

Present: Council President Domzal; Members: Downey, Koss, McCleary, Pfeifer, Taylor and Woodrow

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Murphy

President Domzal called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Motion by Downey, second by McCleary, to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining agreement.

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

The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:30 p.m.

Also Present: Public Services Director, Spallasso
Assistant to the Manager, Pasioka
Public Safety Director, Woodard
Village Clerk, Marshall
Building Official, Byrwa
Village Attorney, Ryan

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Taylor, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

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

Kathleen Berwick of 31381 Kennoway Court asked if there were any incidents related to the Our Lady of Albanians Church Festival over Labor Day weekend. Director Woodard responded that the event was under control. There were 10 parking violations issued, one property damage accident, and one loud music complaint received by the department shortly before closing time on the second night.

Edward Toth of 17500 Kirkshire commented on a neighborhood meeting to discuss a multi-family development plan for 14 Mile Road scheduled for Monday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church on the corner of 14 Mile and Pierce. He expressed concern that this important meeting is being held at a venue other than the Village municipal building, and it is not being televised. Toth requested that notice of this meeting be posted on the Village web site and displayed on the changeable

message sign outside of the Village offices. He asked that the meeting be televised or that Council allow the meeting be recorded for the benefit of interested Villagers.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane commented on items discussed at a Council study session held on Tuesday, August 31.

Pamela Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen Road stated that she and her husband attended the last Council meeting and came away with the feeling that Council does not want to hear negative comments from residents.

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK

Planning consultant Caryn Wenzara from Langworthy Strader LeBlanc presented an overview of the proposed Site Development Requirements Ordinance Amendment. She supplied background information on the process of codifying the Site Development Handbook to provide guidelines for individuals developing commercial property or remodeling commercial buildings. As part of the review process, there have been numerous conversations and meetings between interested business owners and the Planning Board, which resulted in multiple revisions to the proposed ordinance. The Planning Board is recommending adoption of Draft #8 of the Site Development Requirements Ordinance.

As part of the second reading, Wenzara summarized the Site Development Requirements Ordinance and the few miscellaneous amendments proposed as part of this process. She went through each of the topics in Section 22.09 including intent, applicability, building design requirements, landscape requirements, lighting requirements, and access management requirements. Amendments proposed in other sections of the zoning ordinance in conjunction with site development requirements are in the areas of parking, signs, lighting, and landscaping.

Domzal thanked the Planning Board for its work on this ordinance. Adoption of site development requirements will have a major impact on the character of the commercial building in the Village over the next 20 years. The public hearing was declared open at 7:58 p.m.

Wenzara answered questions from Bob Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court on the applicability section and issues that relate to building expansion and improvements due to destruction.

No one else wished to be heard; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pfeifer, second by McCleary, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held on August 17, 2004.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, August 23, 2004.

- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Tuesday, September 7, 2004.
- d. Review and consider annual funding request from Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition.
- e. Accept tree for Beverly Park from Covenant Alliance Church.

Motion passed (7 - 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

ACCEPT BRIAN MURPHY'S RESIGNATION AND CONSIDER APPOINTING RENZO SPALLASSO AS ACTING VILLAGE MANAGER

Woodrow announced that it is with deep regret that Council considers the resignation of Brian Murphy as Village Manager. He has accepted a position with a neighboring municipality, and his last day with the Village will be September 10.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Pfeifer, to regretfully accept the resignation of Brian Murphy as Village Manager and to appoint Renzo Spallasso as interim Village Manager.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Domzal passed the gavel to president pro-tem Woodrow in order to offer a proclamation for Council consideration. Domzal read a proclamation declaring the accomplishments of Brian Murphy during his term as Village Manager and thanking him for his many contributions to the Village in the past three years. Murphy was presented with a framed copy of the proclamation.

Motion by Domzal, second by Downey, to adopt the Proclamation offering heartfelt thanks to Brian Murphy for doing a terrific job as Village Manager during his three years in the community.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Murphy stated that it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with 14 Council members, scores of volunteers on different committees, and a fantastic staff in a beautiful community for the last three years.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER COUNCIL MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT

Before Council for consideration is a document that outlines rules and regulations for conduct at Beverly Hills Council meetings. Domzal believes that conduct at meetings is important to how business is done in the community and how other communities perceive the Village. Other area communities have established rules for conducting their government meetings. It is Council's intent to consider a written set of rules that are fair and not punitive and that provide ample opportunity for the public to express their concerns.

The document being considered is taken from the model used by Bingham Farms. It provides written guidelines whereby the chairperson can enforce rules and regulations in order to conduct a business-like meeting. Domzal read the 15 points included in the document.

Motion by Domzal, second by Pfeifer, to adopt Rules and Regulations for Beverly Hills Village Council meetings.

Koss concurred with the need for rules for conducting a Council meeting, but did not think that the chairperson should have the authority to limit the time available to speakers. If a time limit is set, it should apply to everyone.

Pfeifer thought that the chairperson should be allowed flexibility in terms of limiting the time a speaker talks. She suggested imposing a time limit and giving the chair the flexibility to remove that limit.

Downey suggested adding language to item #4 as follows: “It is also inappropriate to engage in personal attacks, hearsay, or use of documented information out of context.” He thinks that the chairperson should have some latitude in terms of a time limit for comments.

McCleary suggested a change in item #8 to replace “they may be required” with “it would be appropriate to designate no more than two representatives to present positions...”. He maintains that it may be difficult to ask that two people speak on an agenda item when there are a number of people present who want to be heard on an issue.

Taylor stated that it is important to hear from the public on issues, but he supports Domzal’s efforts to structure the meeting as he feels necessary.

Woodrow does not favor excessive rules, but thinks that the Village needs a general outline for meeting procedures to fall back on when needed. He noted that Beverly Hills is one of the only communities in the area that does not have written guidelines for conducting council meetings.

A friendly amendment to the document was offered and accepted to: 1) change the title to read “Guidelines” in lieu of “Rules and Regulations”; 2) Add a sentence in #4 stating, “It is also inappropriate to engage in personal attacks, hearsay, or use of documented information out of context.”; 3) In Item #8, replace “they may be required” with “it would be appropriate” to designate two representatives.

The following residents spoke in opposition to adoption of rules for conducting Council meetings. There were objections to limiting the time of speakers on the basis that Council meetings are a forum for people to voice their opinions. There was opposition to the request that two representatives be designated to present positions for and against an issue when there are a large number of people who wish to speak on an agenda item.

Residents asked Council to rethink and reject a policy that would limit the time available to speakers.

John Mooney	19111 Devonshire
Hildreth Buterbaugh	18171 Dunblaine
Pauline Millichamp	18630 E. Chelton
Frank Worrell	32123 Bellvine
Leanne Toth	21605 W. 13 Mile Road
Les Millichamp	18630 E. Chelton
Charles Green	18919 Riverside
Robert Walsh	20655 Smallwood
Bunker Kelly	21526 Corsaut
Gladys Walsh	20655 Smallwood
Kathleen Berwick	31381 Kennoway Ct.
Andrew Wong	21655 Normandale Ct.

Domzal stated that he has a great deal of respect for the members of Council who preceded this Council. He emphasized that the rules being proposed represent how he has handled meetings in the past. Council is making an honest effort to have consistency in its rules. It is not intended to be mandatory that a group of residents interested in the same topic be represented by two people. There are no time limits stated in the document. The issue is whether to commit in writing the rules that represent the way the meetings have been run. Domzal is hearing that residents do not want written rules.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by McCleary, to postpone indefinitely action on the proposed Council meeting Rules of Conduct.

Roll Call Vote:

Pfeifer	- yes
Taylor	- yes
Woodrow	- yes
Domzal	- yes
Downey	- no
Koss	- yes
McCleary	- yes

Motion passed (6 -1).

Domzal resumed the chair.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO CODIFY THE VILLAGE SITE DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK

A presentation was made earlier in the meeting by planning consultant Caryn Wenzara on the background and content of the Site Development Ordinance. A public hearing was held at that time. This will be the second reading of the ordinance.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Pfeifer, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council adopt the Site Development Requirements Ordinance as presented.

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

A copy of the ordinance in its entirety is available for public review at the Village office.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Recommendations from the Finance/Budget subcommittee on a series of 2004/05 fiscal year budget amendments have been discussed at previous Council meetings. The proposed amendments reduce the Village’s fund balance appropriation from \$231,430 to \$153,430. The fund balance, as reflected in the budget before FY 2003/2004 audit results, will total \$1,358,773 or 22.1% of total expenses.

Murphy commented that there are amendments that reflect additional revenues realized by the Village through building permit and passport activities. On the expense side, there have been concessions offered up by employees that amount to about \$18,000 as well as other items that have helped reduce expenses.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Pfeifer, to resolve to amend the FY 2004/2005 General Fund and Water and Sewer Operating Budgets as follows:

Village of Beverly Hills				
FY 2004/2005 Budget Amendment Worksheet				
Department (Reason)	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Difference	
GENERAL FUND				
REVENUES				
1) Building Permits (additional revenue from permit activity)	\$80,250	\$100,250	\$20,000	
2) Passport Fees (additional revenue from applications)	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$3,000	
3) Charges F/Services Water Department (account for fringe benefit costs)	\$183,000	\$214,000	\$31,000	
4) Contribution F/Fund Balance (reflect budget amendments)	\$231,430	\$153,430	(\$78,000)	
TOTAL REVENUES AMENDED			(\$24,000)	
EXPENSES				
1) Village Manager	\$277,791	\$271,791	(\$6,000)	
2) Finance Department	\$229,300	\$225,300	(\$4,000)	
3) Building Department	\$274,311	\$270,311	(\$4,000)	
4) Public Services (employee/staff reductions/concessions)	\$827,737	\$823,737	(\$4,000)	
5) Community Action (Village calendar and strategic plan)	\$66,409	\$60,409	(\$6,000)	
TOTAL EXPENSES AMENDED			(\$24,000)	

WATER AND SEWER OPERATING EXPENSES			
		\$2,043,416	
1) Direct Charges (principal payment and capital purchases)	\$2,012,416	\$1,981,416	(\$31,000)
2) Office/Administrative Charges (account for fringe benefit costs)	\$312,073	\$343,073	\$31,000
TOTAL EXPENSES AMENDED			\$0

Domzal reviewed that Council established a goal for a \$100,000 reduction in the 2004/05 budget and came close in terms of an \$80,000 reduction. Council and administration targeted the library contract as a possible source of substantial dollar reductions, which was determined to be unattainable after meetings with the Baldwin Library Board. Administration asked the Village’s solid waste provider to submit a quote on an extended contract with price reductions. The contractor responded that opening the contract would result in higher expenditures. Council has made concerted efforts to roll back expenses.

Bunker Kelly expressed the view that Council has not done all that it could to cut the budget in terms of payroll, training, memberships and dues.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2005 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Taylor, to accept the following schedule of Council meeting dates for 2005. The dates reflect meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

2005 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATES

January 4	July 5
January 18	July 19
February 1	August 2
February 15	August 16
March 1	September 6
March 15	September 20
April 5	October 4
April 19	October 18
May 3	November 1
May 17	November 15
June 7	December 6
June 21	December 20

2005 JOINT COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Thursday, September 15, 2005

7:30 p.m.

Council and Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, October 12, 2005

7:30 p.m.

Council and Planning Board

Motion passed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2005 CALENDAR BID RESULTS

Bids were received for the 2005 Village calendar project based on the layout of the 2004 calendar using a different type of paper that does not bleed through to the next page. Vendors were asked to quote on quantities of 2500 and 5000 calendars. As part of its budget deliberations, Council discussed printing only 2500 calendars and making them available for pick up at the Village office. This would save money in terms of the amount of calendars printed and the approximate \$1,400 cost of mailing. It was also thought that it would provide Council with input on whether the calendar is used. The issue is whether to print 2500 or 5000 calendars and whether or not to mail them to residents or ask that people pick up a calendar at the Village office.

Village Clerk Marshall remarked that the Village calendar is used to communicate with residents on a number of items such as recycling, trash and yard waste regulations, meeting dates, neighborhood associations, churches, government officials, etc. Every household is provided with this information annually.

Council members agreed that the printed calendar includes valuable information and is a great tool for residents, particularly new residents. Several members of Council indicated support for printing a lesser number of calendars this year and having them picked up in order to get an idea as to whether residents use and value the calendar. It was also suggested that an electronic calendar that can be updated regularly would be useful.

Hildreth Buterbaugh of 18171 Dunblaine commented favorably on the calendar. A suggestion for improving it would be to include the phone number of the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and the Birmingham Area Cable Board. He asked if Council has considered mailing the calendar with something else in order to split the cost of the postage.

Pamela Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen suggested that the information listed in the calendar could be printed more economically in a pamphlet that is mailed to residents.

Charles Green of 18919 Riverside commented on the importance of communicating with residents through the calendar.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court concurs that the calendar provides residents with necessary information about Beverly Hills. If Council produces less calendars this year and there is a savings, serious consideration should be given to using that savings towards an electronic calendar that can be updated regularly.

Leann Toth suggested incorporating pertinent information about the Village in the quarterly newsletter. She also proposed using an electronic calendar with paper information available if requested.

Gladys Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Ct. thinks of the calendar as being a professional and useful document, but noted that some of the information can be incorporated into the Village web site. Walsh expressed concern about printing too few calendars and questioned the availability of calendars to homebound people.

Pfeifer asked if the quantity could be increased from 2500 to 3000. She was informed that the competitive bids were submitted in quantities of 2500 and 5000. It was noted that the quote for 2500 calendars is \$6,837.00; the cost increases by about \$2,000 to double the amount of calendars printed.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Downey, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award the contract for design and printing of the Village 2005 Calendar Project to Spectrum 3 in the amount of \$8,880 for 5000 calendars. Funds for the project are available in account #101-747-881.

There was further Council and audience discussion on the number of calendars to be printed and whether they should be mailed to residents. A show of hands indicated that the audience favors ordering 5000 calendars by a three to one vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Domzal	- yes
Downey	- yes
Koss	- yes
McCleary	- yes
Pfeifer	- yes
Taylor	- no
Woodrow	- yes

Motion passed (6 – 1).

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Downey, to authorize the expenditure for postage costs for mailing of the 2005 calendar in the amount of \$1,380.00.

A show of hands indicated that residents were about 4-1 in favor of having calendars mailed to each residence.

Roll Call Vote:

Downey - yes
Koss - yes
McCleary - yes
Pfeifer - no
Taylor - yes
Woodrow - no
Domzal - yes

Motion passed (5 – 2).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FOUR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

The 2004/05 budget contains funds for new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) air cylinders. The new cylinders will replace out-of-date units that can no longer pass mandatory hydrostatic testing. The \$3,800 price quoted for four MSA 3000 psi Air Cylinders at \$950 each is from Apollo Fire Equipment of Romeo, sole and exclusive distributor of MSA breathing apparatus in this area of the state.

Motion by Koss, second by McCleary, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award the purchase of four MSA SCBA air cylinders in the amount of \$3,800 to Apollo Fire Equipment of Romeo. Funds are available for this purchase in Account #101-900-980, Capital Purchases; PS Equipment.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONCRETE CHANGE ORDER TO REPLACE SIDEWALKS

In July, Council awarded a concrete repair program to Dominic Gaglio Construction for a total of \$151,475.00. Unit prices for 4” and 6” concrete sidewalk replacement included in the project came in reasonably low, and the contractor is willing to add a substantial amount of quantities at the bid price. Funds are available in the 2004/05 budget (\$35,000) for repair of existing sidewalks, which includes grinding of step toes.

Motion by McCleary, second by Downey, to approve Change Order #1 to Contract R-04-03 for a revised total contract price of \$179,942.50.

Questions and comments from Council and the public were addressed by Spallasso. This change order will allow for replacement of badly deteriorated concrete within the existing sidewalk system that presents a potential for liability.

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

REVIEW TRAFFIC LIGHT AT DUNBLAINE & SOUTHFIELD ROAD

Council is in receipt of a copy of a letter from Renzo Spallasso to Gerald Holmberg, Deputy Managing Director of the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in which he included a petition signed by 350 residents who are in favor of reinstalling the traffic signal at Southfield Road and Dunblaine.

Spallasso related that the RCOC has wanted to remove the signal at Southfield and Dunblaine for a number of years. The sewer construction project in the area required temporary removal of the traffic signal. During that time, the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA) of Oakland County conducted a study and concluded in its report that the intersection does not meet the 11 warrants required for installation of a signal at Southfield and Dunblaine. On this basis, the RCOC decided not to reinstall the traffic signal. Spallasso on Council's behalf concurred with this decision in a letter to the Road Commission.

The removal of the traffic signal led to about 350 area residents signing a petition asking that the signal be reinstated. Spallasso forwarded the petitions to the Road Commission last Friday. Spallasso received a phone call from Holmberg today indicating that the letter and petitions will be submitted to the RCOC Board for consideration on September 23, 2004 at 9 a.m. at their office at Thirteen Mile and Lahser Roads. Interested Beverly Hills residents may want to attend this public meeting and state their views on the topic. Spallasso emphasized that the Road Commission has full authority and responsibility for installation of a traffic signal at Southfield and Dunblaine.

John Chalifoux of 18160 Buckingham was present on behalf of area residents, a number of whom were present in the audience. He spoke in favor of replacing the traffic signal and crossing at Southfield and Dunblaine. The petition that was drafted and circulated reads as follows:

“We the undersigned strongly support the immediate reinstatement of the traffic light and school crossing at the intersection of Southfield Road and Dunblaine in Beverly Hills. We are outraged that a decision was made without a public hearing and without public notification not to replace the permanent traffic control devices that were removed during the current Southfield Road construction project. For 39 years, this traffic controlled intersection has provided for increased mobility and safety for the children and adults of Beverly Hills and for Oakland County residents at large.” The petition notes that, per the RCOC, a traffic light at Southfield Road and Dunblaine was initially installed on September 17, 1965.

Chalifoux commented that Southfield Road is a major county road that passes through their neighborhood and serves the larger community. Resident concerns include the safety and mobility of residents, particularly given the large number of children and seniors in the area. Removal of the traffic signal and school crossing at Southfield and Dunblaine is not consistent with this vision. Chalifoux stated that residents seek the assistance of Council. A petition with 350 signatures was presented to the Village last Wednesday. Today another petition with 250 more signatures was submitted.

The foundation of the citizens petition is summarized by three points: 1) The decision to remove the traffic signal was based solely or predominantly on a traffic study; 2) The traffic study as applied in this case was fundamentally flawed; therefore, the decision to remove the signal is invalid and should be reversed; 3) Even if the traffic study had been 100% correct, other factors should have been considered before action was taken. Chalifoux elaborated on these points and concluded that the traffic signal at Southfield and Dunblaine should be reinstated. He introduced Mary Jo Hebert, school crossing guard at Southfield and Beverly for the past 17 years.

Mary Jo Hebert of 17231 Beechwood commented that she is present to restate concerns aired in 1998 when a resident was killed in an accident at Southfield Road and Dunblaine. Her major point at the time was how important the Dunblaine light is to the community. The traffic signal is supposed to work in conjunction with the Beverly signal. It allows residents the chance to enter and exit their neighborhood more safely. When set properly, it regulates the flow of traffic for the rest of Southfield Road. It has a large effect on the Beverly and Southfield intersection, where there is a high amount of pedestrian traffic.

Hebert stated that the speed limit on Southfield Road is 45 MPH, which is too high for a residential area between two school zones. She maintained that, when the Dunblaine light was properly timed, the flow of traffic was safer, smoother and more sane. She thinks that the Village should do everything it can to get the traffic signal reinstated and working properly for the safety of the community and drivers on the road.

Hildreth Buterbaugh of 18171 Dunblaine commented that he has lived in the area all his life and cannot remember there not being a traffic signal at Dunblaine and Southfield. He is concerned that there has not been a survey of the residents of Dunblaine or adjacent streets to determine their wants. There are many seniors who will not cross at Dunblaine without a traffic signal. The walk lights on Dunblaine have never been adequately timed. Buterbaugh suggested a public safety presence in the area to make sure that cars are stopping at the lights. He thinks that the speed limit on that portion of Southfield Road should be 35 MPH. Buterbaugh maintains that the purpose of the five lights on Southfield Road between 12 and 14 Mile Road exist for the purpose of traffic calming and for platooning of cars. He recommends reinstalling the light and reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH.

Belia Dayton of 17976 Dunblaine stated that she is glad that the light was removed. She has never crossed at Dunblaine with her children and has noticed that not many people use the Dunblaine crossing because the destination points are on Beverly Road or 14 Mile Road. She has talked to residents who are in support of reinstalling the light but indicate that they never use that intersection because it is difficult to use. There is no sidewalk on the west side. Dayton believes that the light has become a symbol of safety to the residents. She expressed the view that the Village needs to focus on lowering the speed limit and providing a safe crossing for school children.

Raymond Ridder of 18190 Riverside questioned the time and location of the RCOC meeting on this topic, which was answered by Spallasso.

Nazaret Kahayian of 18204 Kinross expressed the opinion that Southfield Road from 14 Mile to Beverly Road will become a speedway without the Dunblaine traffic signal. He supports a 35 MPH speed limit.

Kim Chalifoux of 18160 Buckingham commented that the light is a visual for motorists going through that area and serves to curb speeding. Of the 600 signatures that were collected on the petitions, she came across only four people who either disagreed with the petition or did not have an opinion.

Rose McLennan of 19977 Sunnyslope commented that it will be difficult for many residents to attend the Road Commission meeting at the scheduled time on a weekday morning.

Taylor commented on the pros and cons of the light but favors reinstalling the light if that is the will of the community.

McCleary stated that there is no sidewalk on the west side of Southfield Road adding to the difficulty of crossing at Dunblaine. If the County decides to reinstall the traffic signal, it would have to be done properly in terms of a sidewalk approach and correct timing of the signal.

Downey expressed the view that Dunblaine is a dangerous place to locate a traffic signal, and the potential for traffic conflict is increased by having a light that people do not expect. Traffic warrants indicate that a light should not be in that location. Downey thinks that speed in the area is a problem. He recommends considering alternate traffic control devices in the area such as a flashing light to slow traffic.

Koss agreed that a slower speed limit should be considered. She would support further traffic studies to determine what needs to be done to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in this area.

Pfeifer questioned how many hours a day the Dunblaine light is operational. It appears to be in flashing mode most of the time. She stressed that Southfield Road is under the jurisdiction of Oakland County and this is not a decision for Council to make. Pfeifer does not believe that Oakland County and the TIA would place residents at risk. She encouraged residents to be represented at the September 23rd Road Commission meeting.

Woodrow had questions on the necessity for the Dunblaine traffic signal and thinks a proper traffic study of that intersection should be done. It is his opinion is that the light should be reinstated if people in the area want it there, and he encourages people to speak to the Road Commission people about the issue.

Spallasso stated that Road Commission representatives will listen to those present at their meeting, receive the petition, and most likely pass the information on to its traffic safety division to take a second look at the intersection.

With respect to pedestrian safety, Domzal stated that he would only support installation of a blinking light if the problems that exist at that intersection are corrected in terms of proper pedestrian access. He suggested that the homeowner association come up with money to make necessary improvements. Domzal thinks that reinstalling the traffic light should be studied with consideration given to all pertinent issues including traffic calming measures and patrolling the speed limit.

REPORTS

MANAGER

Murphy expressed his appreciation of the proclamation prepared in his honor. He will treasure it along with the memories he has accumulated over the last three years working with a wonderful council, staff, administration, volunteers in the community and the community at large. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Village of Beverly Hills.

Murphy reminded everyone that the neighborhood meeting on the 14 Mile Road overlay zoning proposal will take place on September 13th at 7:30 p.m. at Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church on the corner of 14 Mile and Pierce. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss the relative merits of the overlay zoning district and gather resident input on the proposal. Representatives from Independent Bank will present their Community Reinvestment Act home improvement loan program.

The last day to pay taxes without penalty is next Tuesday, September 14th.

The Village Council is scheduled for a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board on September 16th in Beverly Park at 7:30 p.m.

As leaf season returns, Murphy reminded people that the Village is encouraging residents to use brown paper bags designed for yard waste disposal for all yard waste. While the rubbish contractor will collect plastic bags with leaves only, the Village is asking residents to switch to paper. It is expected that next year plastic collection will no longer be permitted. As always, do not use plastic bags for grass clippings as they will not be picked up.

COUNCIL

Koss stated that the Strategic Planning Development Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 14th at 7 p.m. at Groves High School.

Pfeifer stated that the Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet on Wednesday, September 22 in the Village municipal building at 7:45 a.m. Pfeifer remarked that she will be involved in a strategic planning session for the Birmingham Area Seniors

Coordinating Council organization. Pfeifer commented that she has enjoyed working with Brian Murphy for the past few years. She appreciates the wonderful things he has done for the Village.

Woodrow thanked Covenant Alliance Church for donating a tree to Beverly Park and encouraged others to do the same in an effort to replace the 330 trees lost due to the emerald ash borer. He wished the best to Brian Murphy in his new position.

Taylor commented that he came to know Brian Murphy personally and has enjoyed his friendship. Murphy has done an excellent job for the Village.

Downey asked people to control and clean up after their dogs in the Douglas Evans nature preserve and in Beverly Park. He shared information on the last Retirement Board meeting and its investment activities.

Downey commented on the issue of state funding cuts for the state's highest per capita spending school districts. Council adopted and forwarded to the Governor a resolution opposing the state's intention to eliminate Birmingham Public Schools 20J funding.

Downey congratulated Renzo Spallasso on his new grandson. Downey said that he has the greatest respect for Brian Murphy in terms of his contributions toward the improvement of this Village.

Domzal remarked that residents should be proud of Groves High School and the accomplishments of its students. He encouraged people to take an interest in high school sports.

Domzal thanked Renzo Spallasso for stepping forward and offering to serve as interim Village Manager. He thanked Brian Murphy for a great affiliation.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

Motion passed.

Dave Domzal
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary