

Present: President George, President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Abboud, Hrydziusko, Kecskemeti, Mercer and O’Gorman

Absent:

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe
Village Clerk, Brown
Planning & Economic Development Director, Stec
Public Services Director, Johnston

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers located at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. Brown called the roll. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Kecskemeti, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mike White, Vernon Drive, announced that the parking lot north of Market Fresh is open with a new retaining basin, encouraged supporting the business, and congratulated Councilman O’Gorman for completing the half Free Press Marathon with his daughters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA

John Clark, Sleepy Hollow, expressed disappointment that his firm wasn’t interviewed for the Village’s legal services. He cited inconsistencies in bid comparisons and asked the Council to reconsider.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, that the Council for the Village of Beverly Hills approves the consent agenda.

- A. Approve October 7, 2025, Village Council minutes
- B. Review and File Bills recapped as of Monday, October 20, 2025
- C. Approve DTE Streetlight Replacement Proposal
- D. Adopt Chicken Permit Fees
- E. Approve Parks & Recreation Board Events for 2026

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

AWARD BID PUBLIC SAFETY CARPORT PROJECT

Rothe gave an overview. Brad Shepler from HRC presented the carport project bid and noted that the low bidder installed the original carports and is familiar with the site's infrastructure. Council and Shepler discussed construction noise, lifespan of carports, color options and notifying nearby residents before work begins.

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby awards the bid (Division 1 Alternate & Division 2 Base) for the Public Safety Carport Project to Ross & Barr in the amount of \$88,000, with a 10% contingency for a total not to exceed amount of \$96,800. Funds are available in account #205-900-975.05

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH EGLE FOR ERITY DAM FEASIBILITY STUDY

Rothe gave an overview of two related Business Agenda Items, B & C. Shepler outlined the scope of the study. Council and Shepler discussed sediment management, disposal costs, downstream impacts, environmental implications of both removal and maintaining the dam, and coordination with property owners. Council also discussed the importance of addressing community expectations for the appearance and maintenance of Riverside Pond if the dam remains in place.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the DRRGP Grant Program Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, and authorizes Neil Johnston to sign the agreement.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

APPROVE ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL: ERITY DAM FEASIBILITY STUDY

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approves the proposal from HRC to conduct a feasibility study on the Eryty Dam.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

APPROVE DESIGN ENGINEERING PROPOSAL: FY 2027-2030 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

Rothe gave an overview. Council, Shepler and Administration discussed the age of existing mains, Southfield Road watermain loop, the lifespan of new materials, lead service line verification, and the use of the EGLE TMF grant for further service line inventory and testing.

Motion by Mercer, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approves the design engineering proposal from HRC for Fiscal Years 2027-2030 Water Main Improvement Projects in an amount not to exceed \$340,000, authorizing the Village Administration to execute all necessary agreements. Funds are available in account #592-900-973.99.

Roll Call:
Motion passed (7-0)

CONSIDER GRANTING AN EXTENSION TO HUTCH PAVING FOR THE 2026 ROAD PROGRAM

Rothe gave an overview of the proposed contract extension. Shepler praised Hutch Paving’s performance on the 2025 road program, noting the company’s high-quality work on projects saved the village time and money and minimized resident disruption. Administration, Council and Shepler discussed Hutch Paving, and the legal and procedural framework for extending a contract without rebidding.

Motion by Mercer, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Village Council hereby grants the requested contract extension to Hutch Paving for the 2026 road program, subject to Council approval of an official change order once final quantities are determined.

Roll Call:
Motion passed (7-0)

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #393

Rothe gave the first reading of Ordinance No. 393, a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would add new regulations for mechanical units installed in residential areas. Council and Administration discussed portable generators, decibels limit, screening and side yard units.

The following resident spoke on the matter:

Mike White, Vernon, commented on the weekday-only testing restrictions, sound measurements standards and commended the transparency of the Village’s video recorded meetings.

APPROVE INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (MMRMA)

Rothe gave an overview and explained that coverage terms remain unchanged from the previous year, but the premium increased slightly due to the addition of several new vehicles.

The following resident spoke on the matter:

Mike White, Vernon, asked whether newly acquired village properties were included in coverage. Rothe confirmed that recently purchased properties had already been added to the insurance schedule.

Motion by Mercer, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Liability and Property Insurance renewal effective November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026, in the amount

of \$209,096. Funds are available in accounts 101-248-935.00, 205-345-935.00, and 592-540-935.00.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT & FISCAL YEAR 2026 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Rothe went over the Manager’s report and the 2026 Fiscal Year 2026 1st Quarter Financial Report as provided in the regular Village Council meeting packet.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer expressed his appreciation for the new meeting portal, noting that it is more convenient for him to access information via the website rather than through email.

O’Gorman shared his experience training for and running the Detroit Half Marathon. O’Gorman noted the friendliness and positivity of residents and remarked that the experience was a reminder of what a great community he lives in.

Hrydziusko invited residents to attend the upcoming Halloween Hoot. Hrydziusko addressed recent discussions regarding free speech, clarifying that while public comment is always welcome, it is the responsibility of Council and residents to ensure that shared information is accurate and truthful. Hrydziusko explained that, per the Village Charter, Council cannot independently place ordinances or issues on a ballot. Hrydziusko emphasized that elected officials are entrusted to make difficult policy decisions rather than deferring them to ballot initiative and she encouraged both Council and residents to stay informed, verify information, and engage in constructive dialogue.

Abboud attended the Michigan Municipal League Transportation Infrastructure Committee meeting, noting \$92 million in new state revenue primarily for public safety. Abboud will attend the upcoming SEMCOG General Assembly in Troy and mentioned ongoing discussions about the NEXT building project. Abboud attended the Public Safety Fill the Boot breast cancer fundraiser and highlighted the final event on Saturday at TJ Maxx from 3–7 p.m. Abboud, noted the approval of House Bill 4845 regarding competitive bidding for road projects.

Drummond thanked the Public Safety Department for their efforts in the “Fill the Boot” breast cancer fundraiser and also thanked Mr. Aboud for his participation. He noted that the event raised \$797 in just three hours and commended everyone involved for supporting a worthy cause.

George congratulated Public Safety Director Arnold on graduating from the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command. George mentioned the final Fill the Boot fundraiser taking place Saturday and discussed the importance of civility, open dialogue, and continued respect in public discourse despite disagreements. George expressed interest in scheduling a civility project session before the upcoming election and reminded residents of the Halloween Hoot on Saturday and the Groves vs. Seaholm football game on Friday. George

recognized Giada, a local student athlete, for winning a cross-country league championship. and thanked Administration for their hard work and noted the significant increase in projects and activity within the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziusko, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Village President

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk