

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

Council member James Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Frank Giglio and Deborah Lindley. Paul Leonard Jr. and Blake O'Halloran were not present as they were out of town.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Bracewell moved, seconded by Giglio to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 21, 2016. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

PRESENTATION – ROSE DUDIAK, NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

New Buffalo Township Supervisor Rose Dudiak talked to the Council about the upcoming election and explained that she was running in the election as a write-in candidate. She highlighted several projects that have been completed while she was the supervisor over the last eight years.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Building & Zoning: Bracewell reported that the letter he spoke of last month regarding a homeowner trying to sue their neighbor because of a tear down and rebuild has been turned over to the Village Attorney. He said this is being taken very seriously and not being ignored.

Bracewell said there are nine new homes under construction with many other projects going on in the Village.

Parks & Beaches: Giglio reported that the lake is about the same as it has been. He said Donkersloot & Sons have finished removing the steel sheet walls from the lake. They removed about 30 sheets when they expected to remove 15 sheets and did a nice job.

Police: Lindley reported that the Village is quiet after Labor Day. She said the officers have the new statewide records management system up and running. All officers completed their firearms training.

Streets & Water, Pro Shop & Course: Leonard and O'Halloran were not present to give reports.

ServiScape: Clay Putnam reported that aerification and top dressing has been done. They will install the cart path on #7 with the help of Superintendent Dabbs and his staff. They also helped ServiScape take down a leaning tree on #4. ServiScape will have pruning done on oak trees near the #3 tee.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

Superintendent: In addition to his written report, Bob Dabbs reported that they pulled the buoys and Robin Lane and Oak Street easement beach stairs. They will pull out the other sets of stairs beginning November 1.

Police Chief: In addition to his written report, Chief Dan Schroeder reported on the new software that was recently completed.

Building Inspector Bill Lambert was not in attendance.

PAY BILLS

Bracewell moved, seconded by Giglio to approve the payment of the bills with the written additions as presented. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

OSELKA CONSTRUCTORS – SEAWALL AT 46013 LAKE VIEW AVENUE

David Wolf of Oselka Constructors addressed the council concerning revetment work that his company plans to do for Kathleen Higgins at 46013 Lake View Avenue. He explained that Higgins applied for a permit to build a stone revetment wall with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) about four months ago and last week the DEQ informed them that some of the proposed work might be on Village property and told them they should ask the Village for permission to build the revetment on part of Village property.

He asked for the Council's permission to build the wall at the toe of the slope which is in line with the wall that the neighbors (Goods) built. The rock will go across all of the Higgins property and stop at the beach easement line. They will be starting their rock at the corner of the steel wall that Goods have installed.

Bracewell read information that the Council received from Council Member O'Halloran that said the Village should not stop the work from being done so that the property owner can protect the front of their home. Bracewell said that allowing people to protect their property is something that has always been important to the Village.

Bracewell said the Higgins' will be contacted to see if they are willing to pay for revetment work at the easement which was done recently by a homeowner next to another beach easement. The work on the easement will help protect the Higgins' property.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to allow revetment work to be done by Oselka Constructors at 46013 Lake View Avenue and to allow the work to be done on Village property as requested. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

David Wolf talked to the council about a conversation that took place at the last council meeting about rocks that were left on the beach when revetment work was done on Ridge Road. He showed pictures to the council of the beach in 2015 and again on October 17, 2016 showing what was there then and now.

He said he can't get his equipment down to the beach at the pump house now because the ramp has been removed and grass has been planted. He said when they are working on Higgins' property, they will try and get around on the beach to that area and move the rocks onto the wall where they belong. If they can't get down there then, he will take care of it when they are here working again when they can get around on the beach. Bracewell said the Village will hold him to it.

There was discussion about the removal of the ramp. Bob Dabbs said that he told Donkersloot to leave the ramp there, but for some reason it was removed. Chief Schroeder suggested that the ramp be put back because they were planning on using it for access to the beach with the 4-wheeler.

TREE TRIMMING – GOLF COURSE #3 TEE

Bracewell moved, seconded by Giglio to accept the bid from the Tree Mann in the amount of \$1,240 to remove branches from the golf course near the #3 tee. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

ELECTRICAL BIDS - GOLF CART PARKING AREA

Bracewell tabled the electrical bids for golf cart parking until an upcoming meeting when Leonard and O'Halloran are present.

EMPLOYEE PAY RAISES

Bracewell moved, seconded by Giglio to approve employee pay raises of 3% as presented by the Council President and Village Clerk. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

WATER RATE INCREASE

Bracewell stated that Michiana has increased the Village water rates for the second time in approximately one year. He tabled the water rate increase until a full council is present.

TRANSFER FUNDS TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for fiscal year 2015/2016 as budgeted. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2015/2016

**GENERAL FUND
WATER FUND
GOLF FUND
MAJOR STREET FUND
LOCAL STREET FUND
BUILDING FUND
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

Bracewell said that the budget amendments will be tabled until a special meeting can be called with a full council.

HALL RENTAL REQUESTS

**NORM CHERRETT – OCTOBER 29, 2016
DON BUTLER – EMPLOYEE – APRIL 29, 2017
FRANK GIGLIO – MARCH 25, 2017
FRANK GIGLIO – MAY 13, 2017
SUE SCALETTA – SEPTEMBER 23, 2017**

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to approve hall rentals to Norm Cherrett on October 29, 2016, Don Butler (Employee) on April 29, 2017, Frank Giglio on March 25, 2017, Frank Giglio on May 13, 2017 and Sue Scaletta on September 23, 2017. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer