

Present: President George, President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Hrydziusko, Kecskemeti, Mercer and O’Gorman (arrived at 7:16 p.m.)

Absent: Abboud

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe
Village Attorney, Ryan
Village Attorney, Kolb
Village Clerk, Brown
Planning & Economic Development Director, Stec
Public Service 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.

Motion by Hrydziusko, second by Kecskemeti, to excuse Abboud from tonight’s meeting.

Motion passed (5-0)

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed (5-0)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tara Treado, King Richard’s Court, raised safety concerns about unplowed, untreated neighborhood streets. She emphasized the risks for herself, children, the elderly, and others, urging timely plowing and salting to protect the community.

Pete Webster, Balmoral Street, thanked outgoing Village Attorney Mr. Ryan for his service and praised the Council for selecting the new attorney team. He also applauded the Village’s efforts to secure grant funding for traffic calming measures and expressed optimism about those projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of November 18, 2025 Council Minutes
2. Review and File Bills recapped as of Monday, December 1, 2025
3. Approve Text My Gov Quote
4. Review and consider request to host Groves Orchestra’s Forte 5K on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at Beverly Park.

5. Review and consider request to waive the pavilion rental fee for the annual 5th Grade Run at Beverly Park

Roll Call:

Motion passed (5-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

APPROVE PURCHASE OF 2007 INTERNATIONAL PLOW TRUCK

Rothe gave an overview. Johnston requested purchasing a used 2007 International plow truck to replace costly rented trucks that are not meeting operational needs. Johnston stated that the purchase would cost roughly the same as four months of rental fees, would provide significant savings even if resold after one winter, and will help sustain operations until two new plow trucks are delivered next year.

Motion by Mercer, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council approves the purchase of a 2007 International Plow Truck from Rowland Enterprises LLC for \$48,000 subject to final verification by the Public Services Director and Village Attorney. Funds are available in account #101-900-977.41.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (5-0)

O’Gorman arrived at 7:16 p.m.

AWARD PROPOSAL FOR BEVERLY AND SOUTHFIELD ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

Rothe gave an overview. Stec stated that the Village received four bids and selected Hubbell, Roth and Clark (HRC) due to their bid amount, existing topographic data, and prior project experience. Council and Stec discussed the corrected bid tabulation. Stec stated that after doing a more in-depth review of the bids, it was determined that HRC was the true low bidder after correcting a rounding error in their submitted total.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Drummond, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council accepts the proposal for the Southfield and Beverly Roads Traffic Calming Intersection Study as submitted by Hubbell, Roth, and Clark.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF LUKE WOLGAST REGARDING ESTIMATED FOIA FEE

Rothe gave an overview. Council and Administration discussed the FOIA appeal from resident Luke Wolgast, including the timeliness of the Village’s response to his FOIA request and whether the estimated fee should be waived. Rothe clarified that the FOIA request itself will still be fulfilled once the requester pays the required fee.

The following resident spoke on the matter:

Luke Wolgast, 13 Mile Road, argued that Michigan law discourages fees that impede public access and encourages waivers when disclosure serves the public interest. He stated that his request concerns Village operations and government transparency, not a personal issue, and that high fees can create barriers to oversight. Wolgast asked the Council to waive the cost so the records could be released without delay.

Motion by Mercer, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Village Council of Beverly Hills move to deny Luke Wolgast's Freedom of Information Act Appeal on the timeliness of the response, and find that the cost estimate was timely submitted to him. Be it further resolved, that the Village Council deny Luke Wolgast's Freedom of Information Act Fee Appeal for reason that the charge for labor was not excessive, and hereby move that that correspondence be sent to Mr. Wolgast setting forth the Council's decision on both of his appeals.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Rothe went over the Manager's report as provided in the regular Village Council meeting packet.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer reminded the public that it was Giving Tuesday and encouraged anyone able to donate to a favorite charity.

O'Gorman thanked Public Safety for going above and beyond their normal duties and noted that their recent community efforts have been well-received. He also expressed appreciation for Mr. Wolgast's professionalism and commitment to transparency, thanked the Administration, and offered belated Thanksgiving well-wishes.

Hrydziuszko encouraged residents to visit the park to see the holiday lights and thanked Lindsay King for arranging and installing them. She noted that the park lighting ceremony held earlier that evening was well attended and provided a nice community event.

George praised the community turnout at the park lighting event, reminded residents about the Village's toy-donation efforts, and gave updates on public safety hiring, noting the department expects to be nearly fully staffed within 60 days. George also reiterated support for the FOIA fee structure as required by state law and thanked staff for their recent work, including cost-saving efforts on equipment purchases.

Council welcomed the Village's newest attorney, Kristin Kolb, and expressed appreciation for her joining the team and for the support provided by Mr. Ryan during the transition.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziusko, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Village President

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk