunteers who commit time and effort to the Village are the mainstay of our community. He thinks that people are blessed to have such a beautiful Village with so many attractive homes.

Domzal commented on the number of improvements taking place in Beverly Hills and hopes people realize the money being invested wisely in our community. Beverly Park looks wonderful. The improvements on Coryell will yield long-term benefits. Domzal is encouraged by the investment, not only in individual homes, but in the infrastructure of the Village.

Domzal remarked that he enjoys the Douglas-Evans nature preserve and views it as a gem of the community. He observed that the area needs some maintenance in terms of debris in certain areas of the park and log jams. An established trail system would be beneficial to the maintenance and preservation of the nature preserve. Currently people who use the park wander around, which is tough on the vegetation. Domzal thinks that it would be beneficial to have a citizens group or the Parks and Recreation Board take responsibility for the nature area in order to preserve it for the future as much as possible.

Downey thanked Village administration and Director Woodard for their efforts in preparing a false alarm ordinance.

Downey related that he received an e-mail from a resident about Village entranceway signs. He informed the resident that sample signs have been posted in certain locations for public

comment. Downey encouraged people to provide their input on the signs. Administration will bring a final proposal for entryway signs before Council in the next couple of meetings.

Motion by Stearn, seconded by Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary