

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
MARCH 14, 2017**

The Village Council for the Village of Grand Beach held a Work Session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. EST by Council President Paul Leonard in the Council Meeting Room at 48200 Perkins Blvd., Grand Beach, Michigan 49117 to discuss the November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018 Fiscal Year Budget.

Present in addition to Paul Leonard were council members James Bracewell, Frank Giglio, Blake O'Halloran and staff members Superintendent Robert Dabbs, Clerk-Treasurer Mary Robertson and Police Chief Dan Schroeder. Deborah Lindley arrived at 6:05 p.m. EST. There were no members of the public present.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Bracewell moved, seconded by Leonard to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 4-0 with Lindley absent during the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The draft budgets for fiscal year 2017/2018 were discussed.

General Fund: After much discussion and changes to the General Fund, the \$43,650 deficit was increased to show a deficit of \$50,750. This includes transfers to Capital Projects in the amount of \$77,600 for future purchases of equipment and capital improvements.

Water Fund: There was discussion regarding future needs in the water fund. Robertson told the Council that there was approximately \$22,000 in a CD for the Marjeanette water loop and to move water lines located on private property on Ely. Superintendent Bob Dabbs said that the property owners had offered to pay half of the cost to move the lines in the past, but now are unwilling to do so. He will contact them to find out if they are willing to help with the cost to move the water lines, and then Robertson will talk to the Village attorney about a license agreement or an easement on their land where the lines will be placed.

Dabbs estimated the cost for new remote read water meters to be approximately \$180,000.

The proposed Water Fund Budget shows a deficit of \$77,703 which includes setting aside \$68,000 to help with the costs of painting the water tower, remote meters and other expenditures.

Golf Fund: Blake O'Halloran removed a proposed chemical storage building and a finish mower from the golf budget to reduce the proposed deficit of \$59,561 to a deficit of \$14,561. Robertson told O'Halloran that the 2017/2018 ServiScape budget was \$163,489 and approximately \$21,000 higher than the current budget. O'Halloran planned to speak to Clay Putnam to reduce the ServiScape budget in order to balance the golf budget.

ServiScape's budget was reduced after the meeting to \$146,789 by reducing the cost of seed, tree trimming, repair and maintenance, irrigation supplies and equipment rental. Tree trimming was added into the Village's golf budget in the amount of \$2,100.

After changes, the golf fund shows revenue over expenditures of \$39.

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Local Street Fund: Clerk Mary Robertson said she increased the revenue on both Local and Major Street Funds based on the state's proposed increase to ACT 51 funding. The Local Street Fund showed a deficit of \$2,950 with no changes made.

Major Street Fund: Proposed budget shows \$5,075 revenue over expenses for the budget year.

Building Inspection Fund: With no changes to the proposed budget, it shows revenue over expenses of \$700.

Items of discussion regarding budgeting included:

- Condition of streets in the Village and paving priority.
- Remote water meters.
- Moving water lines on Farwell property on Ely.
- Paying off one of the water bonds to free up money in future budget years.
- The need for emergency access to the Beach at Robin Lane.
- Extending the roof on the hall to eliminate the problem with water running under the cement walkway which causes issues.
- Future pension costs.
- Short and long term disability for employees.
- Laptops and programming for both squad cars.
- 42+ acres for sale that includes the driving range and possible grant writing expenses.
- New "used" boat to be used for putting buoys in and removing them.
- New ATV for water and maintenance department.
- Golf Course Irrigation.
- Need for a golf course 10-year plan.

With no further business, the work session was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk-Treasurer