

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Wilson

President Koss called the special Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

### **REVIEW AND CONFIRM VILLAGE MANAGER'S SELECTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Due to Karl Woodard's retirement effective March 30, 2012, for the past couple of weeks Wilson has been going through the process to select a new Public Safety Director for Beverly Hills. Wilson is recommending Rich Torongeau for that position.

Mr. Torongeau has 23 years of experience working for the Michigan State Police achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander before his retirement in 2001. Torongeau worked in the Criminal Investigation unit as a Polygraph Examiner. He was also responsible for the administration of two joint task forces for narcotics enforcement, one in the Upper Peninsula and the other in Oakland County. What is now known as the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET), was then under the direction of the State Police. In Oakland County, then Detective Lieutenant Torongeau was responsible for supervising and directing officers from various southeast Oakland County communities in a multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement team.

Mr. Torongeau retired from the Michigan State Police after working with the Violent Crimes Task Force where he was responsible for supervising and administering a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of members from the FBI, Michigan State Police, ATF, INS, Detroit Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Office of the Attorney General. In that capacity he responded to and investigated violent crime activity in Wayne County.

After his retirement from the State Police in 2001, Torongeau worked for the advisor of the State of Michigan Office of Drug Control Policy where he was assigned to oversee and assess 20 multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces throughout the State of Michigan. Rich continues to be a licensed public and private polygraph examiner.

For the past nine years Rich Torongeau has served as the Chief of Police for the City of Algonac. Wilson also worked for Algonac as their City Manager for four years from 2004 to 2008. He is familiar with Torongeau's management skills, leadership abilities and community skills. Wilson believes that Torongeau's knowledge, skills and abilities are what the Village needs to lead the Beverly Hills Public Safety Department, therefore he recommends the appointment of Rich Torongeau as the Beverly Hills Public Safety Director. Wilson is seeking Council's approval of a Letter of Understanding between the Village and Rich Torongeau. If approved, Rich will begin working for the Village on April 16, 2012.

Moved by Oen, second by Briggs, that the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the Manager's selection of Rich Torongeau for the position of Public Safety Director for the Village of Beverly Hills. Further the Council authorizes Village Manager Wilson to sign the Letter of Understanding appointing Rich Torongeau to the position of Public Safety Director.

Roll call vote:

Motion passed: (7 – 0)

Burry inquired if Torongeau has a pension and health care package from the State of Michigan. Wilson explained that he does have a pension, but not health care coverage. In the Letter of Understanding, Torongeau has agreed to health care coverage through the Village in the Blue Care Network 10 HRS.

Mooney asked how many individuals applied and were interviewed for this position. Wilson responded that 9 people were interviewed over a one week period of time out of 37 applications that were received.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

Moved by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

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

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