

**VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION**  
**VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS**

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020**  
**POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OAKLAND AREA**

**Website:** [my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area](http://my.lwv.org/michigan/oakland-area)

**E-mail:** [lwvoami@gmail.com](mailto:lwvoami@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 248-594-6602

**6 Candidates for VILLAGE COUNCIL for THREE 4-year terms**

<b>CANDIDATES for VILLAGE COUNCIL</b>  <b>THREE 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than THREE</i>	<b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b>  <b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b>	<b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b>  <b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</b>
<p><b>JAMES PATRICK DELANEY</b>  18129 Riverside Dr.,  Beverly Hills, MI 48025</p>	<p>38 year resident of Beverly Hills. Retired Assistant Michigan Attorney General with career in law enforcement and litigation. Served two previous terms on Beverly Hills Village Council. Appointed Council liaison to Public Safety Department and chaired Infrastructure sub-committee. Served on Cable Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Current sub-committee member reviewing police practices and procedures. Appointed to Joint Senior Services Commission and member of NEXT.</p> <p>I want to continue my commitment to public service in Beverly Hills. My knowledge of the Village and its government, along with my legal experience and negotiation skills, will help me contribute to the successful governance of our community.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Police and Fire Services: I would ask for regular review of services performed to assure they continue at a high level. I will expect nothing less than full adherence to practices and procedures established to protect the public and officers, including recently formalized policies on duty to intervene, appropriate use of force and police chases.</li> <li>2) Infrastructure: Continue regular water testing to assure residents receive high quality water. Replace incoming home water service lines and main water lines as needed. Conduct a thorough review of the Village Sewer System to determine if it is adequate to handle current demand and heavy rains. Identify all roads within the Village which are in most need of repair and develop a schedule to fix them.</li> <li>3) For 10 years the Village has had a millage cap of 12.9184 mills. That rate expires in 2021. A ballot proposal requests voters to renew the same millage for another ten years. I support this request because it maintains current services.</li> </ol>
<p><b>SHANE HENRY</b>  31145 Stafford, Beverly Hills, MI 48025</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

## VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS (Continued)

<p><b>CANDIDATES for VILLAGE COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>THREE 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than THREE</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b></p> <p><b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b></p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b></p> <p><b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</b></p>
<p><b>TRACY KECSKEMETI</b> 17233 Kirkshire, Beverly Hills, MI 48025</p>	<p>I moved to Beverly Hills in 2012 with my husband and two kids and we are so happy to have made our home here. I am running for council to contribute to our village. I do not have a specific agenda or pet issue to pursue. I believe that good, thoughtful people should participate in government when they have the capacity to serve. I graduated from UM and choose a career in public service. I have worked for the State of Michigan on environmental issues for almost 20 years. Through these experiences, I have gained knowledge and skills that are valuable to serving in local government – public engagement, transparent government, water/sewer infrastructure, storm water management, waste management/recycling, regulatory enforcement, and a generally solid understanding of how government functions. I have served on the Beverly PTA and led a local Girl Scout troop. I have gotten to know so many of you through these experiences and I hope to have the opportunity to represent you on Village Council.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintaining infrastructure - water, sewer, roads.</li> <li>2. Maintaining high quality municipal services - public safety, refuse collection, parks.</li> <li>3. Finding opportunities for improvement - e.g. parks, sidewalks, or storm water management.</li> </ol> <p>As a council member, I will bring an open mind and fresh ideas to these discussions. I will make fair, reasoned decisions. I will work hard to find opportunities to improve our community. I will engage our residents and hold our municipal administration accountable.</p>

## VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS (Continued)

<p><b>CANDIDATES for VILLAGE COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>THREE 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than THREE</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b></p> <p><b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b></p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b></p> <p><b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</b></p>
<p><b>JOHN MOONEY</b> 19111 Devonshire, Beverly Hills, MI 48025</p>	<p>Married to Janet Mooney. Two adult children. Attorney, B.A. Wayne State Magna Cum Laude, J.D. WSU Law School Cum Laude. 37 year resident of Beverly Hills. 23 years service on Village Council. 11 years as Village President or President Pro Tem. Member and Village representative to NEXT. Served on Village Finance Committee and as liaison to Parks Board, Cable Board and Library Board. Experience is the key quality I bring to the Council. Beverly Hills has been transformed over the last twelve years from the brink of bankruptcy to the most desirable town in Southeast Michigan. The Village is independently rated as among the best places to live and raise a family. I believe I have played a part in that transformation. Lowest crime rate, best credit rating, consistently balanced budgets and responsive services are a hallmark of my service. It is critical that this path continues.</p>	<p>There is really only one priority issue at this time. The Renewal of the Millage, on November's ballot will allow the Village to continue to grow and improve the quality of life in our town. Fully funding Public Safety (police and fire) the Baldwin Public Library, and the infrastructure plan will insure that Beverly Hills continues as the best place to live in Michigan (my humble opinion). I strongly support the Millage Renewal. I have played a role in the finances of the Village over the past twelve years, keeping taxes low and services at a high level. I intend to continue in that role. The review and recommendations for improvements to the Public Safety Department is on going and will be completed in the next term. I hope to play a role in changes which will make our town even safer. Infrastructure needs must be addressed. This will be difficult in light of reduced State funding because of Covid. My experience in the finances of the Village will be most helpful.</p>

## VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS (Continued)

<p><b>CANDIDATES for VILLAGE COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>THREE 4-year terms</b> <i>Vote for no more than THREE</i></p>	<p><b>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</b></p> <p><b>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Council, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</b></p>	<p><b>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</b></p> <p><b>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</b></p>
<p><b>PHIL MUELLER</b> 31529 Waltham Dr., Beverly Hills, MI 48025</p>	<p>6 years Village Council, 3 years Village Zoning Board of Appeals, 27 year resident, 30 years business management and strategic planning, 10 years small business owner.</p>	<p>Top three priorities continue to be public safety, infrastructure, and quality of life resources including parks and recreation, library access, walking and biking facilitation.</p> <p>Currently serving on the Public Safety Department oversight committee to review policies, procedures and best practices to ensure respectful and fair treatment of all. Will continue to lead improvements in community safety through speed control, crosswalks, public safety presence, traffic flow.</p> <p>As liaison to public works, will continue to ensure safe water, efficient infrastructure, and reasonable rates. Will continue to ensure adequate budgets allocated to roads, both major and residential.</p> <p>Will continue to work with Parks and Recreation to provide additional park environments throughout the Village as well as continue to work toward an increase in walkable access throughout the Village.</p> <p>Over the past years while I have been on Council, the Village has consistently ranked top 10 in “Best place to live”.</p>
<p><b>RYAN O’GORMAN</b> 19481 Beverly Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025</p>	<p><b>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</b></p>	

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan national organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party. Candidate responses are included as submitted and have not been edited except in cases where the replies have exceeded the stated word limitations. **Spelling and Grammar were not corrected.** The inclusion of candidates’ statements and opinions is solely in the interest of public service and in no way is to be construed as an endorsement by the League of Women Voters which takes no responsibility for any views or facts stated by the candidates.