

Present: Council President Downey; Members: Domzal, McCleary, Mooney, Pfeifer and Schmitt

Absent: Woodrow

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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Pfeifer, seconded by Schmitt, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harold Milinsky of 32467 Evergreen Road stated that he has been out of town but has followed the Village Election closely. He thinks that the Election results confirm that residents want diversification on Village boards and Council and want fiscal responsibility. Milinsky recommends that the Village Charter be reviewed and updated to require that one Council person be elected from each of the seven Beverly Hills precincts in order to provide diversification with respect to representation of the Village population.

Kevin Good of 20760 Kennoway referred to a Council meeting that was held about a year ago to discuss a priority plan for the Village's roadside drainage needs based on a drainage study prepared by engineers Hubbell, Roth & Clark. A number of residents from Kennoway who attended that meeting to discuss drainage problems were assured that Kennoway is one of the top priority problem areas indicated in the report. Since that time, Kennoway residents have heard nothing specific about when something might be done to alleviate drainage problems while the assessed value of their homes continue to increase. Good asked Council for a recommendation on how to proceed.

Downey mentioned that there is an item on the agenda this evening to consider a petition from Stafford residents for underdrains. Kennoway drainage concerns can be addressed at that time.

Good understands that there is a potential for the Village to receive grant money for drainage improvements. He will attempt to obtain a consensus from residents and present it to Council. Council suggested that Good contact the Village Clerk relative to circulating a petition. The petition language should clearly state the purpose of improving drainage conditions with an underdrain system and should be submitted as soon as possible in order to prepare engineering plans necessary for a grant submission.

Good commented that residents on Kennoway would like a commitment from Council to use their tax money to maintain the street. Downey responded that Good can discuss Village expenditure of budgeted money for road maintenance with administration during office hours.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane stated that he plans to attend the annual Beverly Park Clean Up on Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. and urged others to come and show pride in their community. Kelly asked if Council plans to hold a budget study session before adoption of the budget in May. Downey responded that scheduling a special Council meeting for Monday, April 28 will be discussed later in the meeting.

Kelly thanked everyone for the positive feedback he has received from a new community involvement website, www.abetterbeverlyhills.org.

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM 2002 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 and other miscellaneous assessments. Council is in receipt of a copy of the subject charges and amounts.

Downey opened the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. No one wished to be heard; therefore the public hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND

The Village is required by the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to hold a public hearing in order to apply for a low interest loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) Loan Program for replacement of water mains in Beverly Hills that have been identified to be in need of replacement. Wally Alix, Principal of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Dan Mitchell, Project Manager, and Brad Shepler, Project Engineer, will present the DWRF Project Plan and answer questions from the public. Spallasso asked residents present to sign an attendance sheet to indicate their presence as part of the record required by the MDEQ.

Dan Mitchell stated that this DWRF Project Plan has been on display at the Baldwin Public Library and at the Village offices since March 16, 2003 for public review and comment. No comments have been received to date.

Mitchell began by providing a general understanding of the Village's existing water main system. The system consists of approximately 65 miles of 4" to 16" pipe. The system is supplied by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA). The Village contracts with the office of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner (OCDC) to maintain its existing system.

A map was displayed from the project plan designating the SOCWA system and the Beverly Hills water main system. Mitchell related that some areas of the Beverly Hills water main system exceed 80 years in age. The Village has comprehensive records of water main breaks since 1981, which are designated on the map. Numerous water main breaks have occurred in Section 1 and Section 2 of the Village. These records have been used to develop a priority rating for the Village's normal operation and maintenance of the system.

Mitchell stated that water main breaks present a potential health and safety concern to the community in terms of low pressure and back siphon situations. In order to address these

concerns, the Village is seeking assistance through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF), a low interest loan program (2.5%) managed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The Village would pay back this loan like a normal bond over the course of 20 years. Application for these funds is made through a project plan. Mitchell discussed how the MDEQ ranks the project plans it receives. Grant approval also depends on the number of applications received each year and the amount of funding available from the federal government. Mitchell remarked that Manager Brian Murphy and Public Services Director Renzo Spallasso have talked to MDEQ representatives over the past year and are optimistic that Beverly Hills will receive funding.

Mitchell reviewed major items that must be included in the Project Plan including project background, need for the project, analysis of alternatives, selected alternative, evaluation of environmental impacts, mitigation of environmental impacts, and public participation. Principal alternatives include no action, regional alternatives, and upgrade of the existing system. Mitchell explained that no action is an unacceptable measure for the Village and a regional alternative will not solve the needs of Beverly Hills.

The remaining alternative is to upgrade the existing system using one of two options having to do with method of construction. Mitchell outlined the open-cut construction method and the pipe-bursting construction method. Slides were used to explain the pipe-bursting method and to demonstrate why this method is not recommended in a residential area due to the number of openings that are required to maintain service during construction and the cost of installing that temporary water service. The unit cost for the open-cut method is \$100 per foot versus \$150 per foot for the pipe bursting method. Using these unit costs, the total project cost is estimated at \$3.69 million for the open cut method and \$5.54 million for the pipe-bursting method. Hubbell, Roth & Clark recommend alternative one, the open cut method of construction.

Brad Shepler stated that the comprehensive record of water main breaks since 1981 was used to determine which water mains are in the most need of replacement. The Project Plan recommends replacement of 30,750 feet of water main using the open cut construction alternative. It is anticipated to be a three-year project with design work from April 2003 to March 2004, bidding from March 2004 through May 2004, and construction from June 2004 through May of 2006. Shepler pointed out that a benefit of developing a large scale water main replacement program is that the project can be constructed in one area at a time minimizing environmental problems associated with open cut construction. A map showing the location of the water main replacement program was displayed.

The capital cost of the project is \$3.69 million including a 20% contingency for legal, engineering, contingencies, bonding and administration costs. Since the existing system is being replaced, there will be no additional operation and maintenance costs associated with this project. The average annual pay back will be close to \$227,000 annually assuming that the Village procures the 2.5% loan for 20 years on a capital project cost of \$3.69 million. Shepler related that the Village has an established Water Fund that is set up as an Enterprise Fund, which incurs expenses for depreciation. This depreciation schedule averages \$290,000 annually and may be allocated to this project to pay back the DWRF loan. As a result, the Village does not anticipate raising water rates thereby avoiding a user cost increase.

Shepler stated that Hubbell, Roth & Clark concludes that the water main replacement program will be beneficial to the Village of Beverly Hills and its residents and therefore recommends that Council pass a resolution to adopt the Project Plan and implement Alternative 1. If it is the direction of Council, the application for the DWRP Low Interest Loan will be submitted to the MDEQ by May 1, 2003 to meet all necessary deadlines.

Downey opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. on the DWRP Project Plan.

Robert Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court commented favorably on the project. He expressed reservation with financing through the Water and Sewer Fund and suggested that Council think about revising the schedule for depreciation of assets in the next budget year.

Nanci Freedman of 32460 Evergreen questioned Hubbell, Roth & Clark's analysis and selection of Alternative No. 1 based on cost. Mitchell provided a more detailed cost breakdown for each construction alternative. He indicated that pipe bursting construction is neither cost effective nor generally recommended for residential areas.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut stated that he has seen a construction project using pipe bursting and observed the amount of restoration required with that method. He questioned the amount of water lost in the Village's system currently.

Spallasso answered that, while the industry considers an 8%-12% water loss acceptable, the Village has gone down to a 4.5%-6% water loss in the last few years. Water loss numbers will improve with the replacement of old water mains, and money spent on water main breaks will diminish.

Kelly asked how comfortable administration feels about the Village's chances of qualifying for this low interest loan. Murphy and Spallasso expressed confidence that the project will be funded. Administration has received positive response from the people they have been in contact with at the MDEQ office. Murphy added that the 2003-04 budget was prepared with the assumption that the loan is not approved and the Village has to proceed with bonding. He noted that interest rates in the bond market remain good.

Alicia Roberts of 15931 Lauderdale lives in the area where the water main replacement project will occur, but her street is not highlighted on the map. She asked if there is a projected plan to replace water mains on the remainder of the streets.

Spallasso stated that the water main replacement plan was designed and prioritized based on breaks that were experienced over the years. The size of the water main is a consideration. He added that the Village may be able to modify the plan if new conditions arise.

Lawrence Needham of 15588 Kirkshire questioned the chronology of the construction by street. Wally Alix responded that the exact starting point has not been determined. The Village will go out for bids and construction will begin in an area where most of the work will be done. Needham's questions on the pipe used for each construction method were answered by Alix.

No one else wished to be heard. The public hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

Motion by Pfeifer, seconded by Schmitt, to address Business Agenda item b. “Review and consider resolution regarding Drinking Water Revolving Fund” before the Consent Agenda.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION REGARDING DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND

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

VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has conducted studies over the past two years that resulted in the determination that its water system needs major rehabilitation/replacement due to the deterioration of the pipes; and

WHEREAS, the system deterioration has the potential to adversely affect the health of area residents and the water quality of the system; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Beverly Hills has authorized Hubbell, Roth & Clark, consulting engineers, to prepare a Project Plan for the water system improvements, and

WHEREAS, different alternatives have been reviewed and considered; and

WHEREAS, a project plan has been developed to address those needs via completion of the Village’s Water System Improvements Plan at a cost of \$3,690,000; and

WHEREAS, low-interest financing of this program may be made available through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Drinking Water Fund Loan Program; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 21, 2003, as required, as part of the State Revolving Fund Loan Program application process,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the Project Plan are hereby approved for implementation and that the Director of Public Services is authorized to make application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a low interest loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund for financial alternative No. 1 of the Project Plan.

Council commended Hubbell, Roth & Clark representatives on the presentation and thanked administration for its work on this program. Questions regarding the cost and financing of the water main program were addressed by Mitchell and Murphy.

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

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Schmitt, for a brief recess at 8:33 p.m.
Motion passed (6 – 0).

The meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Review and consider minutes of a special Council meeting held on March 25, 2003.
- b. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held on April 7, 2003.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 21, 2003.
- d. Review and consider resolution authorizing West Nile Virus Fund expense.
- e. Review and confirm 2002 Assessment Rolls for dust and other miscellaneous assessments.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

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

Domzal reported that a subcommittee consisting of himself as chair, Downey, and McCleary met this evening to review applications to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board created by McCleary's election to Council. There were an outstanding group of applicants as follows: Irving Baron, Gerald Bright, Charles Finneran, Nanci Freedman, Art Liberty, Rosemary McLennan, George Ostrowski, Fred Porter, Mark Van Faussien and Michael Brady. The candidates present tonight were given an opportunity to comment on their qualifications for the position.

Domzal commented that the subcommittee recommendation to Council was split between two candidates, George Ostrowski and Nanci Freedman. A motion was made by Downey and seconded by McCleary to recommend the appointment to the Planning Board of George Ostrowski as primary candidate and Nanci Freedman as secondary candidate. Downey and McCleary voted in favor of the motion and Domzal voted against the motion.

The candidates were invited to come forward and speak briefly about their qualifications and interest in serving on the Planning Board.

George Ostrowski of 16982 Georgina, who is relatively new to the community, has been a landscape architect and land planner for six years and would like to use his experience to help guide the Planning Board. He will use his experience to keep the Village progressing while maintaining the character of the Village.

Nanci Freedman of 32460 Evergreen commented that many people who eventually became Council members have served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and advanced to the Planning

Board. She has been an attorney for 21 years in the area of property tax appeals. Her work has included involvement in property development, valuation, investigation of property, and experience with residential, commercial and industrial property in various communities. Freedman would bring 13 years of experience on the Zoning Board and 21 years as a community member to the Planning Board.

Motion by McCleary, seconded by Pfeifer, to appoint George Ostrowski to the Village Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2005.

Mike Freedman of 32460 Evergreen criticized the criteria and methodology used by the Village and Council in determining board appointments. He does not find it objective. Freedman thinks that Nanci Freedman's 21 years in the community and experience on the Zoning Board of Appeals along with almost 2,000 votes for Village Council member should be considered.

Harold Milinsky of 32467 Evergreen Road did not think that the subcommittee should have recommended two choices. He voiced his support for Nanci Freedman.

Art Liberty of 20850 W. 13 Mile Road expressed the view that the candidate's position on sidewalks was a criteria used in the subcommittee recommendation on a Planning Board appointment.

Leanne Toth of 21605 W. 13 Mile Road expressed support of Nanci Freedman as a Planning Board member. Freedman has demonstrated leadership in her candidacy for Council member in the last election. She has been a resident for 21 years and has an impressive track record with respect to community involvement.

Roll Call Vote:

Downey	- yes
McCleary	- yes
Mooney	- no
Pfeifer	- no
Schmitt	- yes
Domzal	- no

Motion fails (3 – 3).

Motion by Domzal, seconded by Pfeifer, to appoint Nanci Freedman to the Village Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2005.

Downey referred to remarks directed to Council with respect to this Planning Board appointment. He emphasized that this appointment has nothing to do with the recent election and associated issues.

Domzal encouraged everyone to set the sidewalk controversy aside and move on.

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

ACCEPT RAY LACROIX'S RESIGNATION AND MAKE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE CABLE BOARD

Council is in receipt of a letter of resignation from Ray Lacroix as Beverly Hills representative to the Birmingham Area Cable Board due to an increasing amount of business travel. Pfeifer commented that Lacroix was an outstanding member of the Cable Board for three years.

Motion by Pfeifer, seconded by Mooney, to regretfully accept the resignation of Raymond Lacroix from the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Pfeifer made the first announcement of a vacancy on the Cable Board. The meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. at the Village municipal building. Interested residents are encouraged to submit an application for this position.

Downey remarked that Ray Lacroix is an involved member of the community and we look forward to his return to service as time allows.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE BEVERLY HILLS LIONS CLUB AND VILLAGE WOMAN'S CLUB OF BEVERLY HILLS FOR USE OF VILLAGE STREETS AND BEVERLY PARK ON MAY 26, 2003 FOR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FUN RUN, PARADE AND CARNIVAL, PETTING FARM AND PONY RIDES, AND WAIVE RESTRICTIONS ON SALES

MOTION by Schmitt, seconded by Mooney.

Resolved to support the Lions Club of Beverly Hills request to use the Village streets for their Memorial Day Fun Run/Walk and to support the Village Woman's Club with the Memorial Day Carnival and Parade and provide financial assistance not to exceed \$1,500 from Account 101-747-894, Community Action: Special Events to the Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills for Memorial Day Carnival activities in Beverly Park.

Alicia Roberts of 15931 Lauderdale, representative from the Village Woman's Club, thanked Council, Public Safety, and Stan Pasiaka for their assistance and support of this event in order to continue this 22-year tradition in Beverly Hills.

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

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF MAY 19, 2003 TO REVIEW JAHN CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER OPTION

Council has received an application from Jim Merritt, Principal of Jahn Construction, for approval of a concept plan for a six-home development on property located on Lahser Road just south of 14 Mile Road. The applicant is proposing to develop a 3.597 acre site on the west side

of Lahser Road south of 14 Mile Road as a Single-Family Residential Cluster Development. Domzal outlined the conditions and requirements for development under the Cluster Option of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board reviewed the proposed Orchard Villas Concept Plan at its April 9, 2003 meeting and a request to develop under the Cluster Option. A Planning Board public hearing date was set for May 14, 2003.

Council set a public hearing for Monday, May 19, 2003 on development of Orchard Villas located at 32549 Lahser Road under the Cluster Option of the Zoning Ordinance. If the project moves forward, the Planning Board will undertake a site plan review of the development and forward its recommendation to Council.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER STAFFORD PETITION FOR UNDERDRAINS

The Village received a petition on April 14, 2003 from nine out of 17 property owners on Stafford Drive requesting that the Village address drainage needs on the road. The petition represents a majority of the property owners on Stafford.

The wording of the petition is as follows: “We the undersigned residents of Stafford Street hereby petition the Village of Beverly Hills to install a swale drainage system on our street. This petition is effective only if the cost of this remediation qualifies for the same grant that Coryell Estates received to protect the Rouge River. We believe that we may be entitled to this grant as our street borders the Rouge River”.

McCleary stated that applications for a Rouge Program Office Grant are due in early June. There are no guarantees that the grant will be approved. If Council accepts this petition, Spallasso requests authorization to direct engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark to prepare the design for underdrains with swales on Stafford Drive for an amount not to exceed \$10,800.

Motion by McCleary, seconded by Schmitt.

Resolved to grant authorization to Hubbell, Roth & Clark to prepare the design of underdrains with swales on Stafford Drive for an amount not to exceed \$10,800 so an application can be prepared and submitted for a Rouge Program Office Grant.

Pfeifer asked if this grant application can be extended to include Kennoway Court if those residents submit a petition for drainage improvements. Spallasso responded that it would be favorable to combine two major areas that need this type of improvement and submit a request for grant money.

Domzal stated that his initial reservations about spending taxpayer money on a project that may not go forward were dispelled during a discussion with administration that convinced him that it will be money well spent for a number of reasons. The engineering drawing provides useful information as far as outstanding issues. Taking this action moves the Village further along in the process of eliminating open ditching and making improvements to the drainage system.

Fred Porter of 31065 Stafford has been a resident living on a dirt street since 1964. He stated that the condition of the road has become worse as people filled in drainage ditches in front of their property. Those same people are asking for the road to be paved. Porter stated that a paved road will deteriorate if there is poor drainage. We are now looking at spending taxpayer money to study a situation that should not have happened in the first place if the ditches were maintained.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court asked if doing the underdrain project now will eliminate the need for further drainage work if the Village should decide to go forward with a road improvement project. Spallasso stated that drainage improvements would be step one of a future paving project.

In answer to a question, Murphy stated that a grant with matching road funds would alleviate both the residents' required contribution for drainage improvements and the Village's required contribution based on the percentage outlined in a formula established by Village policy.

In response to an inquiry, Lawrence Needham of 15588 Kirkshire was informed that 54% of the property owners signed the petition. Needham questioned spending funds on a lukewarm endorsement of the project.

Needham asked if the ditches could be restored to their former condition in lieu of further drainage improvements. Spallasso answered that the ditches could be restored to their original condition and maintained if a permanent solution is not undertaken in terms of the underdrain project.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court referred to discussion of code enforcement at the March 25, 2003 special Council meeting. She suggested that a Village code enforcement officer would be able prevent people from filling in their ditches as he patrols the community.

REPORTS - MANAGER

Yard waste collection began on April 14th. Starting with last week's collection, residents are asked to separate their yard waste from household rubbish. The contractor will not pick up commingled rubbish for the balance of the season. Yard waste collection ends December 11th.

SOCRRA compost will be available to Village residents at no charge. The compost distribution site has been relocated from Beverly Park to the northwest corner of the Village parking lot. There is a 30 yard pile there currently.

The Easter Egg Hunt that took place in Beverly Park this past Saturday was a successful event with a large attendance. Murphy thanked the Jaycees for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Little League Opening Day Festival takes place on Sunday, May 4.

The annual Beverly Park Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th starting at 10 a.m. until about noon.

Thanks to donations from the Pfeifer and Westcott families, the Village has received the gift of a new gazebo for Beverly Park. The 12-foot decagon will be placed to the south and east of the pond in keeping with the Park Master Plan. If all goes well and the weather cooperates, volunteers working on the project expect to have it standing by Memorial Day weekend.

Murphy related that the community lost one of its civic friends in the passing of Paul McGovern. Mr. McGovern was a former Planning Board member from 1983 to 1987 and was very active in the community.

In response to a question from Council, Murphy stated that new Village entrance signs will be received before Memorial Day weekend.

COUNCIL

Pfeifer reported that she attended the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council's first annual membership meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, April 15 at which time new Board members were appointed and a new set of Bylaws were approved. The BASCC in the Glow annual fund raiser will be held this Thursday, April 24th at the Townsend Hotel.

BASCC is in the process of interviewing for a new Program Manager, which is a five day/week and six hours/day position. The primary responsibilities include developing, implementing and publicizing programs, classes and activities in response to the needs and interests of the BASCC membership. Anyone interested can call BASCC Coordinator Theresa Monsour at 248/203-5270.

Pfeifer attended the Birmingham Area Cable Board meeting last Wednesday. The Comcast rate increase is still a topic of discussion. Council members received a copy of the proposed 2003/04 Cable Board budget. Questions on the budget should be directed to Pfeifer or the Board Executive Director, Kathy Hagaman. Pfeifer remarked that Ray Lacroix was a valuable member of the Cable Board and will be missed.

Pfeifer expressed the view that it was unfortunate that the subcommittee established to review Planning Board candidates did not make a firm recommendation on the position. She mentioned three interesting articles in the current edition of the Michigan Municipal Review on the following topics: 1) disincorporation of the Village; 2) Charter revisions, and 3) Council-Manager relationship.

Mooney thanked Ray Lacroix for his years of service on the Cable Board noting that he is involved in other community activities. She commended administration for the work done on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund application and for keeping Council current on the subject.

Mooney commented that people have every right to speak their mind and endorse a candidate. However, she does not appreciate the harsh criticism of Council by members of the audience tonight before a vote was even taken on the appointment of a Planning Board member.

McCleary reported on the Monday, April 14 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. A variance was approved for a sign to replace an existing sign in poor condition on a 14 Mile Road office building. He thanked the Jaycees for sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt.

Domzal stated that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be a joint meeting with Council on May 14. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the Jahn Construction cluster option proposal at 7:00 p.m. with a joint meeting to follow at 7:45 p.m. The Planning Board and Council will be considering the candidates for planning consultant services.

Domzal recalled that a presentation was made at the last Council meeting by a resident disputing a large water bill. People may not realize that Beverly Hills pays the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for water used, and they pay the Detroit Sewer and Water Department for the water. If the Village forgives water bills, it takes money out of taxpayers' pockets. Domzal suggested that administration prepare a written memorandum that explains the Village's procedures with respect to testing and certifying water meters. The Council is not a court of last resort with respect to appeals on water bills.

Domzal commented that the subcommittee could have recommended a single candidate for appointment to the Planning Board if it had more time to work out the issues. He thanked Mr. Ostrowski as well as the other candidates who appeared tonight. He hopes the candidates were not discouraged and will keep their applications on file with the Village.

Schmitt commented that the new gazebo in Beverly Park will have a plaque on it in memory of Bill Pfeifer. A new park bench will be donated in memory of Bob Nichols, a long-time member of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Bob Bliven attended last week's Parks and Recreation Board meeting and reminded everyone that Beverly Park land was originally donated by the Dodge Brothers to be used in perpetuity as a park. A plaque will be erected in the park saying "Dodge Brothers Park Number 6 established by Howard Bloomer in 1922".

The Annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk will be held on Sunday, May 4 starting in the morning from Seaholm High School. Anyone who wants to walk or sponsor someone can contact Phil Schmitt or just show up on May 4.

Schmitt announced that the second order of personalized paving bricks are being installed in the walkway from the Beverly Park entrance to the pavilion. The Annual Park Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. This weekend starts the Lions Club Annual White Cane sale, a major fund-raiser for leader dogs and for local projects. Schmitt thanked Murphy and Spallasso for the job done on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

Schmitt commented that there were several excellent candidates for Planning Board member, including the person who was appointed to the position. He thinks an apology is owed to Mr. Ostrowski. His credentials were exactly those that Council would want for someone on the Planning Board, and Schmitt hopes he will stay active in the community.

Schmitt attended the Southfield Township Board meeting last week. It started at 8:00 p.m. and was over at 8:17 p.m.

Downey proposed holding a special Council meeting next Monday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. for a budget study session and discussion of the policy agenda. McCleary indicated that he will be unavailable.

Domzal called a meeting of the Personnel Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28 to address manager goals.

Motion by Pfeifer, seconded by Mooney, to go into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Council met in closed session at 9:50 p.m.

Motion by Mooney, seconded by Pfeifer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

Doyle Downey
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary