

Present: Council President Domzal; President Pro-Tem Woodrow; Members: Downey, Koss, McCleary, Pfeifer and Taylor.

Absent: None

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

President Domzal called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The meeting is a continuation of a Council study session that started at 6:00 p.m. The main topic discussed at the study session was scheduling of Village elections and terms of office. Another issue was to place a Charter amendment on the ballot to increase the spending limit of administration without Council approval from \$1,000 to a higher number and provide some type of indexing on the figure.

Domzal recognized Webelo Scouts from Troop 1024 in the audience. The Webelo scouting program is a two-year transition where a scout moves from a Cub Scout to a Boy Scout troop. The scouts were present prior to the start of the meeting for a question and answer session with Council, the Village Manager, and Public Safety Director to learn about Village government, the responsibilities of Council, and community issues. The Webelo troop members came forward and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Scouts approached the lectern and introduced themselves noting which school they attend. The Webelos are working to achieve their citizenship in the community badges.

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Koss, to move the Discussion Item, “Library Survey Results”, ahead of the Business Agenda.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Motion by Woodrow, second by Koss, to move Business Agenda item (f), “Review and consider resolution approving a contract between the Village and SOCRRA”, ahead of item (a).

Motion passed (7 – 0).

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

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Review and consider minutes of a special Council meeting held on February 15, 2005.
- b. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held on February 15, 2005.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, February 21, 2005.
- d. Accept memorial bench for Beverly Park from Girl Scouts.

Patricia Greening, Parks and Recreation Board chairperson, thanked the Girl Scouts for their donation to purchase a bench for Beverly Park in commemoration of Girl Scout leaders who have passed away. The six foot bench will be placed in the area of the playground. The Parks and Recreation Board accepts and encourages donations of benches, picnic tables, grills, trees, etc. for Beverly Park.

Motion passed (7 - 0).

**DISCUSSION ITEM – LIBRARY SURVEY RESULTS**

Koss reviewed that 4,206 surveys on the topic of resident use of Baldwin Public Library were distributed to Beverly Hills residents in the fourth quarter edition of The Villager newsletters that went out in December 2004. The Village received 1,007 returns, which is a 24% response rate. Kim Holland, President of Crossbow Research, was present to review the survey results. Director of the Baldwin Public Library Marti Custer was in attendance and will answer questions from Council and the public.

Kim Holland used a power point presentation to review the results of the 15 questions asked in the library survey. 84% of households reported that they or other members in the household have a Baldwin Library card. 62% of the respondents who have a library card reported using it 10 or more times a year. The predominant services used by card holders included borrowing books, research or reference, borrowing movies, audio tapes and CDs and children's department. Among the Baldwin card holders who reported using other libraries, they most often used Bloomfield Township and the Southfield libraries.

All respondents were asked if it is important that the Village of Beverly Hills provide library service for residents. 82% said yes.

The next question was, "For fiscal year 2004/05, the Village is paying \$488,354 (1.077 mills) out of the General Fund to support library services. Would you support a dedicated millage to pay for library services?" 61% of the respondents would support a dedicated millage to pay for library services.

Those who said no were asked to provide a written response as to why they would not support a dedicated millage. The responses were categorized to arrive at a common theme. The five predominant responses were as follows: 23% of residents thought that an alternative existed or should be found; 20% wanted to keep library funds in the General Fund; 18% of those who do not support a dedicated millage do not want a tax increase or

new taxes; 12% cited a lack of use or need for this service; 9% felt that the cost outweighs the benefit. About one-third of those who did not support a dedicated millage cited other reasons that did not fit into a particular category.

The survey asked background questions to better understand the responses. 86% of respondents have access to the Internet in their home; 74% conduct research from their home using the Internet rather than going to the library; 46% purchase books more often than borrowing them from the library.

Holland reviewed the results of demographic questions included in the survey. Respondents were asked what voting precinct they live in, whether they are registered voters, their age group and gender, whether there are children in the household, and their education profile.

Domzal noted that 76% of the households did not respond to the survey. He asked if there was anything to be read into whether the people who did not respond were more likely to be representative of one end of the spectrum or the other. Holland answered that it is difficult to gauge who the non-respondents were. The data shows that the 1,000 surveys returned would be representative of the population at large. The demographics imply that they are representative of the Village population although possibly a little better educated than the average resident.

Pfeifer provided background information on why Council authorized a library use survey. The Village has been in partnership with Baldwin Public Library since the inception of Beverly Hills. She commented on a thorough one-year study conducted in 1990 by an ad hoc committee that researched various options for providing library services. Council is at a point where it wants to establish whether Village residents are still using the service and are willing to pay for it.

Pfeifer introduced the Director of Baldwin Library Marti Custer, who is present with two Board members to answer questions from the Council and the public.

Marti Custer was interested in the survey results noting that they confirm that an upper, middle class of well educated people are those who most often use libraries and support them. She related information about the Baldwin Public Library. It is a Department of the City of Birmingham. The Library has a dedicated millage and a six-member elected Board. Two of the Board members are present this evening, Ileana Thal, President, and Joan Heinicke, Board member. Staff member Ann Wilhelm, who works in the circulation department, is also present if there are questions about the Library's reciprocal agreements.

The city owns the library building, and Baldwin Library does not pay rent. The Library contracts with Birmingham for accounting services, human resources, insurance, retirement programs, and building maintenance. There is a 600-member Friends of the Library group managed by an executive council, of which three members are Beverly Hills residents. The BPL has a contract for services with Beverly Hills and with Bingham Farms. Additionally, it receives about \$25,000 each year in state funding, and another

\$40,000 in penal funds. There is miscellaneous revenue from fines, fees, and renting meeting rooms.

Custer outlined future plans for Baldwin Library and services offered. She commented on the City of Birmingham's financial crunch noting that the Library is working to determine the best use for the existing footprint of the building. It is being proposed to make changes to the building within the next year that would make the Library more technologically user friendly.

Custer stated that the Library does not have firm numbers for the Village relative to the number of Beverly Hills residents who use the library. She stated that the Library does not purge its data base on a regular basis. Custer remarked that a number has been circulating through the community that there are 7,622 library patrons from Beverly Hills, but the figure did not come from her office and she cannot attest that it is a true number. Custer distributed a report to Council that addresses Beverly Hills circulation statistics.

Library usage is increasing by about 20% per year, and finances are not increasing accordingly. The circulation statistics show that, as circulation has grown, Beverly Hills' participation has increased. Custer stated that Beverly Hills' percent of usage exceeds its percent of contribution to the budget.

Motion by Koss, second by Pfeifer, to accept the Executive Summary and Library Survey results provided by Kim Holland.

Questions and comments from Council and members of the public were addressed by Marti Custer. Custer commented on the reciprocal library agreements with other libraries and how they work.

Pamela Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen questioned why the library does not have a data base that can determine how many residents from each community have library cards and how many times they use the library.

Custer stated that the Library is in the process of purchasing an updated computer system that will retire inactive cards after three years. The number of households that use the library is the type of information that the Library would not track due to privacy issues. She added that there is a large number of households that are made up of multiple people, which makes library usage difficult to track. Further, the Baldwin Library does not track the number of people who visit the library to use the computers, read magazines and newspapers, or attend programs.

Koss questioned how the Library can generate a circulation number in terms of material borrowed that is attributed to Beverly Hills but cannot tell the Village how many library cards from Beverly Hills are in use.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane stated that specific questions have been asked for informational purposes. He understands that the Baldwin Library's computer system is

outdated. However, the fact that there is a category for both Beverly Hills addresses and Beverly Hills employees in the data base and a number tied to the two categories means that the system does sort. Kelly hopes that there will be a commitment from the Library beyond retiring inactive cards after three years. The Library should be able to track card holders and provide the Village with statistics.

Kelly commented that Beverly Hills has had a relationship with Baldwin Public Library for over four decades and has spent millions of dollars helping to support the Library. It troubles him that the Library Director infers that Villagers are not paying their proportionate share. Beverly Hills anticipates paying over \$500,000 in the next year.

Kelly questioned what alternatives there are that would allow Village residents access to Baldwin Public Library in lieu of spending the \$503,000 that is in next fiscal year's budget. He asked what the options are if a Library millage is placed on the ballot and is not passed in September. Kelly disparaged the credibility of the Village's library survey.

John Mooney of 19111 Devonshire refuted the challenges of Mr. Kelly relative to the credibility of the survey results. Mooney voiced his position that it is not inappropriate for the Baldwin Library to refuse to report on who takes books out of the library and when. He thinks that the plan to give the Village information on what number of cards belong to Beverly Hills residents is an excellent one.

Mooney commented that he thinks a public library is as essential to a community as its Public Safety Department and Public Works Department. He maintains that going to the voters to determine whether the library is an essential service is a waste of time and money. People have elected Council, and Council should take a position. It is Mooney's suggestion that, if the Village is running out of funds, Council should use its authority to special assess the residents possibly for half of the cost of the library contract amount.

Frank Worrell of 32123 Bellvine Trail agrees that the community needs a library. He thinks that the issue is determining how many households in the Village use the library. The Village should find out if it is getting the bang for its buck.

Pam Rijnovean stated that the Village needs to make informed decisions when it is spending \$500,000.

John Mooney compared the rationale for determining how many households use the library with the logic of finding out how many households use the Public Safety Department or the engineering department. People either agree that the library is a fundamental service to a community or not.

Council members offered their final comments on the topic. There was agreement that the survey made it clear that Baldwin Library receives high usage by Beverly Hills residents. It was noted that research has shown that the Village would probably not be able to obtain library service in the area at a lesser cost. The question is how to fund the library contract in the future. The Village's General Fund is under a lot of stress. A goal should be to

obtain a secure funding source for library service before the Village General Fund reaches a crisis mode.

Domzal thanked the Baldwin Public Library representatives for attending tonight's meeting. He reminded members of the public that this subject will be visited again.

Vote on Motion:  
Motion passed (7 – 0).

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

Domzal asked to recuse himself from discussion and a vote on this agenda item because his participation in this matter would represent a conflict of interest. He is an attorney whose practice represents Waste Management, a key contractor for SOCRRA.

Motion by Downey, second by Taylor, to recuse Dave Domzal from voting on the agenda item to consider resolution approving a contract between the Village and SOCRRA.

Domzal passed the gavel to President Pro-Tem Woodrow and left the Council chamber.

Motion passed (6 – 0).

The Village has a solid waste collection contract with Great Lakes Waste that expires on June 30, 2005. For its solid waste disposal service, Beverly Hills has a member municipality contract with Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) that expires on June 30, 2007.

SOCRRA is proposing a new member municipality contract that would include both collection and disposal and extension of the contract among the member communities to 2027. The Village would have to negotiate an extension to the current contract with Great Lakes. The financial impact of entering into this contract with SOCRRA will be to reduce the Village's costs by at least 10 percent.

Motion by McCleary, second by Downey, to adopt the following resolution.

RESOLVED that a certain contract between the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority and the Village of Beverly Hills, whereby the said Authority shall collect, process and dispose of the municipal solid waste, yard waste and recyclables accumulating within this municipality, and the Village of Beverly Hills shall pay the Authority for this service at rates established annually by the Authority Board of Trustees for an indefinite period, but at least to June 30, 2027, be and the same is hereby ratified and approved as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Clerk of the Village of Beverly Hills be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute said contract as presented with the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority for and on behalf of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Council questions and comments on the proposed contract were addressed by SOCRRA General Manager Jeffery McKeen and Counsel Robert Davis. Mr. Davis emphasized that, if the Waste Disposal Contract Elements are not all delivered by January 1, 2006, each community has until March 1, 2006 to exercise the termination option.

The contract is available for public review at the Village offices.

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

Domzal returned to his seat at 9:12 p.m.

#### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR 2005 DUST CONTROL SERVICES**

The Village has received bids for dust control needs on gravel roads for the upcoming season. Fifty percent of the cost for this service is assessed to the property owners with the balance paid for by the Village Local Road Fund. Suburban Oil Company is the low bidder for Calcium Chloride at \$0.25 per gallon and Highway Maintenance Company is the low bidder for Asphalt Emulsion at \$2.62 per gallon.

Council questions on the material and comparison to last year's costs were addressed by Spallasso. It was noted that there is less than two miles of gravel road in the Village.

Kathleen Berwick of 31381 Kennoway Court commented that she lives on a dirt road and would like to see more gravel spread on the street. Spallasso responded that the grade material that is spread on the roads is what all the counties use for that purpose.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Woodrow, to award the 2005 Calcium Chloride Dust Control Program to Suburban Oil Co. at \$0.25/gallon and the 2005 Asphalt Emulsion Program to Highway Maintenance Company at \$2.62/gallon.

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

#### **SECOND READING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #320 AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE, SAFETY AND MORALS**

Council held a first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 320 at its February 15, 2005 meeting. The ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code dealing with alcohol possession by minors evolved from a recent appellate court opinion that prompted a change in state law. The ordinance will update the Village code to be in line with state law.

The issues addressed in the ordinance target those minor persons (20 years and younger) who are found to be in possession of alcohol. The concept of possession-by-consumption (in the body as opposed to in the hands) is introduced; the obligation by a minor to submit to a preliminary breath test by an officer with probable cause is added; the associated fines/costs/community service alternatives are detailed. Local adoption of these changes will allow arrests to be made and violations to be written by Department of Public Safety personnel.

Village Attorney Tom Ryan highlighted each section of the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code for the Village of Beverly Hills by amending, in part, Chapter 42, Section .10.10, Purchase, Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by Minors.

Motion by Koss, second by Pfeifer, to adopt Ordinance No. 320, An Ordinance to amend Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code for the Village of Beverly Hills by Amending, in part, Chapter 42, Section .10.10, Purchase, Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by Minors.

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

#### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO BEVERLY PARK IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY SCHEDULE**

The Parks and Recreation Board is asking for Council approval to reallocate park improvement funds, specifically to reallocate \$60,000 from the park pond project to the pavilion renovation project. The original estimate for pavilion renovation costs was \$150,000. Construction bids based on pavilion plans and specifications have come in higher than anticipated. The Parks and Recreation Board has scaled back the design and is also requesting use of \$60,000 from the proposed pond improvement allocation to add to the pavilion renovation budget in order to complete that project.

The 1998 Park Master Plan outlined improvements in several areas in the park. Financing for the projects was made possible through a Clean Michigan Initiative grant, fund raising events, money received from pavilion rentals, and a dedicated five-year 0.25 millage for park improvements. Projects that have been completed are the playground improvements, park entrance and fencing, paved parking lot, gazebo, and sled hill steps and safety railing.

Motion by McCleary, second by Koss, to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Board to reallocate \$60,000 budgeted for pond improvements to increase funds available for pavilion renovation from \$150,000 to \$210,000.

Patricia Greening, Parks and Recreation Board chair, outlined the process that the Parks and Recreation Board and Village consultants went through to estimate the cost of each project identified as a park priority in the Park Master Plan. The cost of the first phase of the improvements including the fencing, park entrance, parking lot paving and new playground came in higher than anticipated.

The Board is aware of the funds available to accomplish the remaining projects in Beverly Park. The pond is an area that members thought could be put aside for another time. The Village had anticipated obtaining a matching grant for pond improvements estimated at \$120,000 to do shore stabilization, pond aeration and control of the nearby artesian well. The grant was denied by the DNR.

Questions and comments from Council were addressed by Greening. Downey questioned the intent of the Parks and Recreation Board in terms of improvements to the pond. Greening responded that it is hoped to make improvement such as adding stones around the edge. The artesian well is currently flowing into the pond due to drainage work done by volunteers. There is nothing major in terms of pond work that will be foregone because the goal is to keep the pond natural. Pfeifer recalled that the pond was dredged a number of years ago.

Woodrow asked that the Parks and Recreation Board update the Beverly Park Capital Improvement Master Plan priority list revenue and expense timing report with current dollar figures for completed and future improvements.

Spallasso stated that it is anticipated that an agenda item for the next Council meeting will be to consider approval and award contract for pavilion renovation. He noted that the cost of planting replacement trees within park property has been charged to the Parks and Recreation account. Council will make a decision on this at an upcoming meeting.

Bob Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court stated that he has been following the park improvement plan through the Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes. He noted that pond improvements have been a priority for a number of years. The Village applied for a grant and was turned down.

Walsh recapped Board activities as far as preparation and review of pavilion plans and specifications and the process of going out for bids for construction. He questioned the authority of the Parks and Recreation Board to add \$60,000 from the pond budget to the \$150,000 budget for pavilion improvements.

Domzal remarked that the issue tonight is reallocation of money budgeted for park improvements. There will be a contract award to a bidder for pavilion construction work at some point.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane believes that there was \$44,000 targeted in the Park Master Plan for tree replacement in Beverly Park. He has provided Council with documentation from the IRS stating that trees are a capital asset and not a maintenance item. Kelly commented that the estimate from engineering consultants Hubbell Roth & Clark for pavilion improvements was \$150,000. He displayed the most recent plans for the pavilion renovations, which he described as overbuilding.

John Mooney of 19111 Devonshire stated that the funds being discussed is money that Village residents voted by referendum specifically for Beverly Park improvements. The

Parks and Recreation Board has been entrusted with overseeing those improvements. There have been substantial improvements to the pond including a gazebo and benches in the area. Volunteer work has been done to bring artesian water to the pond. There are few places in Beverly Hills where people can meet as a community. Mooney emphasized the large number of people who use the pavilion throughout the year.

Ralph Lohrengal of 18346 Beverly Road commented that people who speak at the lectern should address the issues and not make personal attacks.

Pamela Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen commented that she and others have not seen the pavilion renovation plan. She thinks that residents would like to know what the pavilion will look like before a decision is made to approve the plan.

Kathleen Berwick of 31381 Kennoway Court commented that, if the plan calls for more restrooms, they should be kept unlocked.

Frank Worrell of 32123 Bellvine Trail thinks that people who come to the lectern should make their point without personal attacks.

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

#### **REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR 2005 SOUTHFIELD ROAD LANDSCAPING SERVICES**

Village administration secures the services of a landscape contractor to maintain the business properties in the rights-of-way along the Southfield Road Business District and a small portion of 13 Mile Road. Costs for these services pass through the Village and are charged back to the businesses based on front footage.

Seven contractors were invited to bid on providing this service for the 2005 summer season, and three companies responded. There was a difference of only \$126 between the two lowest bidders. The low bid from Excell Landscaping was for \$3,980, which is the same amount as their 2004 bid.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Koss, that the 2005 landscape contract for the amount of \$3,980 to cover the landscaping maintenance work required in the Southfield Road Business District be awarded to Excell Landscaping.

It was noted that Excell's rate for maintaining the sprinkler system is \$65/hour compared to the \$35/hour charge for the same service from the next lowest bidder, Johnson.

Roll Call Vote:  
Downey - no  
Koss - no  
McCleary - no  
Pfeifer - yes

Taylor - no  
Woodrow - no  
Domzal - yes

Motion fails (5 – 2).

Motion by McCleary, second by Taylor, to award the 2005 landscape contract for landscaping maintenance work along the Southfield Road Business District to Johnson Landscaping in the amount of \$4,106.00.

In response to an inquiry, Spallasso stated that Johnson has performed this work satisfactorily for the Village in past years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed (6 – 1).

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST BY THE JAYCEES TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT IN BEVERLY PARK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2005**

The Birmingham Jaycees are requesting to use Beverly Park for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26, 2005. The program affords young families an opportunity for numerous activities including a petting farm, face painting, animated characters, a moonwalk, etc.

The Jaycees are requesting \$500 from the Village to help defray the cost of their expenses. The amount has been budgeted in account 101-747-894 for this event. A certificate of insurance has been received from the Jaycees.

Motion by McCleary, second by Downey, that Council approve the request from the Birmingham Area Jaycees to conduct their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Beverly Park on Saturday, March 26, 2005, waiving all fees for the use of the park. The Village also supports the Jaycees with a \$500 check from funds available in account 101-747-894 (Community Action: Special Events). A certificate of insurance is required naming the Village as additional insured.

Mike Shick, past president of the Birmingham Jaycees, commented that the Village's past support of the event has been greatly appreciated. The Jaycees look forward to the use of the park and a \$500 donation again this year. The Jaycees support charities such as Jaycee

FAN (Family AIDS Network), which provides support to children with AIDS and their families. The Jaycees also provide support through donations to Common Ground Sanctuary, a group that does crisis support in the local communities that it serves.

In answer to an inquiry, Shick stated that the cost to put on the event is about \$2,000. Donations are accepted from participants to help defray costs. The Jaycees donate \$1,500 to \$2,000 to charities as well.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court called Council's attention to the fact that this is an unlawful expenditure by a government unit. Appropriations that are not specifically authorized by the state statute cannot be authorized by the governing body regardless of the worthiness of the cause. Examples of these unauthorized expenditures are contributions to churches, veterans, and non-profit organizations. Another relevant item is donations to community organizations. Tischler noted that the Village has a Lions Club that has never asked Council for money to support their causes to raise money for charitable organizations. She maintains that the Village cannot tax residents and give the money to a group that, in turn, gives it to a charitable organization.

Ryan stated that the event is a function being conducted in the Village Park for the benefit of the children and the people of the Village of Beverly Hills.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane stated that the Village should not give \$500 to the Birmingham Area Jaycees for this event. He offered to donate towards the Easter Egg Hunt and suggested that Council members do the same.

Domzal stated that he has been advised on the use of public funds, and the money being given to the Jaycees is a stipend for services that are provided to the community.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed (5 – 2).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pamela Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen commented on a number of issues addressed in the Public Safety Department Operational Review. She expressed the view that Council should readdress its decision on changing the shift length from 8 hours to 12 hours for Public Safety officers.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court posed questions on the park renovation construction project. She commented that Village administration generally goes out for bids after receiving direction from Council.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane commented that the number of households indicated on the SOCRRA material differs from the number of households noted on the library survey. This number should be checked since SOCRRA calculates its charges to the Village based on the number of households.

#### **REPORTS – MANAGER**

Village residents can make tentative pavilion reservations beginning Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Village Office. Due to anticipated construction work at the pavilion, the Village will not be able to guarantee that the pavilion will be available on the scheduled date. Reservations will be made with the understanding that they could be canceled when construction dates are confirmed. The Village will call the renter as soon as it knows that their event will be affected. In the case of cancellations due to the construction, all fees will be refunded.

Village DPW crews continued to perform well during the last winter weather events. This season is turning out to be very expensive as far as winter maintenance costs.

The water main project is continuing on schedule. Spallasso again thanked residents who live along the segments where the contractor is working for their patience.

#### **COUNCIL**

Taylor explained that his vote on the \$500 allocation to the Jaycees for the Easter Egg Hunt was due to a concern that it could be considered fiscally improper. The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Monday, March 14. The Southfield Township Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, March 8.

Downey reported that the Personnel Committee met last week with Renzo Spallasso to discuss manager's goals. The goals will be updated and reviewed at the next Personnel Committee meeting prior to distribution to Council.

Domzal referred to an article in the Wall Street Journal on February 22, 2005 entitled, "To cut costs cities ponder mergers with counties". The Village Council has been talking about consolidating services with other communities, and he is anxious to review an upcoming report on the topic. Beverly Hills must look for new and innovative ways to approach funding of services including the library.

Koss announced that the Village will hold a public forum on the Strategic Plan for the Village on Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Village offices.

Council members agreed to schedule a budget study session for Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Council chamber.

Pfeifer clarified that the purpose of the library survey was to determine whether or not the residents were using the Baldwin Public Library and whether they anticipated that the Village would extend that service. A library committee formed 10 years ago did a very thorough job of investigating the Village's options for library service, and nothing has changed much since then.

Woodrow stated that he does not think that it is appropriate to bring up for discussion during public comments or Council comments an issue that was previously discussed as an agenda item. It is not fair to the people who were present earlier during the business item discussion.

Domzal recognized the passing of Dan Murphy, former Oakland County Executive.

Domzal received a letter from resident Jim Calder who suggested that Council establish a finance committee and expressed interest in serving on the committee. Mr. Calder is a former Village Manager from July of 1969 through October of 1974.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

Motion passed.

**Dave Domzal**  
**Council President**

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard**  
**Recording Secretary**