

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2018**

President Paul Leonard Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. EST. In attendance in addition to Leonard were James Bracewell, Frank Giglio, Deborah Lindley and Blake O'Halloran.

Giglio moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

GOLF COURSE PUMP HOUSE AND DRAINAGE PIPE PROTECTION DISCUSSION

Leonard said that the Council had talked previously about installing wells for the golf course irrigation and he wondered if it would be more economical to decommission the pump house and move over to the wells at this time. He said the pump house has a useful lifetime and it is getting quite old. He said the Council received a plan from Abonmarche that will cost approximately \$500,000 to protect the pump house and the drainage pipes on Ridge Road which is not affordable.

O'Halloran said this is a timing issue, and we don't know if the water that might come from a well is suitable for the turf. He said looking at wells as a secondary backup system is one thing, but he wasn't sure about using wells as the primary system. He said we haven't gone to the next step and the next step would be to drill the well. He is concerned that if nothing is done before winter we might lose the pump house.

Giglio expressed his concern with putting rocks in front of the pump house, and felt that they might cut right in to the intake pipe. He asked if the pump house project would be paid for from the golf course, and Leonard and O'Halloran said that the golf course doesn't have that kind of money, so the cost will be paid from fund balance in the general fund.

The Council discussed the expense of the proposed work, and the need to increase the millage rate or float a bond to help with all of the additional expenses that have reduced the fund balance significantly. They also talked about expenses that will be coming in the future with one of them being the need to build a larger water tower to accommodate additional homes. Bracewell said that when the Council tried to pass a millage for street paving several years ago, two out of three voters voted against it.

Leonard said we have infrastructure at risk and the Abonmarche plan is not affordable to the Village. The Council received two proposals for revetment work at the pump house and drainage pipe on Ridge Road and both contractors are proposing the same type of work to protect the pump house and the drainage pipe.

David Wolf of Oselka Constructors presented his proposal for both projects to the Council followed by Arie Donkersloot of Donkersloot & Sons. Wolf said he envisioned bringing the rock down the Walnut access and Donkersloot said he planned on using the Royal access where they are currently set up. When asked by O'Halloran if they could complete the job by winter, Wolf said he can start the work the week

of October 1, adding that they have a number of projects starting after Labor Day, but they will be wrapped up by then. Donkersloot said it depends on when the necessary permits come in, and said he has other projects to work on, but he will get this job done. Leonard said that Ben Zimont of the DEQ has said that permit applications can be looked at quickly because they are of urgency in the Village.

O'Halloran was concerned with what to do if the neighbors don't plan to do anything. He thinks the Village should send the Village's plans to homeowners on both sides of the pump house and the drainage pipe on Ridge Road to let them know what the Village is planning to do so that they might have work done to protect their property at the same time. Lindley said we can't continue to spend money on protecting Village property when the neighbors are not doing anything to protect their property.

The Council heard from audience members who suggested the wells be put in now instead of spending the money on the revetment work. Others felt that there was a lot involved in drilling wells and putting in all of the necessary piping for the irrigation system so maybe the wells should be done at a later time. Some suggested different ways of financing large projects such as these in the future. It was noted that even if the Council decided to drill wells, they will still incur the expense of revetment work to keep the pump house from falling into the lake **and to protect the beach access*.

* September 19, 2018 Council Meeting - Correction to these minutes prior to approval to add to the end of the sentence "*and to protect the beach access*". Mary Robertson

Lindley said the Council has not been negligent, and has always planned to find out about the wells. Leonard said the plan has always been to have a secondary system to use in case the pump house shall fail.

After hearing from both contractors and much discussion, O'Halloran moved, seconded by Bracewell to submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of Grand Beach to protect the pump house at the Walnut access and drainage pipe on Ridge Road. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

GOLF COURSE PUMP HOUSE AND DRAINAGE PIPE PROPOSALS

Leonard moved, seconded by Giglio to accept the proposal for the pump house project from Donkersloot & Sons at a cost of \$154,119.00. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. A \$194,000 proposal was received from Oselka Constructors.

Lindley was not in favor of doing the work on Ridge Road for the drainage pipe because if the property owners on both sides of the drainage pipe are not going to do anything to protect their property, there is a chance that the Village property could be jeopardized. She thinks that the Village should send a letter from the Village Attorney stating that they are causing an issue for the Village by not putting in revetment on their property. Leonard will put together a letter to send to those property owners along with the two proposals the Village received.

Leonard moved to table the proposal regarding the drainage pipe project on Ridge Road. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Proposals were received from Donkersloot & Sons for \$66,520 and Oselka Constructors for \$80,000.

Leonard thanked Wolf and Donkersloot for their work on their proposals and time spent at the meeting. He said the Council will need to look at the Ridge Road drain again and will give them an opportunity to submit another proposal.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION:

The Council heard from the audience earlier in the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Giglio moved, seconded by Bracewell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer