

Present: President Mooney; President Pro-Tem Peddie; Members: Abboud, Delaney, Kelly, Mueller and Oen

Absent: None

Also Present: Manager, Wilson
Assistant Manager/Clerk, Marshall

Council President Mooney 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. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - RECOGNITION OF RECORDING SECRETARY SUSAN BERNARD

President Mooney stated that the Village is losing a valued associate, Sue Bernard, who has been with Beverly Hills for a significant period of time. Ms. Bernard has been the recording secretary for all Village boards and commissions including the Zoning Board, the Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Board, and the Village Council.

Mooney asked Ms. Bernard to step forward, at which time he presented her with a proclamation from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners honoring her for 48 years of service to the Village and for participating in more than 3,000 Beverly Hills meetings. She is the longest serving employee of Beverly Hills and has undertaken her important work with exceptional skill, professionalism and dedication. In her role as recording secretary, Ms. Bernard has demonstrated an exceptional gift for the written word. Mooney also presented Ms. Bernard, through State Representative Jeremy Moss, with a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan, which will be placed in the record of the State Legislature.

President Mooney presented Ms. Bernard with the following Village of Beverly Hills Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is a special privilege to honor Susan Bernard on her retirement from the Village of Beverly Hills effective June 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Susan became the Village Recording Secretary in 1967 and is the longest serving employee of the Village of Beverly Hills; and

WHEREAS, during those years, Sue married Tom and raised two beautiful children, Laura and Brian and is now the grandmother to Ryder and Emily; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bernard has attended numerous meetings of the Village Council, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Board, Retirement Board, Birmingham Area Cable Board, Communications Committee, Finance Committee, Traffic Control Committee, Library Committee, Infrastructure Committee, and City vs. Village Ad Hoc Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bernard has recorded a combined total of more than 3,000 meetings and transcribed corresponding minutes for each of those meetings; and

WHEREAS, Susan has displayed exemplary skills in conveying the actions and decisions conducted at those meetings; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation recognizes Sue's outstanding contribution to Beverly Hills by consistently presenting herself with the utmost professionalism and loyalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Beverly Hills Village Council on behalf of the residents of the Village of Beverly Hills wish to express sincere gratitude to Susan Bernard for her many years of dedicated service to the Village and wish her well in her retirement.

Council members Abboud, Mueller, Delaney, Kelly, Oen, Peddie and Mooney extended their thanks and appreciation to Ms. Bernard for writing excellent meeting minutes during her many years of service to the Village. It was noted that she had the ability to establish what information is relevant and capture the substance of a meeting. Council wished Ms. Bernard a happy retirement and added that she will be missed.

Village resident and Township Clerk Sharon Tischler commended Sue Bernard for editing meeting minutes to best reflect the intent of remarks made by Council and Board members as well as residents who spoke in public. She has been an outstanding employee for Beverly Hills. Tischler recalled her long acquaintance with Ms. Bernard.

On behalf of Council and Village employees, Manager Chris Wilson congratulated Sue Bernard on her quality of service to the Village and for attending more than 3,000 meetings in this community. She has made the Village proud by providing a written history of activity in Beverly Hills for many years. Former Public Safety Director and Village Manager Tom Good was present and acknowledged the retirement of Ms. Bernard.

Ms. Bernard thanked everyone for their kind words. She has been with the Village for 48 years. She said that Beverly Hills feels like family, a family that keeps changing its members, which is why working for the Village has always been interesting. Sue Bernard has met many good people serving on boards and councils who always had the best interests of the community at heart. She will miss them all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Consider approval of minutes of a regular Council meeting held May 5, 2015.
2. Review and file bills recapped as of Monday, May 18, 2015.
3. Review and consider renewal of professional computer consulting services with Enterprise Computer Solutions.

Motion passed.

BUSINESS AGENDA

REVIEW AND CONSIDER COME OUT AND PLAY AT BEVERLY PARK ON AUGUST 27, 2015

Terry Fields, Chief of Recreation Programs & Services for Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, talked about a grant called the Recreation Assistance Partnership Program, commonly referred to as the RAPP program. It serves all 62 cities, townships and villages in Oakland County. The grant provides mobile recreation services including inflatables, busses and stages. Municipalities are allowed three inflatable visits and one bus trip. In addition, there is a collaboration portion of the grant that involves \$50,000 worth of services.

Fields has approached Beverly Hills and Lathrup Village relative to co-hosting an event whereby the County would bring out their toys and provide activities at no charge to residents. In addition to the bounce houses and recreation items that the Village has seen before, the County has a zip line that can run between 150' and 330' long (requires a permission slip). They also have a water inflatable that uses water and cools off participants on a hot day. Ellen Marshall has suggested that this could be a fun event prior to the Movie in the Park night this summer. The County would come to the park 3:00-4:00 pm in the afternoon to set up their equipment. A tentative date that works for the County, Lathrup Village and Beverly Hills is Thursday, August 27.

Council member Mueller related that the Parks and Recreation Board reviewed this proposal at its last meeting and unanimously supported the plan to provide mobile recreation units for a "Come Out and Play Day" in Beverly Park this summer.

Motion by Mueller, second by Abboud, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the Oakland County Recreation Department proposal for a "Come Out and Play Day" in Beverly Park on Thursday, August 27, 2015 to be coordinated by Village Administration, Oakland County and Lathrup Village.

Kelly questioned liability associated with the Oakland County mobile recreation facilities. Manager Wilson responded that this event will fall under the Village's liability insurance policy; Administration will obtain a retainer from Oakland County to add the Village as an additional insured for the events of the day.

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

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF VARIOUS BOARD/COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following is a list of board members whose terms expire on June 30, 2015. All of the members have been notified of their term expiration and those listed below wish to be considered for reappointment. It was noted that Council agreed in November of 2008 to make these vacancies open to the public as well as the currently seated member.

Zoning Board

Chris Crossen
Vacancy (Sharon Fox)
Mary Ann Verdi-Hus
Karen Mitchell
Ashley Lepidi

Planning Commission

George Ostrowski
Andrew Drummond
Robert Ruprich

Parks & Recreation

William Kondak
Janice Hausman
Jennifer Ruprich

Retirement Board

Richard Maxwell

All terms are for three years. This constitutes the first announcement of the vacancies with appointments scheduled to take place at the June 16 Council meeting. Deadline for applications is Friday, June 5, 2015.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HUBBELL, ROTH & CLARK INVOICES

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

Motion passed.

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, that the Village of Beverly Hills Council approve the invoices submitted by Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc. for professional services in the amount of \$22,818.85 for the period ending April 30, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes - Abboud, Delaney, Mooney, Mueller, Oen, Peddie
Nays - None
Abstain - Kelly

Motion passed (6 yes – 0 no – 1 abstention).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Tischler on Virmar Court brought a traffic situation to Council’s attention. Lahser and 13 Mile Road are at peak volumes on many occasions. She has observed that a substantial amount of traffic heading north on Lahser cuts through the neighborhoods to reach 13 Mile Road. Vehicles turn on Normandale to Vernon and then turn right on 13 Mile Road heading eastbound. Local subdivision streets are picking up cut-through car and truck traffic. The speed limit is exceeded at times. There is a substantial amount of traffic using Vernon as a cut-through as well as the Leemoor and Stellamar entrance from 13 Mile Road.

Tischler suggested that public safety officers patrol this area at peak traffic times. The Road Commission should be asked to review the timing and operation of the traffic light at the Lahser and 13 Mile Road intersection. Mooney concurred that some action should be taken to alleviate this traffic issue.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Road Construction – Wilson provided an update on road construction in the Village on Beverly Road, Sheridan, Fairfax and Riverside. Preliminary work has also begun on the Road Commission project to reconstruct Lahser from 13 Mile Road to Maple. Motorists may find intermittent lane closures from 14 Mile to Maple in the coming weeks. Lahser is scheduled to be completely closed from 14 Mile to Maple beginning June 13th. Lahser between 13 Mile and 14 Mile is tentatively scheduled to be closed beginning July 18th. Final restoration of Lahser is scheduled for October 9th. All efforts will be made to have the road open to through traffic prior to the beginning of the school year in the fall.

Wilson added that the Village will work with the Road Commission on signage and will provide additional enforcement to detour cut-through traffic.

Village Wide Garage Sale – The annual Village Wide Garage Sale will be held on Friday, May 29, Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31. Residents interested in participating in the garage sale can register at the Village Hall for \$3. Those who register will receive two garage sale signs and will be included in the Village listing and map of participating homes.

Memorial Day Parade and Carnival – The annual Memorial Day Parade and Carnival will be held on Monday May 25. The parade starts at 11:00 with the carnival to follow from noon to 3:00 in Beverly Park.

Offices Closed – Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Trash collection will be delayed by one day during this week.

Passport Applications – Beginning June 1, the Village will begin processing passport applications on an appointment basis. All those needing to process their passport applications through the Village office are asked to call 248.646.6404 and set an appointment. Appointments can be made Monday-Friday from 8:00 – 4:00. Walk in applications may still receive assistance there are no other appointments at that time as staffing and work load levels permit.

In addition, the Department of State has established a passport processing operation seven days a week at the main Detroit Post Office at 1401 W. Fort Street. No appointments accepted, only walk-ins. Hours for passport processing Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm and Sunday from Noon to 5:00 pm. Information and applications can be found at www.travel.state.gov.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mueller remarked that Council has approved a number of improvement and maintenance projects for Beverly Park over the last several meetings. He reported on progress made on these items. Landscaping has been completed; recycling bins should arrive this week; playground wood chips bids will be opened tomorrow, May 20; necessary concrete work has been completed; the gazebo

is being refurbished; a portion of the sled hill fence has been repaired; fallen trees on the disc golf course have been removed; the volleyball court frame has been removed; the Lost & Found pole is being refurbished; infant swings have been replaced; bricks in the flag area have been leveled; the pond bench has been repaired and replaced. There are more projects pending throughout the summer. New picnic tables are scheduled to be delivered this week; some assembly is required. Hazel Park has purchased nine of the old picnic tables; the remaining five will be redistributed in park areas of the Village.

Mueller noted that Beverly Park looks great. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Board for its efforts and thanked Administration, particularly Ellen Marshall, for her efforts in coordinating these projects.

Mueller invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day festivities on Monday, May 25. The parade starts at 11 am; the carnival in Beverly Park will follow. The Commemoration ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 pm.

Abboud reported on the May 11 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. He commended the Board members on their expertise in addressing the cases that come before them. Abboud reported on the April Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission is reviewing sign ordinance sections dealing with revisions to the development identification signs, multi-tenant signs, and nonconforming signs. The Planning Commission will meet next on Wednesday, May 27.

Groves High School was named a 2015 National School of Character. Character.org added 67 schools and districts to its 2015 roster of National Schools of Character. Each school or district is recognized for its commitment to character education and for fostering a positive environment for social and academic learning.

Abboud reported on his attendance at the State Legislature in Lansing last week. He was interested in matters taking place in the Legislature that could affect local government. Abboud urged citizens to become involved and attend Council meetings.

Delaney thanked Clerk Tischler and the Southfield Township Board for hosting a successful document shredding program. Delaney announced that the Birmingham Area Cable Board will meet on Wednesday, May 27 this month. He commented on the construction and related traffic congestion that will occur this summer.

Council members invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival in Beverly Park on May 25. The parade starts at 11 am in the Groves High School parking lot. The carnival hours are from noon to 3 pm.

Mooney affirmed that it is a tribute to the legislative and administrative efficiency of the Village that Beverly Hills can repair its roads. This Council will do its best to maintain the infrastructure of the community. He added that there will be traffic issues, but the Village will do its best to enforce traffic controls. Mooney thanked President Pro-Tem Peddie for all her assistance in representing the Village at various conferences and meetings. He considers her co-president of Council.

Mooney related the sad news that, over the weekend, former Beverly Hills Public Safety Director John Knotts passed away. He served for decades as a public safety officer, sergeant, and captain. Mooney expressed his sympathy on behalf of Council and the community to his wife Gloria and all of his loved ones. John Knotts will be missed.

Motion by Oen, second by Abboud, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Motion passed.

John Mooney
Council President

Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk

Susan Bernard
Recording Secretary