

Present: President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Abboud, Hrydziuszko, Kecskemeti, and Mercer and O’Gorman (*arrived at 7:05*)

Absent: President George

Also Present: Village Manager, Rothe
Village Attorney, Kolb
Village Clerk, Brown
Planning & Economic Development Director, Stec
Public Safety Director, Arnold

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pro Tem Drummond 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 Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, to excuse President George from tonight’s meeting.

Motion passed.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA/APPROVE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, thanked Director Arnold and department staff for their work and noted improvements in enforcement since the department reached full staffing. Gilbert suggested that officers occasionally monitor Georgina Street near Pierce, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times for Queen of Martyrs, where she has observed drivers frequently running a red light.

Denise Liberty, 13 Mile Road, expressed frustration about not receiving written confirmation that homeowners would not be responsible for snow removal and maintenance of new sidewalks planned along 13 Mile Road as part of the TAP grant sidewalk project. She stated that over the past two and a half years officials had verbally indicated the Village would handle sidewalk maintenance but that she had not yet received documentation confirming this.

O’Gorman arrived at 7:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Approve January 15, 2026, Parks & Council Minutes

2. Approve January 28, 2026, Planning & Council Minutes
3. Approve January 31, 2026, Council Minutes
4. Approve February 3, 2026, Council Minutes
5. Review and File Bills recapped as of March 2, 2026.
6. Receive Planning Commission 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan
7. Review and consider a request to waive pavilion rental fee for the annual 6th SOS 5k Event
8. Review and consider a request to waive the pavilion rental fee for the annual ITP-Pump it up for Platelet Walk
9. Review and consider a request to waive the pavilion rental fee for the Berkshire Proud Dad Club's Chili Cook-off
10. Review and consider a request to waive the pavilion rental fee for the Beverly Hills Little League Opening Day Celebration
11. Approve Resolution Decertifying Streets
12. Approve Changes to Village's Schedule of Fees - General Office & Water/Sewer Services

Roll Call:
Motion passed (6-0)

BUSINESS AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONFIRMATION OF SOUTHFIELD ROAD BUSINESS ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Rothe gave an overview of the Southfield Road Business Assessment District. Abboud inquired about the deteriorating pavement along Southfield Road between Beverly Road and 13 Mile Road. Rothe noted that the area is being reviewed and that some concrete patching work may occur this year, while a larger reconstruction project by the Road Commission is planned for the future.

Drummond opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. No one from the public wished to be heard, Drummond closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti, be it resolved, be it resolved that the Southfield Road Business District incurred the following costs for 2025: maintenance \$2,965.70 and electric costs for Beverly Hills Grill \$265.55. In addition, each property incurred a 10% administrative fee totaling \$296.57. Therefore, the Village of Beverly Hills Council confirms the Village Business District Assessment Roll for the 2025 season in the total amount of \$3,262.27 as follows:

Beverly Hills Racquet Club	\$745.63
31535 Southfield Road LLC	\$291.48
Beverly Hills Grill	\$395.85
C.G. Holdings, LLC	\$213.43
Emile Salon	\$208.42
Taco Bell	\$252.22
Rahma Worldwide and Development	\$406.56
J & D Karmo Real Estate LLC	\$749.68

Roll Call:
Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR A MASTER PLAN & ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE

Stec presented a request for authorization to apply for approximately \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds to support the Village’s planned Master Plan update and zoning ordinance rewrite. Council and Administration discussed the anticipated timeline for grant approval and how housing studies would be incorporated into the planning process.

Drummond opened the public hearing at 7:18p.m. No one from the public wished to be heard, Drummond closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by O’Gorman, now, therefore be it resolved, that the Village of Beverly Hills hereby designates the Planning & Economic Development Director as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG-DR application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Roll Call:
Motion passes (6-0)

REVIEW AND CONSIDER SMITH GROUP WENDBROOK PARK MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

Rothe gave an overview of a proposal from SmithGroup to prepare a master plan for Wenbrook Park, Rothe stated that the proposal includes three phases: site and building assessments, community engagement and concept development, and preparation of final planning documents with cost estimates that could support future grant applications. Rothe and Council discussed the cost and raised the idea of considering competitive bids for similar projects in the future.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Hrydziuszko, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approves the proposal from SmithGroup for preparation of the Wendbrook Park Master Plan in the amount of \$29,500 and the Village Manager is authorized to execute the professional services agreement with SmithGroup on behalf of the Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Beverly Hills Village Council authorizes the Finance Director to amend the FY 2026 Parks Department budget and increase account #101-751-801.00 in the amount of \$9,500 to provide sufficient appropriations for this contract.

Roll Call:
Motion passed (6-0)

SET DATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Rothe and Council discussed scheduling the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Study Session.

Motion by Mercer, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the Beverly Hills Village Council will hold a budget study session in Village Hall at 7:00 PM on April 14, 2026.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (6-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Prentice, Lincolnshire, asked whether the Village plans to address deer management and for an update on the 13 Mile Road sidewalk project. Prentice also raised concerns about the poor condition of High Bank Road in the Georgetown subdivision and asked if repairs or reconstruction are included in the upcoming budget.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Rothe went over the Manager’s report as provided in the regular Village Council meeting packet. Rothe and Council discussed the status of the playground at Beverly Park and snow removal on sidewalks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer responded to residents’ concerns regarding the road condition on Highbank and proposed TAP sidewalks. Mercer encouraged residents to reach out to Director Johnston regarding the road conditions and attend the March 10th meeting regarding the TAP grant. Mercer expressed support for the \$250,000 in federal funding being directed toward local community improvements.

Hrydziuszko shared concerns from residents regarding the Flock cameras and requested that the Village develop a clear policy regarding the use and access of the cameras. Hrydziuszko also shared a personal note recognizing her daughter who qualified for the state wrestling finals at Ford Field.

Abboud reported on a press conference by Michigan leaders opposing proposed statewide zoning preemption legislation that could limit local control over zoning decisions. Abboud emphasized the importance of protecting local decision-making. Abboud also provided updates on upcoming meetings, including SEMCOG, the Michigan Municipal League conference, Cable Board and Senior Advisory Council and noted progress related to the NEXT building project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by Mercer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Motion passed.

Andrew Drummond
President Pro Tem

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk