

Present: President Mercer; Members: Burry, Kelly, Mooney and Oen

Absent: Briggs and LaFerriere

Also Present: Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall
Public Safety Director, Torongeau
Village Attorney, Ryan

President Mercer 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. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Oen, second by Mooney, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held September 2, 2014.
- b. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, September 8, 2014.
- c. Consider request from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs to install banner at the northwest corner of Dunblaine and Southfield Roads.
- d. Consider changing first Council meeting in November to Monday, November 3, 2014.

Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER ANNUAL FUNDING REQUEST AND CONTRACT FROM BIRMINGHAM YOUTH ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2014/2015 IN AMOUNT OF \$7,000

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills approve the funding request of Birmingham Youth Assistance in the amount of \$7,000 for the provision of youth and family services; further, that Administration be directed to sign the contract document providing for this continuing community service.

Past President and current Treasurer of Birmingham Youth Assistance Richard Stasys introduced Reuben Myers, Vice-Chair of BYA, and caseworker Nikki Keller. Stasys announced that the Birmingham Youth Assistance is entering its 53rd year of providing services and programs to the Birmingham School District youth and families. The organization is sponsored by Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division, the Birmingham School District, and the communities of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin.

Birmingham Youth Assistance works to provide services and support to youths and families in the Village of Beverly Hills and the greater Birmingham School District community. The mission statement of Birmingham Youth Assistance is the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency, child neglect and abuse through citizen, school, court and municipal involvement. Stasys talked about BYA community programming. BYA acts in similar fashion to a “community services” function, a service the Village of Beverly Hills does not currently staff on its own.

Caseworker Nikki Keller discussed counseling casework services and outlined program procedures. She works with kids from ages 7-17 in the area of prevention and counseling on a referral basis. Keller noted that there has been an increase in case work services this year. Community funding has provided the ability to initiate a boys middle school program for kids in the community; a preschool program for children and parents focusing on self esteem and literacy; and a high school program on food, mood, and behavior that will begin in October. Keller stated that BYA is appreciative of the continued support from Beverly Hills.

Reuben Myers talked about upcoming programs and events. Stasys emphasized the benefits received from BYA services and programming considering the low operational costs of the organization. Council members expressed their appreciation for outreach to the community and programs offered by Birmingham Youth Assistance.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (5 – 0).

REVIEW AND CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR FERTILIZATION OF VILLAGE PROPERTIES

Council is in receipt of a bid tabulation for fertilizer application for three years for the following locations: Administrative Offices, Beverly Park, Public Safety Building, and Riverside Park. Administration recommends acceptance of the bid from Owen Tree Service at \$16,484.00. Owen Tree Service has been in business for over 25 years and is a qualified contractor.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council award the bid for the fertilization of Village properties to Owen Tree Service in the amount of \$16,484.00 over a period of three years. The funds for this work are in account #101-440-778.03.

Roll Call Vote:
Motion passed (5 – 0).

REVIEW AND APPROVE HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to allow Council member Kelly to abstain from voting on the invoices received from Hubbell, Roth & Clark based on her business relationship with the vendor.

Motion passed.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the invoices submitted by Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. for professional services in the amount of \$44,056.90 through August 26, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Burry, Mercer, Mooney, Oen

Nays - None

Abstain - Kelly

Motion passed (4 yes – 0 no – 1 abstention).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Southfield Township Clerk Sharon Tischler thanked Council for rescheduling the first Council meeting in November to Monday, November 3. This will allow the council chamber to be used for the AV Counting Board during the November 4 Election. Tischler mentioned that write-in candidates on the ballots for Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, and the Birmingham School Board will result in a longer tally process.

REPORTS – MANAGER

Assistant Manager Marshall commented that a new ceiling is being installed in the municipal building lobby following the removal of the skylight. Improved lighting will be part of this project. The lobby doors will be replaced and made ADA compliant with the use of Community Development Block Grant money. This work will occur in early October.

Burry mentioned that many Village residents experienced an extended electrical outage following a storm that occurred on September 5. Most of the outages occurred as a result of large trees and overhanging branches in the road rights-of-way. Burry questioned whether DTE Energy has responded to inquiries about tree trimming efforts that would prevent these outages. People in the Village lost power for about 84 hours, almost four days.

Mercer related that, in the aftermath of the storm and resulting service interruptions, Village Administration was in contact with Michael Palchesko, liaison between local governmental units and DTE Energy. Mr. Palchesko will attend a future Council meeting to update the community and address the service outage issue. He is expected to be present at the October 7 Council meeting.

Mooney stated that the need to increase security at the Village municipal building and Southfield Township office was brought up at the last Council meeting. He proposed that the Director of Public Safety and Village Administration prepare a plan and options for an increased level of security for both governmental offices. Mooney would like everyone who works in this building and does business here to feel safe and secure. Chief Torongeau responded that he drafted a plan and sent a memo to Manager Wilson with a list of security improvements.

REPORTS – COUNCIL

Mooney stated that the Parks and Recreation Board will meet on Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Beverly Park. He noted that this will be Chairperson Cynthia Arvant's last meeting. She will be resigning her position on the Board due to employment obligations.

Mercer further addressed the concern for the safety of employees in the Village and Township offices. He commented that the Village is bound to insure that the people in its employ are safe and secure in their surroundings.

Motion by Mooney, second by Oen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Motion passed.

Tim Mercer
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary