

Present: President George, President Pro Tem Drummond, Members: Abboud, Hrydziusko, Kecskemeti, Mercer and O’Gorman (*arrived at 7:01 p.m.*)

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

Motion passed.

O’Gorman arrived at 7:01 p.m.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Gilbert, Amherst, requested a review of the previous meeting's public comments and draft minutes regarding the animal ordinance and the term “grandfathered”. She stated that the term is antiquated, that the minutes incorrectly stated that speakers had used the term and that she did not believe it accurately described the ordinance changes and requested that the record be corrected, before approval.

Ted Stehney, Bassett Woods Court, expressed concern about not receiving a return call after reporting a water-related issue and requested more timely responses to resident inquiries. He also asked about the Village's water and sewer rates stating that he believed his utility costs were high and asked where he could find additional information regarding the rates.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of July 7, 2026, Council Minutes
2. Review and File Bills recapped as of July 20, 2026
3. Review and consider a request to waive the pavilion rental fee for SOS YOGA Fundraiser Event
4. Review and consider a request to waive the pavilion rental fee from the Village Woman's Club

5. Municipal and Community Credits Contract with Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for FY 2027
6. Approve Agreement with the Rossow Group for Public Safety Policy Development and Accreditation Services

Roll Call:
Motion passed (7-0)

CONSIDER AWARDING A PROPOSAL FOR DPW BUILDING CONCEPTUAL ENGINEERING

Rothe introduced a proposal from Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) for conceptual engineering services related to evaluating the Village's Department of Public Works facilities. He explained that the current DPW building is undersized, outdated, and lacks adequate space to support the Village's transition to an in-house public works operation. Council discussed seeking competitive proposals for similar projects in the future, protecting newly acquired equipment and incorporating sustainable and energy-efficient design features.

Motion by Kecskemeti, second by O’Gorman, BE IT RESOLVED, the Beverly Hills Village Council hereby approves the engineering services proposal from Hubbell Roth and Clark for Phase 1 of the DPW Facility Improvements Project in the amount of \$44,500. Funds are available in account #101-411-811.00.

Roll Call:
Motion passed (7-0)

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

Rothe presented the proposed charter amendment to reallocate 0.75 mills of the Village’s existing property tax levy to road and street improvements, maintenance, and construction beginning with the July 2027 tax levy through the July 2030 tax levy. Rothe explained that the proposal would generate approximately \$700,000 annually, would not increase the Village's authorized maximum tax rate, and had received approval from the Michigan Attorney General's Office for placement on the ballot. Rothe also reviewed supporting financial forecasts illustrating the impact of the proposed reallocation on the General Fund and Public Safety Fund, noting that the Village would maintain healthy fund balances while addressing road infrastructure needs. Council discussed the flexibility to seek future voter approval to modify the millage allocation if circumstances change and emphasized that the proposal reallocates existing tax revenue rather than increasing or decreasing taxes. Council, Rothe and Kolb discussed revising the explanatory caption accompanying the ballot proposal to improve readability.

The following residents spoke on the matter:

Dale Young, Riverside, asked what costs the Village anticipated incurring to educate residents about the proposed charter amendment prior to the election.

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, suggested providing residents with examples of what approximately \$700,000 in annual road funding would accomplish to help illustrate the impact of the proposed charter amendment.

Motion by Hrydziuszko, second by Kecskemeti , BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Beverly Hills approve the resolution presented with the intent of adding more plain language description to the first paragraph before the Village of Beverly Hills Public Roads and Street Millage Amendment.

Roll Call:

Motion passed (7-0)

AWARD BID FOR FY 2027 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Rothe gave an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Sidewalk Replacement Program, the second year of the Village's sidewalk maintenance program. He explained that Administration issued an RFP for a two-year term contract covering the Village's 2026 and 2027 sidewalk slab replacement programs. Rothe reported that four bids were received and recommended awarding the two-year contract to Luigi Ferdinandi and Son Cement Company as the lowest responsive bidder. The proposal also included construction of a missing sidewalk segment along Greenfield Road between Verona Circle and Auburn Drive that had been omitted from the Safe Routes to School project. Administration and Council discussed the resident cost-sharing process, the criteria used to determine whether a sidewalk needs to be replaced, maintaining consistent width on the Greenfield sidewalk missing segment and identifying future sidewalk connectivity projects. Council suggested including additional educational information in resident notification letters and Village communications explaining the sidewalk evaluation process and why some sidewalks are ground while others require replacement. Council asked Administration to recognize recent sidewalk improvements completed throughout the Village in an up-and-coming edition of the Villager.

Motion by O'Gorman, second by Hrydziuszko, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beverly Hills Village Council accepts the proposal submitted by Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company and awards the two-year sidewalk slab replacement and as-needed concrete sidewalk work contract to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company in accordance with its proposal and the Village's Request for Proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Council authorizes Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company to complete the Fiscal Year 2026-27 sidewalk replacement program at an estimated cost of \$104,918.98 and the Greenfield Road sidewalk gap project at an estimated cost of \$12,896.00, with funds available in accounts 203-463-944.00 and 401-900-974.05, respectively.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Council authorizes the Finance Director to amend the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget as follows:

1. Increase revenue account 203-000-688.07 by \$61,600 for anticipated resident sidewalk repair assessment payments; and
2. Increase expenditure account 203-463-944.00 by \$59,900, from \$45,000 to \$104,900, to reflect the anticipated total cost of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 sidewalk replacement program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Manager is authorized to execute the contract and any other documents necessary to implement the sidewalk replacement program on behalf of the Village.

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 and Rothe discussed playground construction timeline and next steps for the Beverly Road-Southfield Road Intersection study.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mercer commented that the approved millage reallocation would dedicate approximately \$700,000 annually to the road fund while maintaining flexibility in future budgeting. He noted that the Village typically allocates additional funding for roads each year, allowing for more road improvements. He stated that the proposal provides a dedicated funding source to address the condition of Village roads.

Hrydziusko expressed support for the millage reallocation. She said dedicating funding to roads while preserving flexibility in the General Fund was a responsible approach and noted that addressing infrastructure needs now could help avoid higher costs in the future. She also said she looked forward to discussing the upcoming ballot initiative with the community.

Abboud highlighted the Michigan Municipal League's Planning Assistance Program, which provides grant funding for local planning and transportation-related projects. He reported on upcoming Michigan Municipal League Transportation, Infrastructure and Technology Legislative Committee and Elected Officials Academy activities, including his participation in providing feedback on new online training for elected officials. Abboud also provided updates from the Cable Board, noting that microphone issues are being evaluated and may be addressed using PEG funds. He announced that planning for Next's move is ongoing, promoted the upcoming September 14 golf outing fundraiser, and noted that the Senior Advisory Council will hold an August meeting focused on brain health.

George reported that the Village continues to receive concerns regarding deer activity and stated that the issue is being monitored, with further discussion and potential action anticipated this fall. He provided updates from the Parks and Recreation Board, including continued planning for Wendbrook Park and efforts to make information about Beverly Park improvement projects available to the public, including opportunities for community support. He commented on the Beverly Road intersection study, expressing support for improvements that enhance pedestrian safety. He also encouraged public education regarding the proposed millage reallocation, consistent with legal guidance. Finally, George thanked Village Administration and the Department of Public Works for their work and expressed appreciation for the continued reporting on DPW activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Abboud, second by Hrydziusko, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Motion passed.

John George
Council President

Carissa Brown
Village Clerk