

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Manager, Wilson
Village Attorney, Ryan

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

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn to closed session to discuss labor union negotiations and an attorney-client privileged memorandum.

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

Motion by Mooney, second by Mercer, to return to open session at 7:35 pm.

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

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Director of Public Safety, Torongeau

President Koss reconvened the Council meeting 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 Mooney, to approve the agenda as published.
Motion passed (7 – 0).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson announced that the County IT Department has a new department called G2G Cloud Solutions. G2G Cloud Solutions was developed to improve government services by sharing technology with other government agencies at little or no cost, thereby reducing the cost of government. One of the services available to Beverly Hills would be a convenient and secure online payment solution that would allow the Village to start receiving payments directly from its website. It was noted that Southfield Township has this ability. Beverly Hills Council and administration should contact Gershenson to set up an appointment if they are interested in County IT services.

Southfield Township Treasurer Janet Mooney referred to the recent Agreement whereby Southfield Township will collect Beverly Hills taxes. She reported that necessary modifications have been made, and tax bills should be received by residents by approximately June 30. Mooney explained that residents will be mailed one envelope containing two separate tax bills,

one from Southfield Township and one from Beverly Hills; payments will be made to Southfield Township. The Township will be collecting the funds and dispersing payments to the Village regularly. As an added convenience, Beverly Hills residents will be able to pay their tax bills online via credit card or e-check.

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 June 5, 2012.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, June 18, 2012.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROCLAMATION REGARDING MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CARNIVAL

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council adopt the following Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION
VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

Whereas, the Village Woman’s Club of Beverly Hills jointly organized and sponsored the first annual village-wide Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31st, 1982, and

Whereas, in 2009, when the Woman’s Club could no longer sponsor the event, the Village Parks & Recreation Board voluntarily accepted the responsibility of continuing the Parade and Carnival each year, and

Whereas, under the leadership of Parks & Recreation Board member, Jim O’Reilly, this well-loved tradition has continued for the past four years, and

Whereas, each year Jim O’Reilly courteously requested donations from area residents and businesses to maintain the quality and substance of the Parade and Carnival, and

Whereas, Beverly Hills resident and Planning Board member, Patrick Westerlund, voluntarily spent countless hours recruiting, coordinating and organizing parade participants, and

Whereas, Jim O’Reilly and Patrick Westerlund enlisted dozens of women, men and children who joyfully provided their time and talent to support this annual event, and

Whereas, community members look forward to the Parade and Carnival each year to gather together with long-time neighbors and become acquainted with new friends,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Beverly Hills Village Council extends its grateful appreciation to Jim O’Reilly, Patrick Westerlund, the Village Parks & Recreation Board

and numerous volunteers and contributors for providing four years of reflection and enjoyment to the residents of Beverly Hills.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Jim O'Reilly and Patrick Westerlund received a standing ovation from everyone in the Council chamber.

Westerlund thanked Council for the recognition. He related that his motivation for organizing the parade was to ensure that the tradition of the Beverly Hills Annual Memorial Day Parade would continue for Village families. Westerlund said that he could not have coordinated the parade without the help and involvement of the Devonshire Men's Club.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board, O'Reilly thanked Council for the proclamation. He remarked that he has been the facilitator, but it is the community that brings the event together. There are many people who contribute to the parade and carnival including organizers, participants and sponsors. He thanked Council for the recognition of this community event.

Koss stated that it says a lot about our community to have people like Jim O'Reilly, Pat Westerlund, and members of the Parks and Recreation Board who volunteer their time and energy to sponsor this major event.

Phil Schmitt emphasized that Jim O'Reilly and Pat Westerlund deserve all the kudos they have received tonight. In addition to his work on the Memorial Day parade, Pat Westerlund is an active member of the Village Planning Board. As an architect, he helped design the park pavilion renovations.

Jim O'Reilly should be recognized for his service to the Parks and Recreation Board and the community. While on the Park Board, O'Reilly was responsible for refurbishing the volleyball and tennis courts and was instrumental in improving and maintaining the baseball diamonds in Beverly Park. O'Reilly and his sons and other helpers built the stairs going up the sled hill. Over the years, Jim has guided 16 Eagle Scout projects benefitting Beverly Park and the Village. During his tenure, O'Reilly did the scheduling for all of the baseball leagues. He was involved in Little League for six years as well as Groves soccer, tennis, and baseball. It was O'Reilly's idea to construct a disc golf course in the park.

Schmitt also thanked Lisa Ross for her enthusiastic service on the Parks and Recreation Board. She served as Winter Family Fun Day chairperson for the last three years.

Mooney commented on the great job Pat Westerlund has done organizing the Memorial Day Parade for the last four years. It is small town Americana at its very best. Mooney talked about Jim O'Reilly's dedication to the community and his ability to motivate people to contribute to the parade and carnival. He has been an inspiration for many major Eagle projects that have taken place in the park. O'Reilly has been a leader of Scout Troop 1024. He has coordinated the Little League teams that use the ball fields in the park. Jim O'Reilly is ending his service on the Parks and Recreation Board and will be sorely missed.

Mooney concluded that he does not know of two people who have given more to the community than Jim O'Reilly and Pat Westerlund. On behalf of Council, he expressed a deep sense of gratitude to them for making this community what it is.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST AND CONTRACT FROM BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY COALITION FOR FY 2011/2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200 AND FY 2012/2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200

Beverly Hills has had an arrangement with the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC) for providing service to reduce substance abuse by youth within the Village and the greater Birmingham Bloomfield community. The services center on reducing the access and use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other dangerous drugs by teens. The Community Coalition provides a “community services” function that Beverly Hills does not staff on its own.

The Village Council approved funding in both FY 2011/12 and FY 2012/13 budgets for contracted community action programs with \$1,200 allocated for the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition. BBCC is requesting a contribution of \$1,200 for each fiscal year to cover the funding of these important functions being provided to the community by their organization. Council is in receipt of a contract for each year outlining the services provided.

Motion by Mooney, second by Briggs, that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills approve the funding request of Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition in the amount of \$1,200 for FY 2011/12 and \$1,200 for FY 2012/13 for the provision of substance abuse prevention services; further, that Administration is directed to sign the contract document providing for this continuing community service. The funds for this expense are available in Account #101-747-890.03 Community Action: Contracted.

Carol Mastroianni, Executive Director of the BBCC, spent some time addressing an inquiry about the effect of recent synthetic drugs on the communities. The Coalition has been educating parents and youth on the topic; they have located retailers in the communities who were selling the products. The Coalition has launched its Parents for Prevention group early without waiting until Fall. The purpose is to bring parents together to have conversations and work together to keep kids healthy and substance free. Mastroianni thanked Council for the funding.

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

APPOINT VARIOUS MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Council subcommittees met starting at 6:15 pm this evening to review applications for Village boards and committees. A number of Board members' terms will expire on June 30, 2012. It is Council's policy to make these vacancies open to the public as well as the currently seated members.

A subcommittee chaired by Burry met at 6:15 pm to review applications to fill two vacancies on the Birmingham Area Cable Board. The subcommittee recommended the reappointment of Alan Heyman and Mary Ann Verdi-Hus to fill the two vacancies on the Cable Board for terms expiring June 30, 2015.

Motion by Burry, second by Mooney, to appoint Alan Heyman and Mary Ann Verdi-Hus to fill two vacancies on the Birmingham Area Cable Board for terms expiring June 30, 2015.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

At 6:30 pm the Parks and Recreation subcommittee chaired by Mooney met to consider filling three vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Board. The subcommittee recommended the appointment of Bill Kondak, Janice Hausman, and Jen Ruprich.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to reappoint Bill Kondak and appoint Janice Hausman and Jen Ruprich to the Parks and Recreation Board for terms to expire on June 30, 2015.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

The Planning Board subcommittee chaired by Oen met at 6:30 pm to consider filling three vacancies on the Planning Board. The subcommittee recommended the reappointment of Rukni Abboud, George Ostrowski, and Robert Ruprich.

Motion by Oen, second by Mercer, to reappoint Rukni Abboud, George Ostrowski, and Robert Ruprich to the Planning Board for terms to expire on June 30, 2015.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Koss stated that the one candidate for the vacant citizen position on the Retirement Board was not present at the subcommittee meeting held at 6:45 pm. It was the recommendation of the subcommittee to re-announce the position in an attempt to receive additional applications from individuals who may have a financial or investment background. The Retirement Board oversees the Public Safety Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Care Fund for employees. Koss asked that administration continue to announce a vacancy on the Retirement Board and extend the time period for receiving applications.

Motion by Mooney, second by Briggs, to direct Administration to make further announcements of a vacancy on the Retirement Board.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

The Zoning Board subcommittee chaired by LaFerriere met at 6:45 pm to review four applications for three positions on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The subcommittee recommended the reappointment of Mary Ann Verdi-Hus, Sharon Mullin Fox, and Jim Delaney.

Motion by LaFerriere, second by Oen, to appoint Mary Ann Verdi-Hus, Sharon Mullin Fox and Jim Delaney to the Zoning Board of Appeals for terms to expire on June 30, 2015.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Mooney mentioned that the appointment of Sharon Mullin Fox to the Zoning Board creates a vacancy for an alternate member of the Board. Administration was asked to announce a vacancy for an alternate Zoning Board member.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BANNING SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA IN THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

Attorney Ryan stated that Governor Rick Snyder signed new laws today banning K2, Spice and similar synthetic drugs in Michigan. The package of bills cracks down on chemicals used to make the products and also gives state health officials power to temporarily ban substances deemed an imminent danger to people's health.

Before Council for consideration is a local ordinance that refers to the public health code. It is declared to be an emergency ordinance that would be immediately effective upon adoption by Council. The purpose of the Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42, to Add Section 42.13, Marijuana and Dangerous Drugs is as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate and prohibit the possession, sale, manufacture, creation, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture, create, or deliver a controlled substance classified in schedule 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of the Michigan Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, MCL 333.7201 et. al., a controlled substance analogue, a counterfeit substance, a deleterious drug, a prescription form, a counterfeit prescription form, unless the controlled substance, controlled substance analogue, deleterious drug, or prescription form was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by law; to regulate and prohibit the possession, sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia; to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare.

Ryan proceeded with a reading of the ordinance noting that it will require a super majority of Council for immediate adoption. He highlighted each section of the ordinance including Definitions; Possession sale, manufacture, creation, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture, create or deliver a controlled substance under the Michigan Public Health Code, a controlled substance analogue, a counterfeit substance, a deleterious drug, a prescription form, or a counterfeit prescription form; Use of a controlled substance or controlled substance analogue; Implements of manufacture of controlled substance; Fraudulently obtaining controlled substance or prescription from health care provider; Recruiting, inducing, soliciting, or coercing minor to violate this Article; Loitering where drugs or drug paraphernalia are present; possession or sale of drug paraphernalia; Repealer; Severability; Savings; Effective Date; and Publication.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Beverly Hills Village Council deems that an emergency situation exists with regard to use and sale of various synthetic drugs and that Council adopt An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 42, To Add Section 42.13, Marijuana and Dangerous Drugs and move its immediate adoption.

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

The ordinance in its entirety is available for review at the Village offices.

SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OUTDOOR GATHERINGS TO ADD SECTION 35.12 GARAGE SALES

A public hearing and first reading of an ordinance regarding garage sales was held at the June 5, 2012 Council meeting. Attorney Ryan conducted a second reading of Ordinance No. 340, An Ordinance to Amend Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Code, Chapter 35, Outdoor Gatherings to Add Section 35.12 Garage Sales.

The Purpose and Intent of this ordinance language is to regulate, control and limit the holding of garage sales, as they may become nuisances and safety hazards if not so regulated, and so that residential areas do not become commercialized through a proliferation of garage sales and similar commercial activities. Ryan outlined each section of the proposed ordinance: Definitions; Restrictions, number and duration; Sales limitations; Garage sale not to create nuisance; Exemptions; Severability; Penalty; Savings Clause; and Effective Date.

Motion by Mooney, second by Briggs, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council adopt an Ordinance to Amend Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Code, Chapter 35, Outdoor Gatherings to Add Section 35.12 Garage Sales.

Sharon Tischler of 21415 Virmar Court asked if the ordinance addresses estate sales held by outside parties. Wilson clarified that the definition section of the ordinance states that “Garage Sale” also means an estate sale and/or auction conducted at or around a residence or in a residential subdivision. A permit is required for an estate sale.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST TO REDUCE THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE FROM SEVEN MEMBERS TO FIVE

Briggs stated that the Communications Committee attempted to hold its first meeting on June 7. Unfortunately, only three of the appointed five members were able to attend. Because the committee was established as a seven-member body, four members constitute a quorum. While there were seven applicants for the committee, one individual did not meet the requirement for length of time in the Village and the other application was submitted after the deadline.

In order to ensure that the committee can meet and work on the activities assigned to it, Briggs recommended that Council amend the resolution creating the Communications Committee to reduce the number of members to five. The committee will still be able to perform its function and will be able to draw on others in the community as needed for input and advice.

Motion by Briggs, second by Oen. Be it resolved that Section 1 of the resolution to establish the Communications Committee previously adopted on February 7, 2012 be amended to read:

SECTION 1. Communications Committee. There is hereby created a Communications Committee for the Village of Beverly Hills, hereafter referred to as the Committee. Said Committee shall exist at the discretion of the Village Council, and consist of five persons who shall be qualified electors in the Village of Beverly Hills. The members of said Committee shall be appointed by the Village Council. The Village Clerk and a member of Village Council will serve as nonvoting members of the Committee. The term of each appointed member shall be for a period designated by Council. All appointed members of the Committee would serve without compensation.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER 2011/12 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Before Council for consideration is a memorandum dated June 14, 2012 from Finance Director Wiszowaty listing the operating transfers or reserves from the General Fund and Major and Local Road Funds to other operating funds. The items are either budgeted or will be adjusted by budget amendments. Manager Wilson described the nature of the transactions proposed.

The Village Council is required by the State Uniform Budgeting Act to approve a resolution to authorize administration to make these transfers or to reserve funds. Wilson stated that he reviewed the budget amendments presented by Mr. Wiszowaty and recommends approval at this time.

Motion by Mooney, second by Mercer, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council adopt the budget amendments and transfers as outlined in the memorandum dated June 14, 2012 from the Finance Director addressed to the Village Council and Village Manager.

The 2011/12 Village Budget Amendment document is on file at the Village office for public review.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER CONTRIBUTION TO CITY OF BIRMINGHAM FOR ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3, 2012

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve a contribution in the amount of \$1,800 to the City of Birmingham for the July 3, 2012 Fireworks Display at Lincoln Hills Golf Course.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SEVERANCE AGREEMENT WITH DISPATCHERS UNION

Based on Council's decision to contract for dispatch services with the City of Birmingham, the union representing the dispatchers currently employed by Beverly Hills requested to enter into Effects Bargaining to address the impact of their contract termination and permanent layoff. Village administration met with union representatives in two Effects Bargaining sessions and were not able to come to an agreement. The Union requested that a State appointed mediator be brought in. The mediator proved to be effective, and both sides agreed to enter into a tentative agreement. Wilson outlined the general terms of the Release and Severance Agreement with the Dispatch Union and requested Council approval.

Upon approval of Council, Wilson will provide the Agreement to the Union for signature of impacted employees. A complete settlement with the employees would be made at the final payroll and would resolve this matter. Wilson thought that the proposed settlement was fair and in the best interest of the Union, the employees and the Village of Beverly Hills.

Motion by Briggs, second by Oen, that the Village Council of Beverly Hills approve the Release and Severance Agreement with the Dispatch Union and authorize Village Administration to sign the agreement.

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

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR SMART FISCAL YEAR 2013 MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY CREDIT AGREEMENT

Before Council for consideration is the contract from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for financial assistance to support public transportation programs in Beverly Hills. This contract is for fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013).

The amount of funding available to the Village from the SMART program is \$21,918 allocated under two separate programs, the Municipal Credit Program in the amount of \$10,108 and the Community Credit Program in the amount of \$11,810. Council will consider action authorizing the Village to enter into a contract with SMART to accept the funds and allocate them in accordance with the terms of the contract. The funds are proposed to be allocated to the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) to be used for transportation related services.

The amount of funding available to Beverly Hills through the Municipal Credit Program is \$10,108. Administration recommends that \$10,108 be designated to the BASCC transportation program. The funding available through the Community Credit Program is \$11,810. Administration recommends that this entire amount be allocated to BASCC for its transportation program. This brings the total allocation for BASCC up to \$21,918. BASCC uses this money for operation, maintenance and repair expenses as well as wages for its Senior Citizen Van Program. BASCC estimates that its annual costs for operating the Van Program are \$111,015; their current records indicate that 32% of their van users are Beverly Hills residents.

The SMART program is supported 50% by a 0.59 millage tax that was renewed by Oakland County voters in August of 2010 and 50% from the State of Michigan Transportation Fund, which holds money collected from the State gasoline tax.

Motion by Burry, second by Oen, to authorize the Village Manager to enter into a Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract for fiscal year 2013 between the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) and the Village of Beverly Hills, under which contract the Village would accept \$10,108 in Municipal Credits and \$11,810 in Community Credits to be allocated as set forth in the contract. For the amount of funding that will be allocated to the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council, BASCC will provide the appropriate insurance coverage as required by SMART.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alda Marie McCook on Riverside observed that the grass at Riverside Park was replaced with wood chips. The park is no longer accessible to wheel chairs. McCook strenuously objected to the wood chips and urged Council to replace them with grass.

McCook expressed the view that comments made by Council members during their meetings should not consist of personal opinions. McCook informed those present that the Greening of Detroit group has requested that her garden be on display as part of the Detroit Garden Works cruise on Sunday, July 22.

Kathleen Berwick on Kennoway Court stated that she assisted with the planting of a native garden at Riverside Park last year. Berwick asserted that she was not a part of the group who spread the woodchips. Council directed administration to look into what transpired at Riverside Park.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Village Administration held a pre-construction conference for the Evergreen Bridge Project and has determined that the closure of Evergreen Road will commence on June 25 to allow for necessary repairs to the bridge. Signalization of the road closure will be put in place 2-3 days prior to the actual closing to allow for residents and motorists to plan an alternate route. The official detour will be along 13 Mile, Lasher, and 14 Mile Roads.

The Village offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Trash collection will not be interrupted.

Director Torongeau reported on the status of work with the City of Birmingham to facilitate the transition of dispatch services. On Thursday, June 28 the Village dispatch services will be transitioned to the City of Birmingham Dispatch Center. The contract between both entities calls for services to be provided as of July 1. Because July 1 is a Sunday, it was decided to make the initial transfer on Thursday, June 28 to ensure that all systems are working properly and to allow for the ability to address any issues that may arise prior to the weekend.

REPORTS – COUNCIL

Burry reported that the first meeting of the Joint Senior Service Committee will take place within the next week or two. Their assignment will be to study service and program needs of the growing senior population in the area for the purpose of making recommendations to each governing body as to how to enhance senior services. The Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet tomorrow morning, June 20 at 7:45 am in the Beverly Hills Council chamber.

LaFerriere shared information on storm water recovery and the challenge of reducing the storm water running into the Village's sewer system. He discussed ideas including distributing rain barrels, using permeable paving, and establishing rain gardens. The material presented will be posted on the Beverly Hills website over the next couple of weeks.

Oen announced that the Planning Board will meet next week on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:30 pm. There will be an update on the Southfield Road Corridor redevelopment project. Oen requested that Council excuse his absences for the two July Council meetings due to back surgery.

Mercer thanked Southfield Township Treasurer Janet Mooney for the work she has done towards providing the Township collection and remittance of property taxes levied by the Village. It will save the Village resources, time, and money. Mercer thanked all members who have served on various Village boards and committees.

Mooney reviewed that the World's Longest Lemonade Stand event occurred in Beverly Park last summer. The organizing group donated a remarkable sculpture to be displayed in the park to commemorate the event. He urged residents to come and take a look at this impressive work of art. Mooney reminded everyone that there will be a joint meeting of the Council and Parks and Recreation Board in Beverly Park on Thursday, June 21 at 7:30 pm.

Council members thanked Jim O'Reilly and Lisa Ross for their service to the community over many years. O'Reilly and Ross will be missed on the Parks and Recreation Board. Mooney provided background information on new Parks and Recreation Board members Jen Ruprich and Janice Hausman.

Briggs updated Council on the joint committee between the Baldwin Library Board and the Birmingham City Commission established to focus on future building projects. There was a community leaders program held on Saturday, June 9 at which time options for library improvements were discussed. Briggs urged residents to participate in the survey available in the Books & Beyond newsletter and on the library website and provide input on what should be done in terms of the building facilities. A community forum to gather input is being held this evening at the library.

Briggs commented on the open carry law in Michigan, noting that you can openly carry a handgun in Michigan. Any law abiding citizen of the State of Michigan who owns a safety inspected handgun may openly carry (in a holster) a firearm in all places not explicitly exempt by law with or without a concealed pistol license. Briggs related that libraries are not included in the list of places that are off limits to firearms. It is the consensus of the Baldwin Library Board to request that the Michigan Legislature add libraries to the exemptions. Briggs asked Council to

consider drafting a letter to the Legislature in support of the Library Board's position. This will be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

Koss referred to the recent change in state law that allows residents to purchase and use firecrackers such as Roman candles and bottle rockets. She asked the community to keep safety in mind and take necessary precautions if they are using fireworks.

Koss asked people to be cognizant of local elections coming up in November. There will be three Beverly Hills Council seats open in November; petitions from council candidates must be returned to the Village office by August 14. The League of Women Voters will hold a candidate night in the Village for Southfield Township positions on the August 7 primary ballot. This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 11.

Motion by Briggs, second by Mooney, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Motion passed (7 – 0).

Rosanne Koss
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary