

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2016**

President Paul Leonard Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. EST. In attendance in addition to Leonard were Jim Bracewell and Frank Giglio. Debbie Lindley was not in attendance, and Blake O'Halloran arrived to the meeting at 7:08 p.m. EST.

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Leonard explained that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the millage rate for 2016 and the budgets for all funds for fiscal year 2016/2017.

Blake O'Halloran arrived at the meeting at 7:08 p.m. EST.

Leonard said that the proposed millage rate is 6.0480 and the anticipated tax revenue is \$755,948.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Giglio to adopt the millage rate of 6.0480. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Leonard moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act and Budget resolution #2016-05 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Blake O'Halloran	Aye
James Bracewell	Aye
Frank Giglio	Aye
Paul Leonard Jr.	Aye

Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Budget totals as approved are General Fund \$866,274, Building Permit Fund \$48,150, Major Street Fund \$38,550, Local Street Fund \$31,025, Water Fund \$364,500 and Golf Fund \$250,500.

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to close the special meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer

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President Paul Leonard Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. EST. In attendance in addition to Leonard were Jim Bracewell, Frank Giglio and Blake O'Halloran. Debbie Lindley was not in attendance.

Leonard said the council received a letter from Arie Donkersloot who was present at the meeting to ask for a time extension on a bank stabilization project he is currently working on. Leonard said the shoreline is under assault and there are other property owners along the lake front who have contacted Clerk Mary Robertson to see if they would be able to proceed with work to protect their shoreline and foundations of their homes this summer. The Village does not allow this type of work to be done from Memorial Day to Labor Day, but under the circumstances he believes it would be appropriate for the Council to temporarily suspend, for this summer, the application of restrictions and ordinances to allow owners that feel their properties are threatened to enter into contracts to have work done to protect their homes and dunes from erosion.

Arie Donkersloot of Donkersloot & Sons said they are currently using Walnut Avenue and are set up there to do the O'Grady bank stabilization project on Ridge Road. There are people on East McKean that he has pending proposals with, and a couple more on Ridge Road that would like to have work done to protect their property. He would like to be allowed to continue to use the Walnut easement and has already been given permission by a property owner adjacent to Walnut to continue work because they cross over a portion of her property to get to O'Grady's property.

They are using their barge to transfer the material to the site because the water was getting so deep along the shoreline that they can't navigate their equipment through there. They are trying to keep the area clean and will remove the equipment on the weekends so that people can access the beach.

Donkersloot said as far as the time frame, they will be working in to August. They will move material on the Walnut Avenue easement Monday through Friday at noon. Work will be done at the specific job sites on Saturdays. There will be no trucking or barge work on Saturdays and the workers will be done around 3:00 or 4:00 on Saturdays. He said they are set up with the barge, they have the staging area and a good road to use, and they will keep it nice and dressed up, so he doesn't think there is any sense in starting another site.

Leonard said that the shoreline is under assault and we've seen one house go in in New Buffalo and he knows of several people in New Buffalo who have spent six figures to bring in rock to protect the foundation of their homes and erosion of their dunes. He said the people here are concerned about it and he suggests suspending the ban to allow owners on the lake to have the work done for shore protection.

Bracewell asked Donkersloot about the statement in his letter that he has been receiving and reviewing numerous calls regarding damage, and Bracewell wondered how many more and

when it will stop. Donkersloot said he continues to get calls, so he can't predict. Clerk Mary Robertson said that she has had two or three people contact her about having work done, and Oselka Constructors have had a couple of people call him, although they probably won't start that work until after Labor Day. Leonard said the need is there.

Clerk Mary Robertson told the council that David Wolf of Oselka Constructors had contacted her because they are working on shore protection for three homes on East McKean and had expected to complete the work by Memorial Day, but they had an equipment breakdown and won't be able to complete the work until the Friday after Memorial Day.

Leonard said he wants to be clear that he is not suggesting suspending the limitations for the benefit of the contractors so they can complete their work; he is suggesting suspending the limitations for the benefit of the affected homeowners so that if anybody has a problem, and they think they can do something and can get a permit, they can start the work this summer. This is for the benefit of the people of the Village and not for the benefit of the contractors.

The concentration of work will be on Walnut for Donkersloot. Donkersloot said he is working off of Walnut, but he believes Oselka is working from Calla. Leonard said he would expect Oselka to be held to the same timeline; they can move materials from Monday through Friday at noon, and they can work on Saturdays with any materials they have at the job site, but cannot bring in materials on trucks on Saturdays.

Robertson said that Oselka is planning to complete his work by the Friday after Memorial Day. Leonard said that if calls and wants to start more projects, he does not have a problem with that as long as it's Monday through Friday at noon, and work only on the job site on Saturday.

Bracewell suggested putting this information on the website so people are aware of it. Leonard will send the information to Robertson to have it posted on the website.

Leonard moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the request for the time extension for the Michael and Claire O'Grady bank stabilization project on Ridge road to continue past Memorial Day and to temporarily suspend restriction on shore front construction repair to revetments, sea walls and rip rap, and to allow residents who have shore front property to obtain the appropriate permits and to begin work this summer to protect their shore front, and to allow materials to be brought into the Village from Monday through Friday at noon, and to allow work to be done on the site on Saturdays during the summer months. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Leonard moved, seconded by O'Halloran to close the special meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer