

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 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed (7 – 0).

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Director Woodard stated that the Public Safety Officer of the Year program was instituted in 1997. It is promoted by Department members who nominate a fellow officer for this honor. After consideration by an award panel, the nominee is sent to the Director's office for final approval. This year's recipient is Howard Shock, who also received the award in 2002.

Shock has worked for the Department since August of 1999. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Michigan State University and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Security Administration at University of Detroit Mercy. Since coming to the Department, Shock has displayed a healthy work ethic and a motivated attitude towards police and fire work. He is named in twelve congratulatory thank you letters from citizens and has been awarded two individual commendations, one unit commendation, and one life saving commendation.

Shock is one of several field training officers on staff who take on the important job of training new recruits. He is one of two Department representatives on the Troy Special Response Unit, a mutual aid consortium team trained to respond to hazardous materials and other types of rescue scenes. Howard is the current president of the Public Safety Officers Labor Association.

Shock was nominated by Officer Tom Danielson, who is present with a number of other officers in the audience. Officer Danielson was a trainee under Howard Shock and pointed out that Officer Shock approaches every incident with professionalism and enforces the law in a fair and professional manner.

Each year's recipient of this award has their name placed on a public plaque in the Department lobby in addition to receiving a plaque of their own. Director Woodard congratulated Howard Shock for being named Officer of the Year for 2004.

Howard Shock remarked that he is honored to receive this award and appreciates the recognition. He thanked his family and his fiancé for their support during his years of service. Shock recognized all the Beverly Hills police officers, fire fighters, dispatchers and support staff who serve the community. They have given him the tools and support to do his job better, and Shock asked that Council give them the support and tools they need to do their job.

Domzal commented that he serves with Howard Shock on the Pension Board and has found him to be a first rate individual and a wonderful representative of our community. He congratulated Officer Shock on behalf of Council and the Village.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Review and consider minutes of a special Council meeting held on March 9, 2005.
- b. Review and consider minutes of a regular Council meeting held on April 5, 2005.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, April 18, 2005.
- d. Review and consider request from the Village Woman's Club to use a portion of Beverly Park to sell and distribute tickets for its Annual Garden Tour on Sunday, July 10, 2005.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

At the Special Council meeting of March 9, 2005, Council approved an expenditure not to exceed \$10,000 in the current fiscal year to update the Village Master Plan. State of Michigan Public Act 285 requires communities to review their master plan every five years and update it as they see fit. Woodrow stated that the current Village Master Plan was last updated and adopted in July of 1998. A Planning Board review of the Master Plan has indicated that some updating and additions are necessary.

Motion by Woodrow, second by Pfeifer.

Whereas, Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended, the Municipal Planning Act, requires a community to adopt a master plan and sets forth the procedures for such plan, and;

Recent amendments effective January 9, 2002 state the legislative body may assert the right to approve or reject a plan prepared by the Planning Board in the form of a resolution, and;

The Village of Beverly Hills Planning Board is currently developing a Master Plan Update, and;

The Beverly Hills Village Council believes such plan is an important tool in furthering the development and success of the Village, that it provides a sound basis for zoning and other requirements, and desires the opportunity to be involved in the planning process and development of the document,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Beverly Hills Village Council authorize the Planning Board to commence with an update of the Village Master Plan, specifically the base plan with a cap of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2004/05, with any optional tasks requiring Council authorization. Council shall also assert its authority to approve or reject the Master Plan for the Village of Beverly Hills once it is presented to them by the Planning Board, in accordance with plan preparation and adoption procedures set forth in Michigan Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended.

Bob Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court questioned the necessity for a major update of the Village Master Plan considering that Beverly Hills is a mature community that is 98% developed. State legislation says that a municipality is required to review its master plan to determine if it needs revision. It does not state that the plan must be rewritten every five years. Walsh suggested that Council authorize the Planning Board to update only demographic information in the Master Plan to reflect 2000 US Census results.

Gladys Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court stated that a motion made by Council at its March 9, 2005 meeting authorizes the Planning Board to commence with an update of the Village Master Plan, specifically the base plan with a cap of \$10,000 in this fiscal year, with any optional tasks requiring Council authorization. The motion states that action is pending review of Village legal counsel. Walsh inquired as to the nature of the pending review and the opinion of legal counsel.

Walsh recalled that there was concern expressed at that meeting as to whether an update of the Village Master Plan was necessary. The planning consultant indicated that recent changes in the Municipal Planning Act adopted in January of 2002 required the Village to re-evaluate its master plan at least every five years. The Planning Board is required to forward its proposed master plan to Council, which will authorize a 95-day review period.

G. Walsh read from Section 125.38(a) of Act 285 of 1931, the Municipal Planning Act, which addresses the requirement for review of the master plan at least every five years after adoption of the plan. The section indicates that the Master Plan is reviewed and a determination is made as to whether to commence the procedure to amend the plan or adopt a new plan. Walsh expressed the view that information presented at the March 9 meeting led those listening to understand that the law mandates the Village to update its master plan. Walsh questioned the Village mandate on this issue and what is it obligated to do.

Frank Worrell of 32123 Bellvine Trail described the elements of the 2005 Master Plan Update Proposal prepared by the Village planning consultant firm as being ambitious. He suggested that Council request an action plan from the Planning Board that outlines how it intends to accomplish the master plan update.

Bunker Kelly of 21526 Corsaut Lane commented on the need for an open and candid dissemination of information on the Village Master Plan Update.

Ryan remarked that the statute requires review of a municipal master plan every five years. There is a 95-day period for Council to review the proposed master plan update after it is received from the Planning Board. Spallasso added that he has met with the planning consultant to discuss the master plan update, and he intends to oversee the work program and expense.

Pfeifer commented that there are public hearings required by the Planning Board as part of the master plan update process. The master plan must also be shared with surrounding communities as part of the process.

Woodrow affirmed that the master plan update has been a Planning Board priority for about four years. After a review and analysis of the current Master Plan, the Planning Board recommended that the document be updated and consideration given to rewriting some major issues. A motion was made and passed by Council at its March 9 meeting to authorize expenditure of \$10,000 for a master plan update. Woodrow clarified that the opinion requested from Mr. Ryan was whether or not the motion was proper considering the wording of the agenda item. The item is before Council for consideration and approval this evening.

In response to an inquiry from Taylor, it was clarified that 20% of the Village's annual Community Development Block Grant allotment can be allocated towards municipal planning expenses. McCleary expressed the view that \$10,000 is an excessive amount to update the master plan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed (4 – 3).

SET MAY 3, 2005 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND CONFIRM 2004 ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR DUST AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ASSESSMENTS

The date of Monday, May 3, 2005 was set for a public hearing to review and confirm the 2004 Assessment Rolls for dust and other miscellaneous assessments.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE AN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT DISPATCH SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Pfeifer reviewed that representatives from the Beverly Hills Council and the Birmingham City Commission met earlier this year to consider consolidation of services between the two municipalities in an effort to spend funds efficiently. One of the areas considered was to combine dispatch services. Direction was given to Director Woodard and Chief of Police Patterson of

Birmingham to investigate the potential for combining these services. That information was presented to the committee on March 31, 2005.

There was agreement that members of the Beverly Hills Council and Birmingham Commission would present a proposal to their respective communities. The resolution before Council for consideration is to authorize Village administration to prepare a detailed plan and agreement between Beverly Hills and Birmingham for the delivery of joint dispatch services for review, consideration, and approval. The resolution does not approve an agreement to proceed with joint dispatch services.

Pfeifer proposed tabling this discussion until the second Council meeting in May and asking Director Woodard to make a presentation to Council at that time on all opportunities to be explored. There were Council members who concurred with the need for further information and discussion of the pros and cons of consolidating dispatch services including the savings to the Village over a period of years as well as any other options available for consolidating dispatch service.

Downey related that he attended a conference sponsored by Plante Moran on the topic of optimizing government resources through partnerships and consolidations. He had a conversation about consolidation of dispatch services with the fire chief from Livonia, who advocated pursuing the agreement as a step towards developing a mutual aid agreement with Birmingham.

Domzal expressed the view that Council is in a position tonight to make an informed decision on whether to continue the process.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Taylor, to postpone discussion of consolidation of dispatch services with the City of Birmingham until the May 17, 2005 Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed (4 – 3).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM METAMORA GREEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO REPLACE STREET NAME SIGNS

Metamora Green Subdivision is requesting to replace the current street signs within the subdivision with the cost to be borne by the homeowners in the neighborhood. The subdivision association would be responsible for maintaining and replacing the street signs.

Motion by McCleary, second by Koss, to approve the installation of new poles and signs within the local streets of Metamora Green Subdivision as requested by the homeowner association with the following conditions.

- Prior to beginning construction, the contractor shall submit to the Village a certificate of liability insurance, workers compensation and employers' liability coverage, performance, labor and material and maintenance and guarantee bonds. When installation is completed, the contractor shall perform complete cleanup and restoration of all affected locations.
- Maintenance and/or replacement of the new poles and signs will be the responsibility of the subdivision association. In the event that a pole and sign is destroyed, the Village will install a temporary standard post and sign.

Don MacDonald of 31208 Foxboro Way was present on behalf of the Metamora Green homeowners association. He commented that the proposed signs will be a high reflective product on quality, commercial grade aluminum posts with a ten-year guarantee from the manufacturer. The lettering will be larger and easier to read than lettering on the current signs. Council thanked MacDonald for his efforts on behalf of the association.

Kathleen Berwick of 31381 Kennoway Court commented that she prefers uniform signage throughout the community with large letters.

Robert Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court observed that there are three subdivisions that have gone through this process. In answer to an inquiry, Spallasso stated that he will make sure that the signs are in compliance with all standards if Council approves the project. Signs on major streets will be left in place as required by the Village.

Bunker Kelly of Corsaut Lane complimented Don MacDonald and the people of Metamora Green Subdivision for undertaking this improvement project at their own expense.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER EXTENSION OF CURRENT RUBBISH COLLECTION CONTRACT WITH GREAT LAKES WASTE

The Village's contract with Great Lakes Waste Service for collection of solid waste expires on June 30, 2005. Council has approved a contract with Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) effective July 1, 2007 to continue its membership and allow contracts to be let by the organization for trash collection and disposal. It is anticipated that this action will save the Village approximately 10% of the overall costs of trash collection and disposal.

Before Council for consideration is a proposal from Great Lakes to extend the contract with the Village for two years with a 4% increase each year.

Motion by McCleary, second by Taylor, to accept and approve the proposed extension to the current contract with Great Lakes Waste Services for solid waste collection from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2007 with a 4% increase each year.

Spallasso was asked if proposals were requested from other contractors. He responded that a representative from Waste Management obtained a copy of the Village's current contract with Great Lakes Waste for review but did not submit a proposal. Spallasso stated that attempts to counter the proposal from Great Lakes were not accepted due to fuel costs. It was noted that the current contract with Great Lakes includes a yearly increase of approximately three percent.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER VILLAGE MANAGER'S CONTRACT

In view of the fact that Domzal has been involved in contract negotiations with Renzo Spallasso, he turned the chair over to President Pro-Tem Woodrow in order to make a presentation to Council on the manager's contract.

Domzal reviewed that former manager Brian Murphy left the Village in September of 2004 to pursue a position with the City of Troy. Renzo Spallasso has performed extremely well since that time in fulfilling the responsibilities of acting Village Manager and Public Services Director. As a result of his functioning in both positions, the Village has realized a significant dollar savings.

Approximately 60 days ago, Council voted to extend an offer to Mr. Spallasso to serve as Village Manager. The resolution indicated that Renzo would meet with the Council President and Village Attorney to prepare a draft contract for Council consideration. That contract was brought before Council about 30 days ago. A main concern of Council at that time was the fixed term of the employment contract.

Domzal outlined terms of the proposed employment agreement drafted April 14, 2005. The contract is retroactive to January 1, 2005. It has a base term extending through March 31, 2006. Following the base term, the contract can be terminated at any time either by the Village or by Mr. Spallasso upon 90 days written notice. The contract cannot be terminated without cause prior to the March 31, 2006 date. Compensation is at the same rate as had been budgeted in 2005/06 for the prior manager. The additional benefit proposed to be provided to Mr. Spallasso is a contribution of \$1,100 per month by the Village to a deferred compensation plan that has tax benefits.

Motion by Domzal, second by Pfeifer, that Council approve the employment agreement with Renzo Spallasso as prepared dated April 14, 2005 and direct the Council President to sign the document on behalf of the Village of Beverly Hills.

It was noted that the contract was reviewed by the Village Attorney and that Mr. Ryan finds it appropriate if Council wishes to adopt the agreement. Members of Council indicated their support of the proposed contract. Woodrow expressed the view that Council did not consider all the possible opportunities and options for this position.

The following residents highly endorsed Renzo Spallasso for the Village Manager position and suggested that Council would do a great service to the Village if it approved this contract.

Don MacDonald	3128 Foxboro Way
Frank Worrell	32123 Bellvine Trail
Gladys Walsh	20655 Smallwood Court
John Mooney	19111 Devonshire
Bunker Kelly	21526 Corsaut
Bob Walsh	20655 Smallwood
Phil Schmitt	18103 Riverside
Janet Mooney	19111 Devonshire
Kathleen Berwick	31381 Kennoway

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passed (6 – 1).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION CHANGING VILLAGE ELECTIONS TO NOVEMBER OF EVEN-YEARS AND CONSIDER LENGTH OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TERMS OF OFFICE BEGINNING WITH NEXT VILLAGE ELECTION

Downey reviewed that new State of Michigan election consolidation legislation requires the Village to conduct biennial elections. There are a couple of items before Council for consideration. The Village has two options in terms of scheduling elections. It could hold its own elections in September of odd number years or hold elections in November of even years that would be conducted by the Township of Southfield. There is the issue of selecting two or four year terms of office. Downey noted that Council passed a resolution at its November 16, 2004 meeting to choose the odd-year September election cycle.

Council has been considering a number of alternatives with respect to the election cycle and terms of office. Downey requested three former council members, Bob Walsh, Frank Worrell and John Mooney, to review the issues facing the Village as a result of the new State election law and to offer their suggestions to the Village Council. He invited these individuals to come forward and present the results of their study.

John Mooney of 19111 Devonshire summarized a memorandum dated April 19, 2005 that sets forth the findings and recommendations of Frank Worrell, Bob Walsh, and himself. The issues considered were: 1) When should permanent Village elections be held; 2) How can the present elected Council members' terms be extended for the shortest period of time without voter approval; 3) How long should a Council member's term run; 4) Should the terms of Council

members be staggered, and 5) What is the best method to implement the election law changes mandated by the State of Michigan.

Mooney outlined the course of action recommended by the three former council members and the reasons why they believe their suggestions to be in the best interest of the Village. The currently scheduled September 2005 election should proceed and include any necessary Charter amendments. Three Council members will be elected at that time. It is suggested that their terms should run from September 2005 until November 2008. This extension may need approval by the voters in the September 2005 election. It was noted that Michigan statute allows terms to be extended in order to facilitate the change over to the new election cycle; however, the statute prohibits shortening of terms.

It is the citizens' recommendation that, beginning November 2006, Village elections should be held in November of even numbered years to coincide with Gubernatorial or Presidential elections.

It is the consensus of the three former Council members that the term of office for Council members should be two years. The panel believes that four year terms would run contrary to the Village Charter. Two year terms will encourage participation by a larger number of citizens and subject them to stricter scrutiny by the electorate.

Mooney commented that the only reason to have longer than two year terms would be to stagger council terms to prevent a situation where seven new members are elected. A review of the history of the Village prior to 1990 when all seven council members were elected every two years established that at no time were there seven new members elected. Only two incumbent Council members were defeated at the polls in the history of the Village. Mooney maintains that the argument for staggering terms for the sake of continuity is not compelling.

Downey suggested that Council members discuss possible alternatives with respect to the election cycle and terms of office and attempt to arrive at a consensus and direct administration to implement the plan. He asked first for discussion on whether to proceed with September odd year elections or to change to November even year elections either by Council resolution or by a vote of the people.

After lengthy deliberation of the issues, there was a consensus of Council to proceed with a September election this year and change to November elections in 2006. Reasons for changing to November elections include cost savings and anticipation of a higher voter turnout.

A majority of Council members favored placing a question on the ballot asking the voters to decide whether to pass a Charter amendment to hold November elections. Domzal stated that he would prefer changing to a November election schedule in 2006 and forego an election in September 2005. He remarked that he would vote for November even year elections either tonight or after the September 2005 election.

Village Attorney Ryan commented that it appears that it is the consensus of Council to go to November even year elections. He clarified that Council can hold a public hearing, adopt a resolution to have November even year Village elections, and set the terms of office without a

Charter amendment. If Council adopts such a resolution before September, it would negate the September 2005 election and establish the next Village election for November 2006.

It was the consensus of Council to stay with two year terms. The question was whether to give the electorate the option in September of 2005 to vote on a four year term of office for Council. The Charter calls for two year Council terms.

Motion by Downey, second by Koss, to direct the Village Attorney to draft a Charter Amendment for the September 2005 ballot that would codify a November election and clarify other language in the Charter regarding elections.

Ryan stated that the Village Charter has been superseded by state law with respect to elections. If the Village changed to November elections, state law would kick in relative to terms of office.

McCleary favored moving to November elections by resolution after the September 2005 election. Domzal clarified that the motion authorizes the Village Attorney to draft Charter Amendment language. Council could still decide against placing the question on the ballot for the September 2005 election.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court questioned the cost of preparing a joint dispatch services agreement between Beverly Hills and Birmingham. She suggested contacting the two former public safety directors who reside in the community for their input on the topic of dispatch consolidation.

Council approved a contract for park pavilion improvements at its last meeting contingent on Public Safety Department review and approval of the plan. Tischler questioned whether Public Safety has reviewed and approved the plan and when the pavilion renovations will begin.

Tischler suggested that Council look at the Zoning Ordinance relative to the ratio of garage space to first floor area and construction of additional garages. She cited property on Vernon and Virmar that may constitute a storage facility if the homeowner's proposal moves forward.

With regard to joint dispatch services, Spallasso commented that the intent was that he and Birmingham Manager Tom Markus would prepare a draft agreement for consolidation of dispatch services that would be reviewed by attorneys. With respect to the pavilion renovation plan, a letter from Lt. Standfest indicates that he is comfortable with the plan as long as there is a light in the restroom area of the pavilion. Spallasso stated that the contractor will start construction after all contracts are signed and approved, possibly by the end of the month.

Pamela Rijnovean of 32420 Evergreen stated that the results of the Village wide survey prepared by the Strategic Planning Development Committee indicated that the primary concern of residents was the Village's financial situation. She has not seen any headway with respect to the Village's financial problems since the survey results were received.

Janet Mooney of 19111 Devonshire asked whether people who have rented the Beverly Park pavilion will be notified in writing if the pavilion construction effects their rental date. Spallasso responded that everyone who has rented the pavilion will be notified of the construction dates. If the construction interferes with their rental, fees will be refunded.

Greg Burry of 32742 Pierce stated that more information is needed on the joint dispatch service proposal including cost projections for the next few years as well as a detailed analysis of the pros and cons.

In answer to a question from Bob Walsh of 20655 Smallwood Court, Domzal stated that a joint meeting of Council and Strategic Planning Development Committee was rescheduled for Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Bunker Kelly of Corsaut Lane commented on the importance of communication between Council and the public. He is a proponent of broadcasting all Council sessions and other Village meetings on cable television. Kelly commented that he expects Council members to address questions from the public at subsequent Council sessions. Kelly had a question on the list of bills approved by Council at tonight's meeting. Kelly referred to an item on the consent agenda from the Village Woman's Club regarding their request to use a portion of Beverly Park to sell tickets for its Annual Garden Tour. He questioned whether the Woman's Club received a waiver of park fees for that event. Kelly distributed to Council an excerpt from Roberts Rules of Order on the parliamentary topic. He distributed a copy of an information packet requested and received by resident Norm Downey from the Village Clerk in response to a FOIA request. Kelly noted that the April 4 President's Report was redacted to eliminate information that was deemed to be confidential.

Pamela Rijnovean requested documentation of the Planning Board discussion and recommendation regarding the need to update the Village Master Plan.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Spallasso reported that the first pile of compost for the season has arrived and has already been depleted. Another shipment has been ordered. The compost is stored in the same place as last year and is available to Beverly Hills residents for personal use.

The water main replacement project is continuing on schedule. Spallasso has requested that all connections, tie-ins, and as much restoration work as possible be completed east of Southfield Road before the contractor begins work west of Southfield Road.

Yard waste collection started on April 11. Residents are asked to separate yard waste from regular household rubbish. The contractor will not pick up commingled rubbish and yard waste for the balance of the season. One significant change over last year is that sticks and branches up to two inches in diameter are considered compostable and should be put in yard waste containers. Branches larger than two inches in diameter are considered trash and should either be tied in three foot long bundles or placed in trash cans. Yard waste collection ends December 8.

The Little League Opening Day Festival takes place on Sunday, May 1 at 10 a.m. Beverly Park Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 14. Volunteers are always needed.

Woodrow suggested moving the picnic tables from the pavilion to a temporary picnic area in the park during pavilion construction.

Taylor questioned the possibility of a household hazardous waste pickup in the Village. Spallasso responded that residents can make an appointment to drop off hazardous waste at the SOCRRA facility on Coolidge in Troy. Domzal commented that the expense and liability to the Village of conducting a hazardous waste pickup would be prohibitive.

COUNCIL

Pfeifer announced that the Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet tomorrow morning, April 20, at 7:45 a.m. in the Village municipal building. Council has received copies of the 2005/06 Cable Board budget and Cable Administrator budget documents for review and comment prior to adoption by the Cable Board in May or June.

Pfeifer commented that it was brought to her attention that there is a need for lapel or portable microphones for use by presenters at Council meetings. She will request a grant for this equipment from the Cable Board.

The BASCC annual meeting was held today, April 19. One of the guests was Doyle Downey, who spoke in his capacity of candidate for the Birmingham School Board.

Koss announced that there will be a joint meeting of the Council and Strategic Planning Development Committee next Monday night, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council chamber. Koss stated that copies of the 2004 Public Safety Department Annual Report are available for public review at the Public Safety Department building.

Downey stated that Consumers Power has undertaken an extensive program to replace gas meters in homes. He and others have had bad experiences with the contractor working for Consumers Power to replace inside gas meters with outside meters as a safety improvement. Downey does not think that the contractor is offering home owners all the available options. It might be appropriate to have some official communication sent to Consumers Power on this issue.

Spallasso stated that the Village has been dealing with this situation for a few months. Building Official Byrwa met with representatives from Consumers Power to discuss their method of approaching property owners about changing the meters. Consumers Power justifies its program on the basis that they are making facilities safer. The Village has asked the company to explain the situation to the property owners and provide options.

The Beverly Hills Lions Club has recently received approval as a non-profit organization; contributions to the Lions Club are now tax deductible.

Downey reminded people that the School Board election will be held in two weeks. As a candidate, he asked for everyone's support.

Taylor stated that it was brought to his attention by a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals that the contractor for Consumers Power was mounting gas meters on the fronts of houses in the

Rutlands, on Marguerite, and in other neighborhoods. It was noted that the placement is often unsightly and may have an adverse affect on property values.

Domzal commented that Council approved a request tonight for a neighborhood association to replace streets signs in their subdivision. He suggested that other ways to improve the look of our neighborhoods is to fix up mail boxes and not to place trash out before the morning of the collection day.

Domzal thanked Parks and Recreation Board member Dan Nelson for generating a DVD of the summer concert series in Beverly Park. Domzal mentioned that Beverly Hills has submitted a request to be considered for a Wireless Oakland pilot program.

Motion by Taylor, second by Pfeifer, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Motion passed.

Dave Domzal
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary