

Present: President Woodrow; President Pro-Tem Koss; Members: Berndt, Oen, Peddie, Pfeifer and Stearn

Absent: None

Also Present: Manager, Spallasso
Assistant Manager, Marshall
Finance Director, Wiszowaty
Director of Public Safety, Woodard
Village Attorney, Ryan

President Woodrow called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Oen, second by Pfeifer, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Zimmerman of Camelot Court stated that the Village municipal office recycles discarded paper at the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA) facility. He suggested that paper generated by the Village that is printed on one side should be made available for use by residents.

Tony Scooros of 16926 Beverly Road stated that residents on Beverly Road need relief from heavy traffic, particularly due to the reconstruction and closing of 13 Mile Road. He mentioned that the Public Safety Department has been doing a good job of patrolling the area. However, residents experience speeding and difficulty with pulling out of their driveways. Scooros would like to see improved signage and installation of traffic calming devices such as speed humps. Scooros remarked that heavy traffic is a chronic problem on Beverly Road.

Spallasso responded that 13 Mile Road may be reopened by the July 4th holiday, weather permitting. Public safety officers have been patrolling the area, and the Smart radar trailer has been utilized to remind motorists of how fast they are going. Spallasso stated that the Village will conduct a traffic study to measure speed and volumes on Beverly Road after the 13 Mile Road work is completed.

Ellen Marshall recognized and thanked the numerous volunteers who helped make the Village's 50th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 14th a huge success. There were volunteers who gave of their time and those who made generous donations towards the event. Marshall publicly recognized the organizations, businesses and individuals who financially supported the event as well as those who donated gift certificates, items and/or services. She gave special thanks to Rita Battocletti, who offered her experience, time, and energy, to chair the organization committee.

Ron Berndt of 31384 E. Rutland related that a new non-profit organization, Preservation Bloomfield, has been established by leaders of the Charter Township of Bloomfield, the City of Bloomfield Hills, the Bloomfield Hills School District and the Bloomfield Historical Society to raise money to preserve and relocate the 1830's era Benjamin-Barton Farmhouse. The building is one of the last remaining examples of an architectural form that was once called "America's National Style", which was prevalent throughout Michigan during the middle of the 1800s. The property on which the house stands was sold recently to a development company. Recognizing the historic importance of the house, the developers offered it to the City of Bloomfield Hills for \$1 provided that the City would move it elsewhere by spring of 2008.

The Bloomfield School Board voted to provide space for the farmhouse in a newly created Bowers Farm Historic Park to show children of all ages what life was like as Bloomfield and the County as a whole grew into maturity. Preservation Bloomfield is actively soliciting donations from citizens and local businesses to relocate the house on the farm. Berndt urged people to step forward and contribute towards saving the house before the site is developed. Information is available at www.preservationbloomfield.org.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Review/consider approval of minutes of a special Council meeting held May 27, 2008.
- b. Review/consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held June 3, 2008.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, June 9, 2008.
- d. Review and consider resolution for West Nile Virus Fund expense reimbursement.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SUBCOMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON FINANCE COMMITTEE

A subcommittee of Stearn as chairperson, Peddie, and Oen met at 7:00 pm prior to the Council meeting to review applications to fill vacancies on the Finance Committee. It was the recommendation of the subcommittee to appoint John Lanigan and Erik Jallad to the Finance Committee for terms to expire June 30, 2011.

Motion by Stearn, second by Oen, to appoint John Lanigan and Erik Jallad to the Finance Committee for terms to expire on June 30, 2011.

Stearn commented that there is one remaining vacancy on the Finance Committee. He urged residents who are interested in the finances of the Village to make application to sit on this committee.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR TENNIS COURT FENCING AT BEVERLY PARK

The Parks and Recreation Board has determined that there is a need to replace the chain link fence that surrounds the tennis courts at Beverly Park using funds from the Park dedicated millage. Thirteen bids were received for this project ranging from \$18,790.80 to \$27,268.00 for total removal and replacement. The low bid was from Industrial Fence & Landscaping, Inc.; the company has met all specifications of the bid.

Motion by Stearn, second by Koss, that the Village Council award the contract for replacement of the chain link fence surrounding the tennis courts at Beverly Park to Industrial Fence & Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$18,790.80, contingent on the contractor submitting the required certificate of insurance. Funds for this work will come from the dedicated millage for park improvements, account #409-900-985-00.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR RESURFACING TENNIS COURT AT BEVERLY PARK

The Parks and Recreation Board has proposed that the tennis courts at Beverly Park be repaired and resurfaced using funds available from the park dedicated millage. Two bids were received for the project, one from Goodard Coatings for \$28,700 and the other from Royal Restoration & Waterproofing for \$27,313. Goodard Coatings bid the project using the Armor Crack Repair and Resurfacing System, which is a process recommended by Oakland County Parks.

Motion by Stearn, second by Koss, that the Village Council award the resurfacing and crack repair of the tennis courts in Beverly Park to Goodard Coating in the amount of \$28,700.00. Funds for this work will come from the dedicated millage for park improvements, account #408-900-985.00.

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

MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCY ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Two applications were received to fill three vacancies on the Finance Committee. There is one vacancy remaining following the two appointments made this evening. Stearn announced a vacancy on the Village Finance Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

Residents who are interested in serving on this body can apply at the Village office or print an application from the Village web site and bring it into the municipal office (www.villagebeverlyhills.com). The deadline for receiving applications will be Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. A subcommittee of Stearn, Oen, and Peddie will meet on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 7 pm to review applications and make a recommendation to Council.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2007/08 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Stearn reviewed that Council considers amendments to the budget at the end of each fiscal year. The State Uniform Budgeting Act requires that Council reallocate budget appropriations in any department that exceeds the budget amount approved without changing the total budgeted amount. Proposed budget amendments also reflect transfers or reserves from the General Fund to other operating funds.

Council is in receipt of a memo from the Finance Director dated June 13, 2008 regarding the 2007/2008 Village Budget Amendments. Stearn listed the transfers or reserves from the General Fund and Major Road Fund to other operating funds.

Motion by Stearn, second by Koss, to authorize Village Administration to transfer or reserve monies from the General Fund and Major Road Fund to other funds as noted in the memorandum from the Village Finance Director dated June 13, 2008.

Questions from Council were addressed by Wiszowaty.

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

A budget worksheet indicated the adjustments needed to the 2007/08 adopted Village budgets for the General Fund. These budget amendments will not only reflect estimated monies still to be expended in this fiscal year but also budgeted and reserved monies in balance sheet accounts or transfers to the Capital Projects Fund and Local Street Fund because the expenses will not take place until after July 1, 2008.

Motion by Stearn, second by Oen, to amend the 2007/08 General Fund, Major Road Fund, Local Street Fund, Water & Sewer Operating Fund, Vacation Reserve Fund and Sick Pay Fund Budgets as noted in the memorandum from the Finance Director dated June 13, 2008.

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

The 2007/08 Village Budget Amendment memo is on file at the Village offices for public review.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER \$1,800 CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FOR ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3, 2008

The Village is in receipt of an annual request from the City of Birmingham Fireworks Committee for donations towards the fireworks display to be held on July 3, 2008 at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The 2008/09 budget contains \$1,800 appropriated for this event.

Motion by Berndt, second by Pfeifer, to approve the contribution of \$1,800 to the City of Birmingham for the July 3, 2008 Fireworks Display at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

Stearn commented that the Village will experience budget shortfalls in the coming year and will have to consider spending cuts or raising the millage rate. His position is that cutting items such as the \$1,800 contribution to the Birmingham fireworks display or removing the emergency pay phone in the park to save \$400 per year is the wrong thing to do. The Village needs to preserve the quality of life in the community. Stearn wholeheartedly supported this expense for fireworks.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion passed (7 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASING IN-CAR VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

The Capital Budget for 2007/08 contains funds for the purchase of replacement in-car video cameras for Department patrol vehicles. The Department currently has six VHS-tape format cameras in service that are providing a less reliable video/output product than is now available through digital technology. The units are out of warranty and do not carry maintenance agreements. The new digital based recording system allows for a better quality video and audio product. These units operate while officers are on routine patrol recording activity during traffic stops and emergency vehicle operations. The recordings, both video and audio, have their best use as court evidence or to provide information for civilian complaints.

A Department committee comprised of Captain Yanosy, Lieutenant Schultz and Sergeant Milliron was formed to evaluate and make recommendations on the systems presented by various vendors. Price quotes were received from three vendors. It is the Department staff recommendation that Council accept the low quote provided by Federal Signal Riverchase of Birmingham, Alabama in the amount of \$45,104.

The 2007/08 Capital budget contains \$25,000 for the purchase/replacement of current in-patrol-car video units. The Department was awarded a grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for this purchase, providing an additional \$13,000 for this funding. Further, funds from the Department Drug Forfeiture account will be utilized in part to fund this purchase (\$7,104).

Motion by Peddie, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills award the purchase of six in-patrol-car video units with dedicated station server to Federal Signal Riverchase in the total amount of \$45,104. Funds are available for this purchase in Account #101-900-980 Capital Purchases; PS-Equipment (\$38,000); and the Drug Forfeiture Account #265-333-750.00 (\$7,104).

Berndt commented that he has seen this system in operation in other departments. The digital systems are a huge leap forward from the current VHS system. The new in-car units conduct an automatic wireless download to a server unit each time the patrol car parks at the station, which is immediately available to staff. This purchase will streamline the Department's operation and provide greater protection.

Village Attorney Ryan commented that a well-equipped and modern police or public safety department in southeast Michigan needs to have this type of technology and capability. It is

valuable in court. Captain Yanosy elaborated on the capabilities of the new system. He mentioned that the record can be searched by date, time, vehicle, GPS, etc.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO REPLACE ROOF OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Three bids were obtained for tear off and replacement of the municipal office building roof at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road. The existing roof replaced in 1990 has been a constant source of leaks and repairs. It is the recommendation of administration to proceed with the low bidder, Newton Crane, in the amount of \$47,125.00 plus seven cast iron sump strainers at \$100 each for a grand total of \$47,825.00.

Motion by Oen, second by Pfeifer, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award the contract for tear off and replacement of the municipal building roof to the low bidder, Newton Crane Roofing, Inc. in the total amount of \$47,125.00 plus seven cast iron sump strainers at \$100 each for a grand total of \$47,825.00. The funds are available in account #101-900-092.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court questioned when road repairs will be made on 13 Mile Road between Southfield and Evergreen Roads. She also mentioned that there are potholes in front of Groves High School.

Spallasso stated that potholes will be addressed. He noted that road work on 13 Mile Road west of Evergreen and also west of Lahser will be done next year.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Spallasso reported that the 13 Mile Road reconstruction project is ahead of schedule and may be completed by July 4. Spallasso urged residents to make an appointment to have their water meters replaced when they receive a notice from the Village.

COUNCIL

Council members commented on Beverly Hills' 50th Anniversary Celebration that took place in Beverly Park on Saturday, June 14. The event was a huge success. The organizers provided something for everyone. Council members sincerely thanked the many volunteers who contributed to making this a fun day as well as everyone who came and enjoyed the festivities. (A list of volunteers is included at the end of the meeting minutes).

There were a number of dignitaries including U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg, State Representative Chuck Moss, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, County Executive L.

Brooks Patterson, Township Clerk Sharon Tischler, as well as past presidents and members of the Village Council. Peddie thanked the Coast Guard of Air Station Detroit for the flyover.

Berndt commented on the quick replacement of the water meter in his home. His inquiry regarding the Village's salt supply last winter was answered by Spallasso, who said that there was a couple of hundred tons remaining.

Oen announced that the Village Planning Board will meet on Wednesday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Stearn stated that people have expressed concern about Village expenses and the lack of consolidation of services. He assured the public that Village administration and Council are working hard to cover costs and consolidate services. Stearn remarked that there is a lot of work done by volunteers in Beverly Hills. More than 90% of the money spent on the 50th anniversary party was donated to the Village. The Village boards and commissions are run by volunteers. Many Beverly Hills activities are volunteer based.

Stearn related that Beverly Hills will be facing a need for additional revenue. The dedicated infrastructure millage of 2 mills will expire and drop off the tax roll next year. He proposed that Council and residents start talking about placing a millage question on the ballot for November of 2008. Stearn asked that the Council President make this a priority discussion item. He asked Spallasso to take a look at the possibility of refinancing long term bonds in the Village. Spallasso related the current interest rates of outstanding bonds noting that the Acacia and George W. Kuhn Drain bonds were recently refinanced, and the North Arm bond is at a low rate.

The Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park. Pfeifer announced that the Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet on Wednesday, June 18 at 7:45 a.m. in the Council chamber. She commented favorably on the volunteer recognition dinner and thanked Erin Saur for her assistance with the event.

Pfeifer reviewed that County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson provided Beverly Hills with names of individuals who could consult with the Village on the city study issue. Pfeifer reported on contacts she made with Bill Mathews from the Michigan Municipal League, Eric Lufer from the Citizens Research Council, and Dave Boerger from SEMCOG. Dave Boerger works with communities on their financial problems. Pfeifer outlined what he could do for the Village in terms of the city study. Eric Lufer's expertise is in efficiency of government, and he would be willing to appear before Council and answer questions about statutory revenue sharing. Pfeifer was looking for interest on Council to contact any of these individuals. She did not think that the Village could afford not to further investigate the option of becoming a city.

Stearn suggested that Dave Boerger from SEMCOG be asked to review the Village's finances with administration prior to making a presentation to Council on suggestions and recommendations.

Koss referred to a memo dated May 30, 2008 from the Village Manager including recommendations on how to approach the Village's upcoming financial difficulties. Council

concurred that this would be a topic of discussion on the Council business agenda following the next Finance Committee meeting.

Koss thanked everyone who donated time, funding or gifts toward the 50th Anniversary Celebration. She said that it was a wonderful event and she is proud to call Beverly Hills her home.

Hugh reiterated that it was a great day in the Village on Saturday, June 14th. He offered his personal thanks to the many volunteers and dignitaries who were in attendance at the celebration.

Motion by Pfeifer, second by Berndt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Motion passed.

50th ANNIVERSARY VOLUNTEERS

Cynthia Arvant	Sandy Lajoie
Peter Arvant	Peggy Linkswiler
Joe and Rita Battocletti	Diana McComas
Sue Bernard	John and Janet Mooney
David Brink	Cynthia Nagle
Andrea Brink	Dan Nelson
Ron Brown	Trisha Oen
Irene Davis	Caitlin Oen
Doyle, Donna, Megan and John Downey	Jim and Julie O'Reilly
Jane Fluegel	Lee Peddie
Mike Fluegel	Jane Perrin
Lynda Gale	Ralph Picano
Don Greening	Julie Rogers
Jason Gross	Jennifer Ruprich
Mirjam Gunter	Jim, Bethany and Emma Salter
Janice Hausman	Erin Saur
Robert Higgins	Phil and Loma Schmitt
Shirley Hipsher	Lynn Talbert
Julie Hughes	Marie Weiner
Karen Johnstone	Pat Westerlund
Stephen Kent	Karl Woodard
Bill Kondak	Jeff Hausman and Troop 1024
Rosanne Koss	

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Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
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