

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Council president Paul Leonard Jr. called the regular council meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Leonard were James Bracewell, Frank Giglio, Deborah Lindley and Blake O'Halloran.

ADOPT AGENDA

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Leonard to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVE MINUTES

Giglio moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 20, 2016. Motion carried 4-0 with Bracewell abstaining as he was not at the meeting.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Building & Zoning: Bracewell said that there are nine new homes currently under construction and all is going well.

Parks & Beaches: Giglio said that the beach easements that are closed are Cedar, Sky Hi and Sun Valley. As of now, Robin Lane easement will open with 25' of beach. Stairs have been installed at Pine and Ely, and others might be installed depending on conditions. Walnut beach easement will open, although it is still under construction. Giglio thanked Ken Terpin of Anna Livia Way for planting the beautiful flowers and bushes at the entrance to the Fifteen Acres of Grand Beach.

Leonard said it is obvious that the shoreline from New Buffalo and beyond has been severely damaged by winter storms and erosion. He is a member of a task force of representatives of communities including New Buffalo and communities south to Grand Beach. Their role has been to find a source of funding for a beach nourishment program. They have contacted and met personally with the state legislatures, Senator Debbie Stabenow's chief of staff and Congressman Fred Upton to find funding to pay for beach nourishment to move sand to beaches south of the New Buffalo breakwater. Congressman Upton's response has been that there is no money in the federal budget and there will be no money in the federal budget for such a project. Leonard spoke of lawsuits filed against the Army Corps of Engineers for similar beach losses because of breakwaters that were built near them. They plan to speak to an attorney in Florida who was successful in such a case in Cocoa Beach.

Leonard warned residents that there are now exposed hazards on the beach and in the water that are very dangerous, including metal sheeting and concrete. He also warned that the water drops off very quickly and gets deep close to shore, and parents should watch their children closely.

Streets & Water: Leonard said that the Village approved a contract last month for paving that is expected to begin in July.

Police: Lindley said that the officers have been busy with training and are highly trained. They have completed training on the use of Narcan which helps in opiate related overdoses. The new ATV has been delivered and will make it easier for the officers to get on the beach in an emergency.

Pro-Shop and Course: O'Halloran said the course opened in late March and they had a good month in April. May has been a tough month with the bad weather, but he is hopeful that the weather will change and rounds of golf will pick up. ServiScape will begin to improve the cart path on #3.

ServiScape: Clay Putnam said they planted four Norway Spruce trees on the left side of #7 to screen the maintenance supplies, and might need to plant another at a later date. Peerless Pump replaced a faulty switch in the pump house.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

Superintendent: Bob Dabbs had nothing to add to his written report.

Police Chief: In addition to his written report, Chief Dan Schroeder told the council that he has been working on bringing the Village website in to compliance. Schroeder asked permission to purchase three taser guns in advance of the new budget year when funds will be set aside for the purchase. Clerk Mary Robertson suggested purchasing the tasers with funds that have been set aside in Capital Projects for a squad car, and repaying the funds in the next budget year with funds budgeted for the tasers.

Building Inspector: Bill Lambert had nothing to add to his written report.

PAY BILLS

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the payment of the bills with the written additions as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION – COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Leonard moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve a resolution to collect delinquent property taxes through the end of February as presented and contingent on Attorney Sara Bell's review. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

REQUEST AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT TO ATTEND AWWA'S ANNUAL WATER CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION -BOB DABBS AND TIM PENDERGAST

Leonard told the audience that Village Water Department employees Bob Dabbs and Tim Pendergast will be attending a water conference and exposition in Chicago in June. Leonard said this is a very important conference to attend with everything that has been going on with the water in Flint.

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to pay for the hotel, travel expenses and \$50 per diem per employee for meals while attending the conference. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

PURCHASE 2" DIAPHRAGM PUMP

Leonard moved, seconded by Lindley to purchase a 2" diaphragm pump for the water department at approximately \$1,700. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

DONATION FOR UPKEEP OF THE JOHN FOX MEMORIAL GARDEN

Leonard thanked Lorraine Fox for a donation for the upkeep of the John Fox Memorial Garden. Lindley said that in the past there have been gardens donated, but the donors have not kept up the gardens or paid for the upkeep. She said it was very gracious of Mrs. Fox to continue to donate funds for the upkeep of the memorial garden.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2015/2016: GENERAL FUND, LOCAL STREET FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Bracewell moved, seconded by Leonard to approve budget amendments for fiscal year 2015/2016 for the General Fund, Local Street Fund and Capital Projects Fund as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

HALL RENTAL REQUEST - VICTORIA MCHUGH, JUNE 25, 2016

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the hall rental request for Victoria McHugh for June 25, 2016. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

Andrea Melnyk of 46007 Lake View addressed the council concerning a "Golf Cart Only" parking sign that was recently placed near her home. She said neighbors in the area are allowed to park on the edge of the road and questioned why she would not be allowed to park in front of her home. Leonard said the Village was not trying to single out one family and was trying to take care of parking in that triangle area so that golf carts would have a place to park so people could get to the beach. Superintendent Bob Dabbs will have the "Golf Cart Only" sign removed near her home.

There was further discussion regarding surveys that were done when the former owner of property at Whitewood and Lake View offered a land swap to the Village. Bracewell said people were aggressively against the land swap. Lindley said that when the survey was done, it looked like approximately 6' of Lake View was located on private property across the street from Melnyk's home. She said that at some point the road will have to be shifted and moved to where it belongs and that might be on to the area where the pavers are located in front of Melnyk's home. Lindley said that many of the boulders and pavers that people have put out on the edge of the road are located on the Village street right-of-way.

CORRESPONDENCE

Leonard said the council received a letter from Tim Sheahan requesting paving at the end of Wildwood. Lindley said that a few years ago the Village paid for and installed gravel at the end of Wildwood for parking. Leonard said he is sympathetic to the request, but there are greater needs in the Village. Lindley said that Mr. Sheahan could contact the contractor and pay for the project if he wanted to. She said that the roads in Grand Beach are deteriorating and if we want better roads, we might have to pass a millage for road improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Leonard moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer