

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council president Paul Leonard Jr. called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Leonard were James Bracewell, Frank Giglio and Deborah Lindley. Blake O'Halloran arrived at the meeting at 8:04 PM EST.

ADOPT AGENDA

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to adopt the February 21, 2018 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

APPROVE MINUTES

Giglio moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

None

COMMISSION REPORTS

BUILDING & ZONING: Bracewell reported that the project on Oak Street is underway after almost two years.

PARKS & BEACHES: Giglio reported that there is still a lot of ice up against lakefront property. He said steel sheets near the pier are starting to surface and we might need to cover them in the summer. Since there is not going to be any beach this year, he suggests putting fence around the pier so people can sit on the pier and look at the lake, boats and Chicago. This idea will be discussed at the budget meeting.

STREETS & WATER: Leonard reported that potholes continue to be filled.

POLICE: Lindley reported that the Council has received a letter of resignation from Officer George Keeler effective March 16, 2018.

PRO-SHOP & COURSE: O'Halloran was not in attendance for his report.

SERVISCAPE REPORT

Clay Putnam was not in attendance.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: In addition to his written report, Superintendent Bob Dabbs said they are pumping water out of the park, and he thinks the drain pipe is beginning to plug up again in the resident's yard across from the park. A 42" concrete pipe that drains water under Crescent Road has broken and shifted and will cause the road to start shifting. They plan to replace a drywell at Holiday Hills and Maple Street in the next week or two and then replace a drywell on Lake View.

POLICE CHIEF: In addition to his written report, Police Chief Dan Schroeder said the new squad car should be here in the middle of March. The officers are set to begin patrolling in Grand Beach and Michiana on March 1.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Bill Lambert was not in attendance.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Giglio moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve the payment of the bills with the written additions as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CHARTER REVISION

Leonard said that the Charter Revision was put on the agenda under unfinished business to try and revise the charter to allow for compensation to Council members.

GEORGE KEELER RETIREMENT

Lindley said that there is going to be a retirement party that is open to the public for Officer George Keeler at the Hall on Friday, March 2nd from 1:00 - 3:00 EST.

NEW BUSINESS

BALLOT PROPOSAL LANGUAGE – PER MEETING COMPENSATION

Leonard said that Attorney Sara Senica provided language for a charter revision to allow Council members to be compensated for time spent outside of the meeting and at the meetings. She provided Clerk-Treasurer Mary Robertson with additional language for the Council to review and discuss at the March meeting.

RESOLUTION TO ADD STREETS TO ACT 51 MAP

Leonard moved, seconded by Lindley to adopt Resolution No. 2018-01 to add streets to the ACT 51 map as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

CHANGE PORTION OF PERKINS, GRAND BEACH ROAD AND ENTIRE GOLFVIEW FROM LOCAL STREET TO MAJOR STREET DESIGNATION FOR ACT 51

Leonard explained that the Village needs to submit paperwork to the State of Michigan in order to change portions of Perkins, Grand Beach Road and the all of Golfview from local to major street designation for ACT 51. These are the only thoroughfares connecting the south end to the north end of the Village.

FENCE AT WATER TOWER – BID

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve a bid dated February 9, 2018 of \$2,132 to Fence Masters to replace the fence around the water tower. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. Other bids were received from Action Fence \$5,182 and Arrow Fence & Gate \$2,645.

REVTMENT/DRAINAGE WORK AT PUMP HOUSE

Leonard told the Council that he and Superintendent Bob Dabbs recently looked at damage done around the pump house. He stated that in the last year or so, the Village put rock in to protect the drainage near the McDonald property and all of that rock is now gone. The sloped ramp that went down from the road to be used as a staging area has now been washed away and there is a 12' - 15' cliff there. He is afraid the road will be compromised and the erosion could get behind the pump house. He and Dabbs came to the conclusion that the area will need armor rock to protect it. He asked council members to take a walk down

there and look at it because if nothing is done there will be much bigger problems down the road. The pump house and the underground piping system that is used for the irrigation on the golf course needs to be protected. The Council will discuss this at the March meeting.

REVTMENT WORK – LAKE PARK AND STRAUSS

Leonard said that the Heakin property at Lake Park and Strauss which is part of the critical dune has suffered because the water is going behind their revetment and causing erosion. The 50' of property located south of the Heakin family is owned by the Village, but has not been improved. Donkersloot is going to work on the Heakin property once the ice shelf is gone and Leonard thinks that when Donkersloot is doing the work there, the Village should consider having work done on the Village property to protect the dune. The family has talked with Leonard because in order to make this work on their property, the rock will need to be extended across the Village property. He hopes to work out a deal with them similar to what was done recently along Lake View with the Village paying for rock to be placed on the Village property and the Heakin family paying for other costs. The Council will discuss this at the March meeting.

DRIVING RANGE LEASE

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to approve the Driving Range Lease as presented. Bracewell extended a thank you on behalf of the Village to Grand Beach Land Development for their generosity in leasing the range to the Village for \$1.00 per year for many years. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

O'Halloran arrived at the meeting at 8:04 p.m. EST.

GOLF CART PARKING STICKER FEES

O'Halloran said that the Village did not raise cart fees last year, and this year ServiScape is proposing a 3% increase in their services so he would like to add \$5 to the fees across the board. He has checked around with other communities and the \$230 fee to use the cart on the streets and golf course is very low. He thinks by increasing the cart parking sticker fees and the golf fees as proposed, the 3% increase from ServiScape can be covered.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Giglio to increase the price of golf cart sticker fees as presented. Motion carried 3-2 with Giglio, Leonard and O'Halloran voting aye and Bracewell and Lindley voting nay.

GOLF FEES

O'Halloran suggested raising the golf fees by \$1.00 for juniors 14-21 to \$9.50 and children 6-13 to \$6.00. He suggested raising the junior 14-21 pass to \$90, children 6-13 season pass to \$75 and children family pass – three children (maximum) 6-13 years old to \$130.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Leonard to approve the 2018 golf fees as presented. Motion carried 4-1 with Giglio, Leonard, Lindley and O'Halloran voting aye and Bracewell voting nay.

“NCR SILVER” SOFTWARE FEE AND HARDWARE PURCHASE - PRO SHOP

O'Halloran said the computer system we currently use in the pro shop is old, and there are many things that we can't do with the system. He recently met with Clerk-Treasurer Mary Robertson and a Horizon Bank representative to learn about the NCR Silver point of sale system which will allow the Village to track inventory in and out, put discounts in the system, use gift cards and send emails to those in the data base.

The cost of the NCR Silver software is \$60 per month, and is only charged during the months when it is in use. The Village will need to purchase an iPad to use the system which will be a lot more user friendly. O'Halloran moved, seconded by Leonard to purchase the NCR Silver point of sale system for the pro shop and to purchase an iPad at a cost not to exceed \$550. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

PROPOSAL TO INSPECT WATER INTAKE FOR GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION

O'Halloran said that since the Council has been talking about water for the golf course and erosion at the beach; what was a discussion in the past is now turning into a major concern. He is very concerned about what is going to happen this year. We are expecting 10 days above freezing and the ice shelf is going to be going away. If the water starts swirling around behind the pump house, we are going to have some serious issues. The Village does not currently have an alternative source of water for irrigating the golf course, so if something happens to the water source, we should have an alternative for the future. Bracewell said the previous alternative plan was aggressive maintenance of the pumps to keep them from breaking down.

O'Halloran said there are two bids regarding the water source. One is a bid to hire a diver to go down and find out what is going on with the intake and if lines are covered with sand, we are fine. The other is from Peerless Midwest to do a background study for developing groundwater as an irrigation supply for the golf course.

Leonard said the pump house is a critical part of the infrastructure and the Village has to protect it because the golf course is one of the jewels of the Village. O'Halloran suggested waiting until the March meeting to get more bids to inspect the water intake.

PROPOSAL FOR BACKGROUND STUDY FOR DEVELOPING GROUNDWATER AS AN IRRIGATION SUPPLY FOR GOLF COURSE

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Leonard to approve the bid from Peerless Midwest at a cost of \$3,500 for a background study for developing groundwater as an irrigation supply for the golf course. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

HALL RENTAL – FRANK DOLAN, DATE CHANGE FROM MAY 12 TO JUNE 2, 2018 APPROVED BY SOCIAL CLUB

Leonard moved, seconded by Lindley to approve the date change for a hall rental for Frank Dolan from May 12, 2018 to June 2, 2018. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. Motion was approved prior to O'Halloran's arrival at the meeting.

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve the Grand Beach Hall contract which includes language to allow people to donate the \$100 security deposit back to the Village. Motion carried unanimously 4-0. Motion was approved prior to O'Halloran's arrival at the meeting.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Bracewell to adjourn the meeting. 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