

Present: President Koss; President Pro-Tem Briggs; Members: Burry, LaFerriere, Mercer, Mooney and Oen

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson  
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall  
Village Attorney, Ryan  
Director of Public Safety, Woodard

President Koss called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

A special Council meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. today at which time six candidates were considered for a vacant Council position created by the resignation of Doug Prew on May 2, 2011. The candidates were Rock Abboud, Gregory Burry, Christopher Caminsky, Timothy Holton, Jacqueline Kelly, and Eric Rass. Council appointed Gregory Burry to fill the vacant Council seat.

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBER BY HONORABLE WILLIAM RICHARDS, 46th DISTRICT COURT**

The Honorable William Richards administered the oath of office to newly appointed Council member Gregory Burry.

The roll call was taken. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA**

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

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim O'Reilly of 31191 Huntley Court, chair of the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, extended his appreciation to a long list of people, organizations, and businesses that joined to put on the Beverly Hills Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. He acknowledged former Council President and Sgt. Andy Wong for honoring the Village as the Grand Marshal of the parade this year. O'Reilly thanked Boy Scout Troop 1024 for their part in the Flag Ceremony honoring veterans; former Council member Ron Berndt for playing Taps; and Council President Rosanne Koss for the inspirational message.

O'Reilly expressed his gratitude to Pat Westerlund for organizing the parade for the third year with the assistance of the Devonshire Dad's Club. The parade gets longer each year with many floats, fire trucks, cars, Scouts, Little Leaguers, the Lahser High School marching band, musicians, entertainers, Paws, and others.

O'Reilly thanked and listed all of the business and individual sponsors who provided financial support and contributed to the success of the Memorial Day parade and carnival. Credit was given to the community groups and schools that sponsored games and events. The community groups were organized by Janice Hausman. The Lions Club organized the Fun Run & Walk, sponsored the calliope, and conducted a pre-school vision screening. The Groves football team was thanked for their help including heavy lifting and setting up tables in the pavilion. O'Reilly recognized the musical entertainers who performed during the carnival including the Straw Hat Band and the Gratitude Steel Drum Band.

O'Reilly thanked each of the Council members for attending. He appreciated the support and assistance of Public Safety, particularly Chief Woodard and Lt. Shultz. O'Reilly thanked Village Administration and particularly Ellen Marshall for her time and assistance. There were a number of other volunteers who assisted with various activities throughout the day.

O'Reilly acknowledged members of the Parks and Recreation Board for organizing the event again this year. He gave special thanks to Cindy Arvant who ran the food court with Irene Davis and supervised everything else that went on in the pavilion. Pat Greening was in charge of selling water and pop; Lisa Ross organized the volunteers; Phil Schmitt supervised parking. Bill Kondak anticipated whatever needed to get done and assisted in all aspects of the event. O'Reilly concluded that there are a lot of people who make this event work, which confirms that this is a great community.

Bill Kondak of 31269 Churchill Drive recognized Jim O'Reilly for the work that he did as chair of the Memorial Day parade and carnival. He made many contacts and phone calls as part of organizing rides, entertainment, music, and activities. O'Reilly managed countless details and coordinated the entire event. On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board and the entire community, Kondak expressed his sincere thanks to Jim O'Reilly for all his efforts and for a job well done.

Elaine McLain, chair of the Birmingham Area Cable Board, was present with Ken McFadden, Treasurer. She acknowledged the Board's Executive Director Bob Borgon in the audience. McLain stated that the Council is in receipt of the Cable Board budget for 2011-2012 for its review. Council members had no input on the budget.

McLain updated Council on what is happening on the Cable Board. She focused on the topic of competition in the consortium communities whereby residents now have a choice of service providers including Comcast, WOW, and AT&T.

McFadden added that the Cable Board interacts with each provider and acts on behalf of the citizens of the communities to do what it can to bring them to the table and resolve any issues. He commented on the complexities that will result from upcoming technology. McFadden remarked on the important mission and challenge of providing a high standard in terms of Educational and Governmental programming in the various communities.

On behalf of Council, Mercer thanked the Cable Board for their knowledge, commitment, and good work.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 17, 2011.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 23, 2011.
- c. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, June 6, 2011.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER FLAG DAY PROCLAMATION**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adopt the following Proclamation:

**Village of Beverly Hills  
Proclamation**

**Whereas**, the first annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have originated in 1884; and

**Whereas**, Flag Day was officially established by the proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916; and

**Whereas**, on August 3, 1949 President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day; and

**Whereas**, on June 14<sup>th</sup> each year communities across the nation recognize the Stars and Stripes by properly displaying the flag from their homes, business, and public buildings; and

**Whereas**, by observing this tradition of a Flag Day celebration by properly displaying the Flag of the United States of America it is strongly endorsed by the Village of Beverly Hills,

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Village Council of Beverly Hills urges all residents to participate in this traditional celebration of Flag Day by properly displaying the flag on Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**REVIEW AND ACCEPT BRIAN LAFERRIERE’S RESIGNATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to accept the resignation of Brian LaFerriere from the Village Finance Committee.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT OF A VACANCY ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mooney made the second announcement of a vacancy on the Finance Committee due the resignation of Brian LaFerriere. The term is set to expire on June 30, 2013. The deadline for accepting applications will be on Friday, June 10, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER TRI-PARTY AGREEMENT WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY AND THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Wilson stated that the Village has been contacted by the Road Commission for Oakland County about participating in a project to do preliminary engineering work on Lahser Road between 13 and 14 Mile Road. The RCOC has requested that Beverly Hills make some of its Tri-Party funding available to fund the preliminary engineering on this project. The contract stipulates that funding from the tri-party agreement for engineering costs will not exceed the estimate of \$90,000; therefore the total cost to the Village will not exceed \$30,000.

This is a County Road, which falls under the jurisdiction of Oakland County. Given the state of the road and the traffic volume, Administration thinks it is worthwhile to allocate \$30,000 of the Village's tri-party funds to the RCOC to ensure that this project will eventually get constructed. As part of discussions with the Road Commission of Oakland County, Director of Public Services Meszler requested and the RCOC did agreed to pursue the installation of a right-turn lane on the west side of the 14 Mile and Lahser intersection with federal funds as part of the project.

Wilson stated that Council did not budget money for tri-party construction in the Major Road Fund. However, Council had budgeted tri-party funds that were not utilized in previous years. Given the importance of this road work, Wilson recommended that Council consider allocating money that was transferred to the Major Road Fund balance in previous years in order to move forward with this project.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the Tri-Party Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for \$30,000 and authorize the Village Manager to sign the agreement. The funding for this agreement will be charged to account #202-451-811.50, which is the tri-party account that presently has a balance of \$0.00. In 2006, this fund had a balance of \$112,451 that was transferred to Major Road fund balance. Therefore, the \$30,000 for this agreement will be transferred from the Major Road fund balance, which currently has a balance of \$308,000. The cost participation agreement for preliminary engineering on Lahser Road, 13 Mile Road, and 14 Mile Road is available for public inspection at the Village offices.

Questions from Council on this project were addressed by Wilson. Wilson indicated that he will contact Village resident Gary Piotrowicz from the RCOC to confirm that there is a clear understanding in writing of what will be done at the 14 Mile and Lahser intersection before the Village moves forward. This is being proposed as a 2011 construction project.

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

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY BOARD**

Wilson stated that, as part of the Village's participation in SOCRRA, their articles of Incorporation require that each municipality make a formal designation of a representative and alternate to the Board of Trustees. Wilson has been serving on that Board in the capacity of Village Manager with Ellen Marshall serving as the alternate. That arrangement has worked well, and Wilson asked that Council consider reappointment of both of them at this time.

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to appoint Chris Wilson as representative and Ellen Marshall as alternate to represent the Village of Beverly Hills on the Board of Trustees of the Southeastern Oakland Resource Recovery Authority for the July 1, 2011/2012 fiscal year.

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

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD**

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) requires that each member municipality appoint a representative and alternate to the Board of Trustees. Wilson said that he has been serving as the representative with Finance Director Bob Wiszowaty serving as the alternate. He asked Council to renew those appointments at this time.

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to appoint Chris Wilson as representative and Bob Wiszowaty as alternate to represent the Village of Beverly Hills on the Board of Trustees of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for the July 1, 2011/2012 fiscal year.

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

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR THE 2011/12 LOCAL STREET CONCRETE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Wilson is asking Council to authorize Administration to seek bids on an estimated \$300,000 worth of concrete replacement for the 2011 year. Council is in receipt of a memo from Director of Public Services Meszler listing the areas on a square foot basis in the subdivisions where the work is proposed.

The 2011-12 Local Street Fund budget contains \$207,470 for local street concrete repair. Wilson reviewed that Council did make a transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Local Street budget. The estimated cost for replacement of the areas identified in the attached March 21, 2011 memo is \$300,000 which would mean an additional \$93,000 would need to be allocated from the fund balance or dedicated millage. Wilson recommended that Village Council approve taking bids for the proposed 2011-2012 Local Street Concrete Replacement Program and that the

program be adjusted to meet available funds after bids are received. Administration is anticipating aggressive bids based on the construction environment and the relative lack of work at this time.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council authorize administration to seek bids for approximately 51,588 square feet of concrete replacement on local streets, which will include the Huntley Apartments, Huntley Subdivision, Greenwich-Green, Ronsdale, Metamora Green, Sturbridge, Westwood Estates, Georgetown North, Georgetown South, Valley Woods, and Nottingham Forest.

Comments and questions from Council and the public on this project were answered by Wilson.

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

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER DIRECTING VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT CHARTER AMENDMENT LANGUAGE REGARDING COUNCIL VACANCY APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to table this agenda item until the first meeting in January of 2012.

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

**REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLANNING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION ON A REQUEST FROM VERIZON WIRELESS FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW EQUIPMENT SHELTER ON SOCWA PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16125 W. 14 MILE ROAD**

Wilson explained that Verizon Wireless is before Council with a proposal to remove existing Verizon equipment cabinets from SOCWA (Southeast Oakland County Water Authority) property (water tower) on 14 Mile Road and build an equipment shelter in its place. The request is to build a structure of like or similar material to the existing three structures on the property. It will house electronic equipment and a natural gas generator to serve as backup of the equipment in the case of a power failure.

The SOCWA Board has approved a lease with Verizon that will allow for installation of new equipment on that property contingent on Verizon receiving approval from the Village of Beverly Hills. Wilson considers this to be an upgrade to the property. At its May 25, 2011 meeting, the Planning Board recommended Council approval of the site plan for installation of a new equipment shelter on SOCWA property contingent on structure materials and colors being compatible with existing buildings on the property. LSL Planning also reviewed the proposal and found it to be appropriate. Wilson recommended that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Board and approve the site plan request from Verizon.

Oen stated that he attended the Planning Board meeting when this was discussed. The Planning Board conducted a comprehensive review of the site plan and had questions answered relative to building materials, building height, landscaping, and noise from the generator inside the building.

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the request from Verizon Wireless for installation of a new equipment shelter on SOCWA property located at 16125 W. 14 Mile Road contingent on the Planning Board recommendation requiring structure materials and colors to be compatible with existing buildings on the property.

Bob Przybylo representing Verizon Wireless addressed questions from Council. He explained that the overall objective of building the shelter is to upgrade the site to Verizon's 4G or LTE technology. Verizon needs the electronics that do not exist in a cabinet format.

The natural gas generator runs only one hour once a week for routine maintenance. The generator is set on a timer that can be changed. Other than that, the generator will only be used in the event of a power failure. In its agreement with SOCWA, Verizon agreed to comply with the noise ordinances of Beverly Hills and Birmingham. Przybylo noted that the structure is quite a distance from all the property lines.

Bob Walsh on Smallwood Ct. commented that area residents received no notice of this proposal from Verizon, and there was no public hearing. He questioned the lack of a presentation on the proposal by the applicant at a Council meeting.

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

## **REVIEW AND CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FLASHLIGHTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Director Woodard stated that the Public Safety Department purchased uniform flashlights for its officers twelve years ago. They were designed to be carried on the officer's duty belt for use on patrol. That model served well over the course of its design life, but several of the flashlights have encountered repetitive maintenance issues over past months. Woodard related that the patrol cars are equipped with larger sized flashlight, which constantly recharge in the cars. It is important for all officers to have a more portable reduced size flashlight on them.

Department staff evaluated several replacement rechargeable flashlight models and determined that the Streamlight Strion model 74301 would best fit the Department needs. This model uses better technology than flashlights purchased 12 years ago. It comes with a belt holder and utilizes LED bulbs as opposed to incandescent bulbs, which will result in longer battery-charge life and reduced maintenance issues.

Bids were solicited for 22 Streamlight Strion rechargeable flashlights with belt holders, and three bids were received as follows:

Nye Uniform, Royal Oak, MI	\$2,617.56
Galls Equipment, Chicago, IL	\$2,590.68
Target Sports, Royal Oak, MI	did not comply with specifications

Woodard commented that the Department purchases a large part of its uniform supplies from Nye Uniform located in Royal Oak. Their bid was higher than the low bidder by \$27.00. Woodard recommended Council approval of the bid from Nye Uniform for the reason that it is a local company where the Department does business currently.

Motion by Oen, second by Burry, that the Beverly Hills Village Council award the purchase of 22 Streamlight Strion rechargeable flashlights with belt holders to Nye Uniform of Royal Oak in the amount of \$2,617.56. Funds are available for this purchase in Account #265-333-750.00, Drug Forfeiture Fund.

LaFerriere applauded the use of a Michigan vendor, but found it difficult for the Village to spend more than it needs to. He volunteered to personally pay the \$27 so that the Council will not be paying more than the lowest bid.

Questions on this purchase and the disposition of the current flashlights were addressed by Woodard.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathleen Berwick of 31381 Kennoway Court made reference to comments made at previous Council meetings regarding her phone calls to 9-1-1 and the public safety non-emergency number. She described recent FOIA requests made to the Village and the response received from the Village Clerk regarding the availability and cost of the information.

Robert Deneweth of 32321 Arlington Drive commented on the action taken by the Bloomfield Township Public Library (BTPL) that would rescind circulation privileges to Beverly Hills and other contract communities. The Baldwin Library Board sent a letter to the Bloomfield Township Board asking them to reconsider their decision or face sanctions. Deneweth referred to a Bloomfield Township Library Board hearing held on April 26 and thanked Council President Koss and President Pro-Tem Briggs for attending and speaking on behalf of Beverly Hills. Member of the SOS steering committee Edna Freier and others attended that meeting and spoke against rescinding Beverly Hills library privileges.

John McGrath of 16210 Beverly Road referred to the minutes of a regular Retirement Board meeting held on May 24, 2011. At that meeting, McGrath asked why it took so long for the Board to reply to an inquiry originally posed in August of 2009 requesting to be provided with an analysis of the “net of fees” return to the Village’s Public Safety Pension Fund. McGrath asserted that he provided his question in writing to the Board chairperson. He did not receive a response until he came before Council. McGrath voiced a concern about the length of time it took to receive an answer from the Retirement Board’s investment consultant.

McGrath requested a copy of the May 17, 2011 letter from George Vitta of Asset Strategies responding to a request from the Board to be advised of costs incurred by Asset Strategies in terms of professional fees to address the “net of fee performance” inquiry from a member of the public.

### **REPORTS – MANAGER**

Wilson reported that he and Public Services Director Meszler have begun reviewing the sidewalk survey done in 2007. They are in the process of re-evaluating those sections of sidewalk first identified in 2007 while also looking at sections that have deteriorated since that time. Further progress will be forthcoming on compiling a sheet of specifications and identifying what has changed since 2007.

Following a week of heavy rains from May 25-29, the Village received reports of water entering into residential basements. In each instance, the Village or Oakland County investigated the adjacent public sewer infrastructure and found no failures or blockages of the Village sewer system infrastructure during that period of time. There were no reports of water infiltrating into basements that were a result of the Village’s sewer system not functioning properly.

Previous sewer system problems in the mid-1990’s were addressed by the former Village engineer and Village Manager, Renzo Spallasso. He worked with Hubbell, Roth & Clark and with the voters to approve funds for major sewer infrastructure work. Wilson said that the rains experienced in the last couple of years have proven that this was a good investment. Every time there is a rain event, administration takes notice of areas where there is excess standing water in the road or in people’s yards. There have been no instances where the sewer system was unable to keep water out of people’s basements. Reportedly, this is the second wettest spring since 1947. As always, the Village is continuing to monitor and make improvements on its sewer infrastructure.

On another sewer related matter, Wilson has received a copy of the proposed settlement from the Water Resources Commissioner to settle past expenses related to the operation of the RTB Basins in the Evergreen Farmington system, inclusive of the Acacia Basin. He and Tom Ryan have both received a copy of this proposal. Wilson believes it to be in the best interest of the Village; he expects the settlement to get approved in the coming weeks.

Wilson had alerted Council of a problem with a potential sink hole on Warwick in an area where Evergreen Farmington has a 72” concrete sewer. The Village did some excavating in that area and found no evidence of any structural failure. Comeau Equipment Co. staff has backfilled the area with larger stones to support the area. Reasons for the recent failure of the subsurface along the side of the road are unknown at this time; the Village will be doing further investigation. It could be caused by unusually high water tables given the amount of rainfall plus melting from the significant snow last winter.

Additionally, it appears that a portion of 14 Mile Road east of Lahser is being compromised by high levels of groundwater. At this time, the Department of Public Services is attempting to remedy any further damage to this section of roadway.

The Village is approaching the two-year anniversary of the adoption of the Rental Housing Ordinance. Under this ordinance, all rental properties are to be inspected once every two years, or upon a change in occupancy. Staff has been processing these properties on a steady basis while spacing them out in order to prevent more properties from coming up for renewal than staffing levels can handle at any given time. There are a number of homes that have submitted the required fee but have yet to pass the required inspection. Full compliance with the rental ordinance comes only through successful completion of the inspection process. The Village will be notifying property owners who have yet to pass inspection that this must be completed in order for them to be compliant with the Rental Housing Ordinance.

The former Taco Bell restaurant on Southfield Road has been demolished. Work has already begun on preparing the site for the new Taco Bell, which is expected to be operational by mid-August. A request to approve the signage for the new building was postponed at the last Planning Board meeting to allow the applicants sufficient time to submit additional requested information. Based upon what he has seen, Wilson expects that the requested signage will meet the Village's code.

Wilson reported that work has begun this week on Market Fresh renovations. The store will remain open during renovations, which are expected to be completed by late summer or early fall.

There will be a joint meeting between Council and the Parks and Recreation Board on Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Beverly Park.

Mooney questioned the status of safety and maintenance surveys authorized for Beverly Park. Wilson responded that contact was made with the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority). They will have an insurance representative come out at no charge to examine the park playground equipment. Assessment of structural matters have been delayed due to poor weather. Mooney asked to have the inspections completed by the second meeting in July.

Mooney referred to the Field House constructed on the Detroit Country Day School campus. He recalled that Headmaster Glenn Shilling had suggested to Council that the facility would be used only by Detroit Country Day School students and it would not be rented out to other organizations. Wilson related that he made an inquiry of the administration at Detroit Country Day School about the use of that facility. He learned that the Detroit Lions have been holding unorganized training at the DCDS field house. Wilson was assured by Mr. Shilling that use of their facility is being provided as a community service; it is not being rented by the Lions.

Mercer observed that the Village made another large payment to the Water & Sewer Account. He questioned the status of the new metering system.

Wilson responded that many of his colleagues in the Evergreen Farmington district are beginning to experience the risk they have been exposed to through acceptance of the Water Resources Commissioner's sewer metering scheme. The entire 50-year history of the Evergreen Farmington district was based on overall acceptance that there was risk in sewer metering and water metering

being different. That risk was spread across 13 communities with the Evergreen Farmington district making money in some years and losing money in others. The risk has been passed down across the board to all 13 individual communities with no remuneration from the Water Resources Commission to help offset month's like this when, because of excess rainfall, sewer flows far outpace anything that could be generated through water billing.

Wilson anticipates addressing this matter further with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and with the EPA office in Chicago. He will continue to converse with neighboring communities and fellow participants in the Evergreen Farmington district. Wilson believed that there has been greater recognition of the problems that Beverly Hills pointed out over two years ago; this last quarter was indicative of that. He hopes to gain some level of coordination with the member communities in pursuing this.

Mercer had a question on the third quarter financial statements. Wilson anticipated that Administration will probably be coming forward with budget amendments in the next month or two. Revenue and expenditures will be within about 98% of original projections at the beginning of the fiscal year. Wilson does not anticipate overspending in any particular departmental fund.

In answer to an inquiry from Briggs, Director Woodard indicated that there were no overtime costs incurred by the Public Safety Department resulting from the Memorial Day events.

#### **REPORTS - COUNCIL**

Council members all thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for organizing a great Memorial Day Parade and Carnival. The participation of citizens and the volunteers who assisted with the event are what draw the community together. Everyone was encouraged to patronize their local merchants in recognition of their support of community events.

Members of Council congratulated Greg Burry on his appointment to Council and welcomed his interest and involvement. They are looking forward to working with him. Council thanked the other five uniquely qualified applicants. It is hoped that these exceptional individuals could serve the Village in other capacities between now and the next election.

Burry thanked Council for appointing him to this position and said that it was an honor to serve with this Council and represent the citizens of Beverly Hills. Burry talked about a valued member of the community, Jerry Fry, who recently passed away. Jerry loved Beverly Hills and was energetically committed to helping pass the millage proposal last fall. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family.

Mercer remarked that Jerry Fry was a riveting individual; people were drawn to him. Mercer was saddened to hear that he passed away.

Mercer announced an activity planned to be held at Beverly Park on Sunday, August 20 called "The World's Longest Lemonade Stand". This will be an attempt by Beverly Elementary School kids and others to acquire a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for assembling the longest lemonade stand. More information can be obtained at [www.longestlemonadestand.com](http://www.longestlemonadestand.com).

LaFerriere thanked DTE for proactively starting the rewiring project in his community. He has organized a meeting between the Westwood Subdivision and DTE within the next two weeks to understand the specifics of the project.

Mooney congratulated Bloomfield Township on construction of sidewalks on the north side of 14 Mile Road. Mooney provided commentary on recent Groves High School baseball games.

Oen welcomed Public Safety Officer Ginther back to the Department. He is a highly trained and skilled individual who was employed by the Village and subsequently then laid off. It is a pleasure to have him back.

Briggs reviewed that the Bloomfield Township Public Library Board took action on April 26 to rescind circulation privileges to all contract communities. The Baldwin Library Board has sent a letter to the BTPL Board asking them to reconsider their decision. If the Bloomfield Township Library Board does not rescind its action, the Baldwin Library Board will take measures at its June 20 meeting to withdraw special privileges to Bloomfield Township residents that have existed for decades including unlimited use of Baldwin Library. Homebound service to Bloomfield Township residents will be discontinued.

The Bloomfield Township Library Board will meet again on June 21. Briggs encouraged residents of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Birmingham to attend that meeting and request the BTPL Board to rescind their decision.

Briggs commented on the 2011 CAP Act that supports public, educational and government channels and provides for cable companies to be assessed a franchise fee for use of community rights-of-way. The Act was reintroduced this month by Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin. Briggs encouraged residents to contact Congressman Peters and urge him to support this legislation.

Koss thanked Doug Koschik and the Baldwin Library Board members for their steadfast support of the contracting communities of Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms. Koss said that she is proud to be a participant of Baldwin Library services.

Koss received a communication from the owner of Brady's Tavern asking that she assure people that his establishment is thriving and open for business.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

**Rosanne Koss**  
**Council President**

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

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