

Present: President George, President Pro Tem Drummond (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Members: Abboud, Hrydziuszko, Kecskemeti, Mercer and O’Gorman

Absent:

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

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

President George called the regular Village Council meeting to order at 7:02 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 Kecskemeti, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion passed.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON PUBLISHED AGENDA**

Alyssa Tabby from the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner’s Office introduced herself and shared information about available public education resources, upcoming events, and outreach opportunities. She invited Council and the community to attend a stormwater education event on April 18 and a “How Water Works” session on April 30. She also highlighted the RainSmart Rebates program, which reimburses residents for installing green infrastructure such as rain gardens, trees, and rain barrels.

Drummond arrived at the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Stephanie Jones, Beverly Road, referenced concerns raised at the March 17 council meeting about spending roughly \$130,000 on Riverside Park improvements, including questions about ADA accessibility, water depth for a kayak launch, and uncertainty related to the ongoing dam study. She asked whether there had been any follow-up discussion on those issues.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by O’Gorman, be it resolved, the consent agenda is approved.

1. Approve March 17, 2026, Council Minutes
2. Review and File Bills recapped as of April 6, 2026
3. Review & consider request to waive the pavilion rental fee for Beverly Elementary back-to-school event
4. Review & consider request to waive the pavilion rental fee for Birmingham Public Schools Professional Development Day

5. Review and consider Marian High School’s request to host a Walk-a-Thon on May 1, 2026.
6. Approve Participation in 2026 Oakland County West Nile Virus Prevention Program
7. Approve Proposal for Engineering Services: AWIA Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan
8. Approve Purchase of Underground Utility Locator

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

### **CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

Stec gave an overview of a Special Land Use request from Detroit Country Day School for improvements to its athletic complex. Stec stated that the Planning Commission had previously reviewed the proposal, approved the site plan, and recommended approval of the Special Land Use request. Administration, Council, and Richard Dempsey, Head of School for DCDS, discussed engineering review, sound study for scoreboard, stormwater infrastructure, concerns about past inconsistencies between approved plans and completed work, and construction oversight/enforcement.

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziuszko, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this Section 1 as the findings of the Beverly Hills Village Council, as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL USE PERMIT. Subject to, and contingent upon, the terms and conditions set forth in Section 3 of this Resolution, the Application for a Special Land Use Permit to allow construction of athletic field and site improvements at 22305 W. 13 Mile Road, in accordance with Section 46-188 of the Zoning Ordinance and the approved site plan is hereby approved.

SECTION 3: CONDITIONS. The Special Land Use Permit granted by Section 2 of this Resolution is subject to and contingent upon, compliance by Owner with the following conditions:

A. Compliance with Regulations. The development, use and maintenance of the Property must comply at all times with all applicable Village codes and ordinances, as they have been or may be amended over time, including, without limitation, the Zoning Ordinance.

B. Compliance with Plans. The development, use, and maintenance of the accessory uses and structures on the Property must be in strict accordance with the plans submitted by Owner, consisting of 26 sheets, a copy of which is attached to and, by reference, made a part of this Resolution as Exhibit A, except for minor changes and site work approved by the Building Official (within his respective permitting authority) in accordance with all applicable Village codes, ordinances, and standards.

SECTION 4: AMENDMENT OF SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT. Any amendments to the Special Land Use Permit that may be requested by Owner may be granted only pursuant

to the procedures, and subject to the standards and limitations, provided in the Zoning Ordinance.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

### **AWARD PROPOSAL FOR RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Rothe gave an overview of a proposal to award a contract for Riverside Park improvements, which include installing a crushed stone pathway, native perennial plantings, solar-powered lighting, concrete pads for benches and trash receptacles, and general landscaping and restoration work. Johnston stated that the project was competitively bid, with all proposals coming in within the approved budget and the Parks & Recreation Board recommended removing the kayak launch component, selecting the second-lowest bidder Jason's Outdoor Services as the preferred contractor, and repurposing the planned boulders as landscape features. Administration, Kolb and Council discussed design and environmental concerns, project timing, landscape development, landscape plan development, contractor and procurement flexibility and concerns about boulders posing a safety risk. Council formed a subcommittee with Kecskemeti, Hrydziuszko and a member of the Parks & Recreation Board.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by Drummond, be it resolved, Beverly Hills hereby accepts the proposal from Jason's Outdoor Services for the Riverside Park Improvements Project and authorizes a 10% project contingency. Subject to revision of the project plan in accordance with the Riverside Park Improvement Project Subcommittee recommendations. Funds are available in account #208-900-974.10.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Hrydziuszko congratulated Rothe on his work anniversary and announced plans to begin drafting a Council code of conduct by compiling resources and sharing them for input, with the goal of having a draft ready before the next election cycle for consideration by future Council members.

Abboud reported that SEMCOG approved its FY 2026–2027 budget and a regional economic development strategy focused on workforce, infrastructure, housing, and governance. He also attended a tour of 123Net's data center, Cable Board meeting in March and shared that Next planning is underway for a move to a new facility that may require increased contributions from local communities.

Drummond apologized for being late and stated that he was glad to see new leadership at DCDS and asked that Stec monitor the project to ensure commitments are followed and work is completed as proposed.

George urged careful inspection of newly installed sidewalks to ensure quality and address any defects early. George also asked for updates on the sidewalk replacement program timeline and emphasized the importance of long-term planning and consistency. George expressed support for ongoing improvements at the Public Safety Department. Arnold gave an update on the Public Safety Department.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mercer, second by Hrydziuszko, that the Village of Beverly Hills Village Council go into closed session to consider two items pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) to consider the purchase of real property and pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to consider an attorney/client privileged communication, which is exempt by law from disclosure.

Motion passed unanimously.

Council recessed at 8:39 p.m. and began closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Council returned to the regular Village Council meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Motion by O’Gorman, second by Kecskemeti, that the Village of Beverly Hills Village Council approve the Village Manager to move forward with an offer for real property purchase pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) per discussion.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mercer, second by Kecskemeti, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Motion passed.

**John George**  
**President**

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