

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

Absent:

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe
Village Attorney, Kolb
Village Clerk, Brown
Public Services Director, Johnston
Public Safety Director, Arnold
Finance Director, Kutey

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 Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, to move Consent agenda item #F3 to the Business Agenda #2 and add Business Agenda #3 Charitable Gaming License.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed unanimously

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Garvey, Amherst, asked that a police report involving Barb Tobaben be formally addressed and corrected. Garvey stated that he will follow up publicly if it remains unresolved.

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, stated that issues raised at the December 16, 2025, Council meeting regarding a police report concerning his wife remain unresolved.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of December 16, 2025 Council Minutes
2. Review and File Bills recapped as of Monday, January 5, 2026

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 AUDIT

Rothe gave an overview. Christina LaVielle gave a presentation on the audit findings and Council and LaVielle discussed fund balance practices, general fund expenditures, transfers out, forecasting assumptions.

The following resident spoke on the matter:

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, raised concerns regarding differences between forecasted and adopted transfer amounts and long-term trends in general fund expenditures relative to revenues.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby accepts the 2025 Fiscal Year Audit as presented.

Motion passed unanimously

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER #003-SS-25

Johnston proposed a control change at the intersection of Riverside and Faircrest to address a perceived collision point. The proposal would add a stop sign on westbound Riverside and remove the existing stop sign on southbound Faircrest, with the goal of clarifying traffic flow and improving safety. Council and Johnston discussed visibility issues, pedestrian and bicycle safety, traffic calming, and implementing the proposed traffic change with signage.

The following resident spoke on the matter:

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, stated that she experienced no issues driving Riverside for several years and suggested that traffic changes should be supported by objective data, such as accident history or traffic counts, rather than anecdotal concerns.

Motion by Drummond, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approves the traffic control order number 003-SS-25 as presented.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE

Rothe stated that Administration received a request from the Warriors Baseball Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Beverly Hills, seeking Council recognition as an eligible organization for a state-issued charitable gaming license. Rothe explained that charitable gaming is regulated by the State of Michigan and that Council action is required only to formally recognize the organization’s local status, not to issue a license or approve an event.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby accepts the request from Warriors Baseball Club of Michigan of Beverly Hills, county of Oakland, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtained charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MANAGER’S REPORT & DECEMBER 2025 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Rothe went over the Manager’s report as provided in the regular Village Council meeting packet and Arnold gave an overview of the Public Safety Report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Abboud reported on upcoming meetings with the Transportation Coordinating Council, the Michigan Municipal League Elected Officials Academy Board, and the Cable Board in January. Abboud stated that NEXT is targeting a move into the 400 Lincoln building by June 2026, with additional details to follow. Abboud also expressed appreciation for Public Safety.

Drummond thanked Finance Director Kutey, Yeo and Yeo and staff for their efforts in preparing this year’s reports and audit, noting the significant work involved. Drummond also reminded the Council that he will be unable to attend the meetings on January 28th and 31st due to prior travel commitments.

George thanked Administration for managing a year of significant transitions and acknowledged their efforts in completing the audit. George noted that new auditors bring fresh perspectives and suggestions, helping correct prior-year issues. George also encouraged residents to stay engaged with current events and the 2026 elections, emphasizing the importance of participating in democracy by contacting elected officials and staying informed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziusko, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Village President

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk