



## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item 4**  
**September 12, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of resolution to rename an existing street from Delwal Drive to Lee BeGole Drive. The street is located on the north side of Eleven Mile Road, between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook Road, in Section 14.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Community Development – Planning Division <sup>Basis</sup>

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Delwal Drive extends north from Eleven Mile Road between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook Road, and terminates at I-96 (see attached location map). The City's Department of Public Services Field Services Complex is located on this street along with the Police Department's Indoor Gun Range and Training Facility. There are two communication towers location on this street - one belonging to the City and the other to the County. The RRRASOC recycling facility is also located near the north end of the street. There is one business currently located on the west side of Delwal Drive which uses an Eleven Mile Road address.

Staff received a suggestion to officially rename Delwal Drive to Lee BeGole Drive to honor former Police Chief Lee BeGole and in order to recognize Chief BeGole's contributions to the community (see attached *History of the Novi Police Department* from the City's webpage).

This matter was brought before the Staff Project and Street Naming Committee for discussion. This Committee consists of representatives from the Community Development, Fire and Police Departments and is authorized by City Code to recommend street name changes to the City Council.

On review, the Committee does not have any technical objections to renaming Delwal Drive to Lee BeGole Drive, noting that the street no longer houses Delwal Corporation (for which the street was originally named), but is home to the City's Department of Public Services Field Services Complex and Indoor Gun Range, both public uses suitably identified with a street name associated with an important public figure. The Committee suggested giving proper notice to businesses in the area, the DPS facility employees (as required for stationery and business cards), vendors and other visitors to the DPS Field Services Complex, Gun Range and RRRASOC facilities, as well as providing adequate notice to the Novi Post Office. Please see attached memo regarding the Committee's action.

The attached resolution is provided for consideration by the City Council. If approved, staff suggests that the new street name be made effective January 1, 2012, in order to allow time for the necessary notifications and mapping changes.

Street names may be changed by resolution of the City Council pursuant to Section 31-53 of the City Code. Pursuant to Section 31-51 of the City Code, this road name change has been approved by the Street Naming Committee (see Richelle Leskun letter dated September 2, 2011).

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adoption of resolution to rename an existing street from Delwal Drive to Lee BeGole Drive. The street is located on the north side of Eleven Mile Road, between Town Center Drive and Meadowbrook Road, in Section 14.

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<b>Mayor Pro Tem Gatt</b>				
<b>Council Member Fischer</b>				
<b>Council Member Margolis</b>				

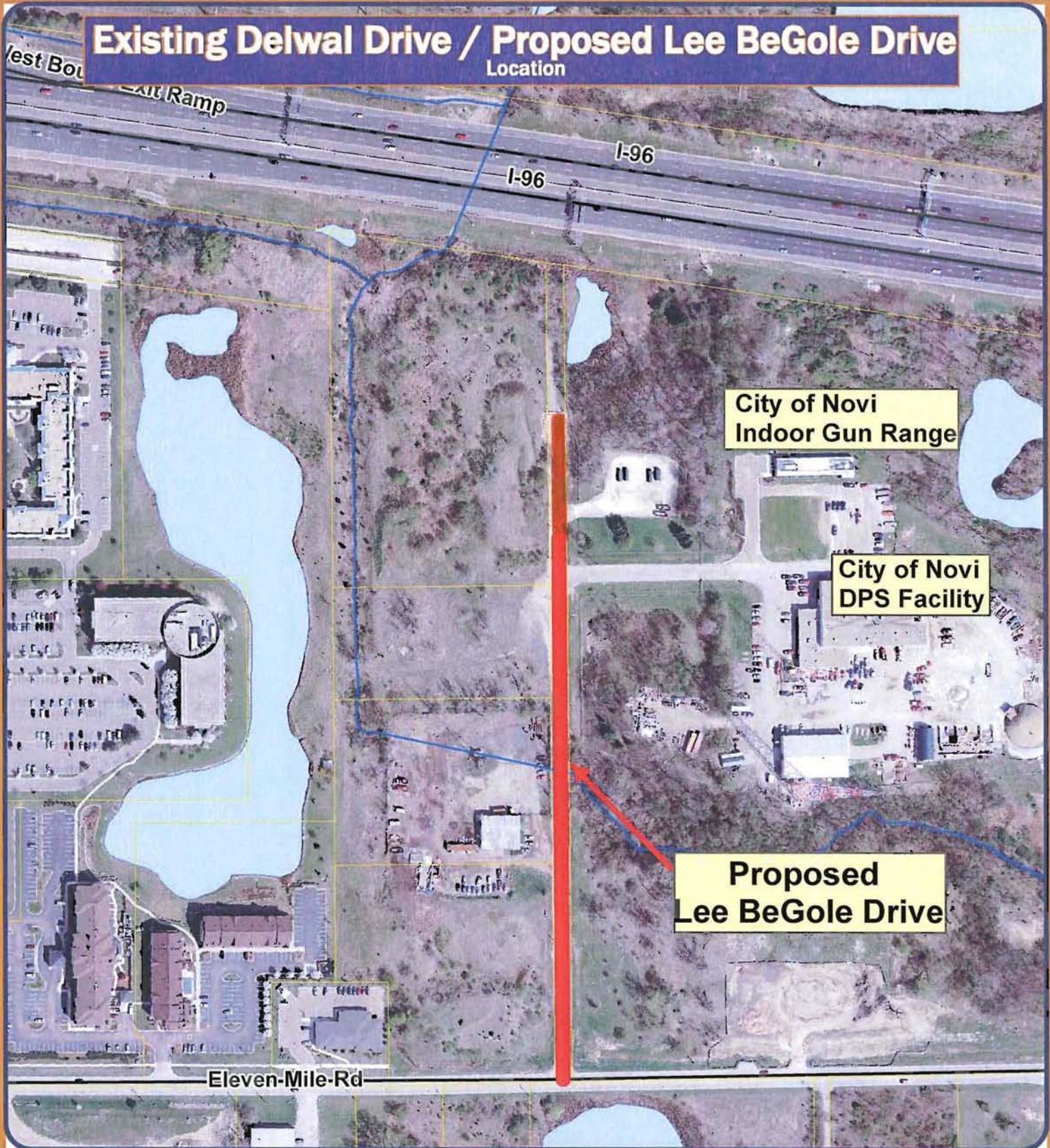
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<b>Council Member Mutch</b>				
<b>Council Member Staudt</b>				
<b>Council Member Wrobel</b>				

**LOCATION MAP**



# Existing Delwal Drive / Proposed Lee BeGole Drive

Location



City of Novi  
Indoor Gun Range


City of Novi  
DPS Facility

Proposed  
Lee BeGole Drive

Eleven-Mile-Rd

Map Author: Kristen Kapelanski  
Date: 09-07-11  
Project: Delwal Drive/Lee Begole Drive  
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## Map Legend

 Existing Delwal Drive



City of Novi

Planning Division  
Community Development  
45175 W Ten Mile Rd  
Novi, MI 48375  
cityofnovi.org

### MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

Map information depicted is not intended to replace or substitute for any official or primary source. This map was intended to meet National Map Accuracy Standards and use the most recent, accurate sources available to the people of the City of Novi. Boundary measurements and area calculations are approximate and should not be construed as survey measurements performed by a licensed Michigan Surveyor or as defined in Michigan Public Act 132 of 1970 as amended. Please contact the City GIS Manager to confirm source and accuracy information related to this map.



1 inch = 250 feet



**SUGGESTED RESOLUTION  
TO RENAME FROM  
DELWAL DRIVE TO  
LEE BEGOLE DRIVE**

CITY OF NOVI  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STREET NAME FROM  
DELWAL DRIVE TO LEE BEGOLE DRIVE  
IN THE CITY OF NOVI**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the Twelfth day of September, 2012, at the City Hall, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375.

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council seeks to honor former Police Chief Lee BeGole and to recognize his contributions over many years of service to the community by renaming Delwal Drive to Lee BeGole Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Delwal Drive no longer houses Delwal Corporation, after which the street was first named; and

**WHEREAS**, Delwal Drive is currently home to the City of Novi's Department of Public Services and the Police Department's Indoor Gun Range, both public uses suitably identified with a street name associated with an important public figure; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 31, Article V of the City Code allows public and private street names to be changed by resolution of the City Council, following review and approval by the City's Street Naming Committee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Novi City Council that Delwal Drive is changed to Lee BeGole Drive, to become effective January 1, 2012 after proper notice is provided for this change.

AYES:  
NAYS:  
ABSTENTIONS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN) )ss.  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

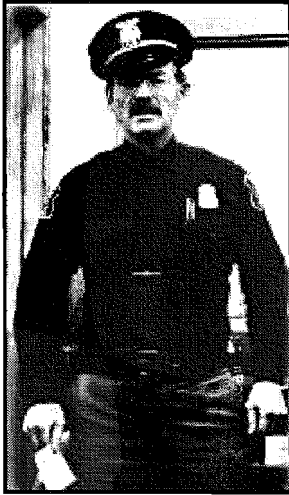
I, MARYANNE CORNELIUS, the duly-qualified Clerk of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, at a duly-called meeting held on the Twelfth day of September, 2011, the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

**HISTORY OF THE  
NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT**



## History of the Novi Police Department



In 1954, the Township of Novi, Michigan decided to establish their own police department. While the Oakland County Sheriff had been patrolling the small farming community of approximately 5000 people, the Board of Trustees at that time had a vision for the future. Lee BeGole, a member of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and a World War II U.S. Army Veteran, was hired as Chief of Police. BeGole organized the fledgling organization, serving alone initially, and adding three or four officers later on. He was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the City for 32 years.

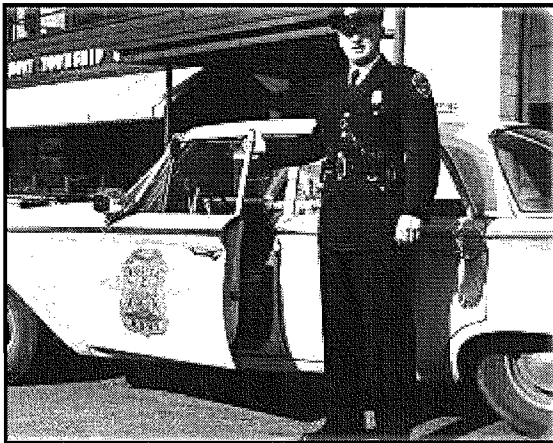
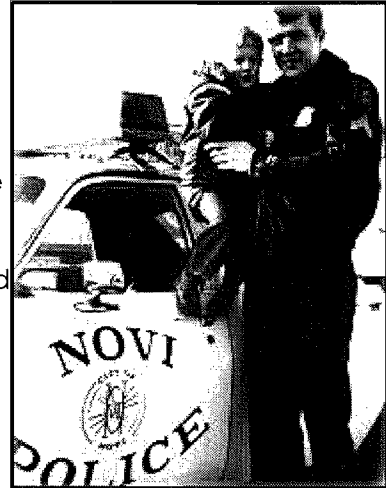
The Novi Police Department was originally housed in Novi Township Hall, a yellow, two story, cinderblock building at 25850 Novi Road, south of Grand River. At first, only the rear corner of the ground floor was allocated for police service. The entire Township and early City Government, including the volunteer fire department, occupied the remainder of the space. During the 1970's, the police operations grew, until the Department occupied the entire building, displacing City Hall to a frame building situated east on Sixth Gate. Novi Police Headquarters remained at this location, until moving to the present location in April, 1980. The original station continued to function in a variety of ways for another eighteen years. It was a firefighter training facility, temporary meeting place for the Novi VFW and American Legion, and even the Novi Jaycees "Haunted House" at Halloween. It was finally demolished in 1997 to make way for new development.



During its early years, the Novi Police Department was "operating on a shoestring". With one or two police cars and no police radios, the operation of the Novi Police Department was very basic. The few full-time officers were supplemented by reserves and part time officers at busier times. For many years, Chief BeGole bore the brunt of the patrol duties by himself, and in fact, he worked as both a police officer and a firefighter at first. The fire department was completely volunteer, so when a fire call

came in, BeGole would drive the fire truck to the scene, so the volunteer firefighters could go directly there. This was in addition to his law enforcement duties.

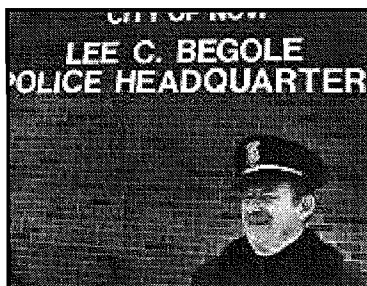
Police equipment was very basic, too. Officers furnished their own firearms and paid for their uniforms. The patrol cars did not have overhead emergency lights, but rather were equipped with red or blue spotlights and a "coaster siren" under the hood. Eventually, a single emergency light, red on one side and blue on the other, was mounted in the center of the car roof. The specific number of cars in the original fleet is not known, but stories from retired officers spoke of leaving a 1968 Rambler running. One officer would drive it into the station driveway at the end of his shift, so that the next shift could go on duty and immediately drive out on patrol.



Since there was no radio communication, the citizens in need of police service would telephone, or would travel to the station to find "Lee", as everyone called him in those days. The second floor of Novi Township Hall was a living quarters. BeGole lived there for a time, and later a married couple took the position for low rent in exchange for answering the emergency line. If the fire department was needed, the fire siren on the roof would be sounded. If someone required police service, another switch on the wall served to activate a light mounted on a pole above "The Four Corners", the local

name for the intersection of Grand River and Novi Road. The officer on patrol would see it and go to the police station to pick up the call.

In 1969, the incorporation of Novi as a city signaled the need for a full service, full time police force. In the early 1970's the Novi Police Department began to grow. A few more full-time officers joined with Chief BeGole, but reserve officers continued to be an integral part of the organization. As the City developed, the need for Police Reserves diminished and they finally disbanded and full time officers staffed all operations in preparation for the boom period that was to be the 1970's.



The Novi Police Department has occupied its present location at 45125 W. Ten Mile Rd. since April, 1980. The new building provided the space needed for the Department to match the expected growth of the City. It was designed to see the Department move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, which it has done admirably. It has also seen a changing of the guard. In 1991, with Chief BeGole's retirement, Douglas F. Shaeffer

became the second Chief of Police in Novi's history. Under Chief Shaeffer's administration, the Department added a new group of young Police Officers, schooled in the philosophy of community policing and in the use of new technologies now available to law enforcement. The officers of the Novi Police Department are required to have earned a four-year college degree before prior to being hired. As the Department grew and met the needs of a growing community, the officers were called upon to develop expertise in technical areas of law enforcement, never before attempted by the Novi Police. There were no well-established specialty units, such as evidence technicians or special response teams. This type of dynamic environment requires adaptable, intelligent individuals to be successful in it. The Novi Police Department intends to continue to provide the community with the highest caliber police officers, equipped and trained for the Twenty-first Century.

The tools used by the Novi Police have been modernized as well. The 1968 Rambler with the single red/blue roof light and coaster siren has been replaced by a large fleet of the latest police package Ford Crown Victoria's, equipped with multifunction electronic emergency lights and siren. The old faithful police revolvers have been replaced by the newest in semiautomatic Glock pistols.

A completely new information system, with laptop computers in each patrol unit, and a new in-house data system at the station has taken over most of the hand-written reports and forms in the course of business. Automated fingerprints and photos have been installed for prisoner booking. Investigators have access to the entire data bank, and no longer have to comb files by hand. Instead they can associate names, locations, and incidents to assist in solving cases.

In order to accommodate these new forms of technology, an architectural revision at the Novi Police Department was completed in 2002. Construction provided the Novi Police Department with new training facilities and redesigned space for its operations.



On September 28, 2005, David E. Molloy was promoted to Novi Police Chief following the sudden passing of Chief Shaeffer in August, 2005. Chief Molloy is only the third police chief to serve the Novi community.

Chief Molloy has distinguished himself as a leader since joining the Novi Police Department in 1989. In 1995, he was promoted to rank of Detective and, in 1997 to the rank of Sergeant. He achieved the rank of Lieutenant in 2003 and was promoted to Deputy Chief in February, 2005.

**MEMO FROM THE  
PROJECT AND STREET NAMING COMMITTEE**



Date: September 7, 2011  
To: Barb McBeth, Community Development  
From: Richelle Leskun, Community Development  
Subject: Project and Street Naming Committee Meeting  
September 2, 2011

The Project and Street Naming Committee has reviewed the City-initiated request to rename Delwal Drive to Lee BeGole Drive. The Committee has no technical objections to the renaming of the street.

The Committee hereby approves the new street name as requested, pending notice to surrounding properties and the Post Office.

This letter shall serve as your record for the Project and Street Naming Committee's approval. Should you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you,



Richelle Leskun  
Planning Assistant  
Community Development Department  
City of Novi