

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 31, 2016**

President Paul Leonard Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. EST. In attendance in addition to Leonard were Jim Bracewell, Frank Giglio and Blake O'Halloran. Debbie Lindley was not in attendance as she was out of town.

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Leonard explained that the special council meeting was being held to discuss a proposal to remove sheet steel from Lake Michigan and to discuss a \$5,000 donation from a Village resident to be used towards the cost of the removal. He said that the council discussed the proposal from Donkersloot & Sons for the removal of the steel from the lake near the Walnut Street pump station at the last council meeting and did not take any action because there were no funds in the budget for the project. Since that time a resident has offered to contribute \$5,000 towards the \$13,500 proposal, bringing the cost down to \$8,500 to the Village.

Leonard said he does not consider this an emergency, although someone could get hurt on the steel or a boat could be damaged if it hit the steel sheets. He thinks cleaning up the beach is always a good idea. He said Donkersloot's barge is in the area and if the Village asked him to come back at another time to remove the sheet steel, it would cost much more money. At the last meeting the Village did not have \$13,500 to spend, but now with the \$5,000 contribution, the cost has come down to \$8,500. He explained that per the charter, there would have to be four affirmative votes to approve the expenditure that was not budgeted.

Bracewell said the Village could accept the risk and do nothing about it. At some time the steel might be under the sand on the beach, but only time would tell. Bracewell, Giglio and O'Halloran were in favor of the project since a resident was willing to contribute \$5,000 towards the cost of the project.

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell that on the condition that the resident contributes \$5,000 towards the project, the Village will contribute up to \$8,500 for a total cost not to exceed \$13,500 as proposed by Arie Donkersloot of Donkersloot & Sons for the removal of sheet steel with the funds coming out of the General Fund outside of the budget. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Giglio moved, seconded by Leonard to close the special meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk/Treasurer