

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

Absent: President Pro Tem Drummond

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe  
Village Attorney, Kolb  
Village Clerk, Brown  
Public Safety Director, Arnold

**ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:01 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 Hrydziuszko, second by O’Gorman, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed unanimously

**SWEARING IN OF NEW PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER**

Arnold introduced new Public Safety Officer Rusty LaMay. Brown administered the oath of office to new PSO LaMay.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of January 6, 2026 Council Minutes
2. Review and File Bills recapped as of Monday, January 19, 2026
3. Set Public Hearing Date for Southfield Road Business Assessment District

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

**BUSINESS AGENDA**

**APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES**

Rothe stated that Attorney Tom Ryan, who retired as Village General Counsel, will continue providing prosecution services under a new two-year contract expiring January 19, 2028. Rothe stated that this agreement formalizes an existing arrangement and the costs are covered by the Public Safety Fund and are largely offset by court-generated revenues, with no impact on the General Fund.

Motion by Abboud, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approves the contract with Thomas J. Ryan for Prosecution Services and authorizes the Village Manager to sign on behalf of the Village.

Roll Call Vote:

Abboud	yes
George	yes
Hrydziuszk	no
Kecskemeti	yes
Mercer	yes
O’Gorman	yes

Motion passed (5-1)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **MANAGER’S REPORT & FISCAL YEAR 2026 QUARTER 2 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Rothe went over the Manager’s report as provided in the regular Village Council meeting packet and the Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2 Financial Report.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mercer reported that Southfield Township received a clean audit and continues to provide shared services such as assessing and elections. Mercer stated recent building upgrades and rising costs are expected to reduce reserves with additional election equipment expenses ahead. Mercer stated that the budget and mill rate decisions will be addressed at their March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

O’Gorman asked if Administration could monitor and assist seniors and other at-risk residents during the upcoming extreme cold, particularly those who may lose power or heat. O’Gorman emphasized the need for a plan and clear communication to help residents stay warm and safe during the forecasted subzero temperatures.

Hrydziuszk stated that she enjoyed the joint meeting with Parks and Recreation and noted the value of the meeting as an opportunity to review past successes and identify areas for improvement. Hrydziuszk congratulated Mr. Rothe and wished him safe travels. Hrydziuszk shared that she also attended the Southfield Township audit meeting and emphasized the importance of understanding Township and Village operations.

Abboud reported on upcoming meetings with the SEMCOG Transportation Coordinating Council on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the SEMCOG Executive Committee on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the Cable Board on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Abboud stated that the YMCA will vacate the Midvale/Birmingham-owned facility by April 2026, after which NEXT plans to move in. Abboud noted that the Village has a vested interest in NEXT, as approximately 602 residents are members.

George congratulated Rothe and praised recent progress in Public Safety staffing. George addressed national concerns, and encouraged residents to stay engaged, informed, and vocal with elected officials.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziuszko, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Motion passed.

**John George**  
**Village President**

**Carissa Brown**  
**Village Clerk**