

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Harry Walder called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Walder were Peter Doerr, James Bracewell, and Blake O'Halloran. Edward Brandes was not in attendance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Doerr moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the June 21, 2023 agenda with the addition of item 10(j) – *Purchase Golf Clubs*. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Village Council Minutes:
 - i. Regular Council Meeting – May 17, 2023
- b. Approve Travel & Meals Reimbursement of \$168.61 to Creo Brewster
- c. Approve Hall Rentals:
 - i. Don Butler
 - ii. Grace Connelly – Approved by Harry Walder Prior to Event
 - iii. Michael Kenny
 - iv. Gina O'Halloran – Approved by Harry Walder Prior to Event
- d. Pay Bills with Written Additions

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

a. MICHAEL ELLIOTT – BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

Village resident and architect Michael Elliott presented several suggested upgrades and repairs for the Village Hall and Department of Public Works buildings. Elliott spoke about different areas of concern and possible repairs to the balcony on the upper level, wooden windows, screening around trash bins next to pro shop, trim and soffit, paint on Public Works building.

He suggested the possibility of stringing lights on the patio on the upper level and creating accessible parking on the upper level.

Walder said that the Village will need to find money for these repairs and improvements. He said the balcony is getting worse and needs to be repaired.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

COMMISSION REPORTS

REPORT ON NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP MEETING

O'Halloran reported on the New Buffalo Township meeting that he attended on June 19, 2023.

BUILDING & ZONING: Walder said that the house on Rohde Court has been taken down. He said the Master Plan Task Force held three focus group meetings recently and received a lot of input and participation.

PARKS & BEACHES: Doerr said the platform at the Ely beach access has been complete and he has received a lot of feedback about it. He said he spoke with Police Chief Ryan Layman about ticketing cars that are parked at the Whitewood, Walnut and Jensen Court accesses which are designated as golf cart parking only.

STREETS & WATER: Bracewell said that the state required water report was completed by Rob Andrew in time for submission. Bracewell said the Village needs to update the ordinance regarding water cross-connections.

POLICE: Brandes was not in attendance.

PRO SHOP & COURSE: O'Halloran said the month of May was good compared to May of the last couple of years. He said the weather plays a big role in the number of rounds of golf.

SERVISCAPE REPORT

Clay Putnam said they have edged the bunkers for the second time this year, and have repaired a couple of irrigation leaks on the course and one behind the hall.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: In addition to his written report, Superintendent Bob Dabbs said they painted the yellow center lines on the streets and will begin patching streets, and continue to do water taps for the homes under construction. He has been in contact with Semco Energy regarding a larger gas line that is necessary before the new generator for the hall can be installed.

POLICE CHIEF: In addition to his written report, Police Chief Ryan Layman said there were 44 complaints last month. He said Officer Creo Brewster recently passed his firearms training. Bracewell asked about the possibility of separating the Michiana and Grand Beach reports, and Layman said it is complicated with the software he uses. He said that the complaints are usually about 50% Michiana and 50% Grand Beach.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: In addition to his written report, Building Inspector Chad Butler said there are 50 open building permits. He said there are 22 permits for homes and 10 permits for pools, along with permits for fences, decks and other things. He said the addresses at the end of his building report are those that need cleanup or maintenance. He has made contact with them and some owners are beginning to take care of the issues, and one is considering tearing down the home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SWIMMING POOL INSPECTIONS DISCUSSION

Walder said that the Council discussed periodic pool inspections at the last meeting. After discussion, the Council decided not to do the inspections.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR PAY

Walder said that when the motion was made at the last Council meeting to pay the building inspector/zoning administrator, it failed to include that he would be a part-time employee with no benefits.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr that the building inspector/zoning administrator is a part-time employee with no benefits. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM OSELKA CONSTRUCTORS TO MOVE ARMOR STONE OFF VILLAGE PROPERTY

David Wolf of Oselka Constructors told the Council that his company is going to do a revetment project on Lake Park Drive, and that some of the armor stone from the revetment that is there has spilled over onto Village of Grand Beach property which is under water. He said they did a similar project two years ago and the Village allowed them to move the stone from Village property to private property. He said that Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) requires permission from the Village for Oselka to remove the stone.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Bracewell to allow Oselka Constructors to move armor stone off Village property and to authorize ProCompCo, LLC to act as the Village's agent in obtaining EGLE permits for construction activities on Village property if necessary. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

AUTHORIZATION FOR PROCOMPACO, LLC TO ACT AS VILLAGE'S AGENT IN OBTAINING EGLE PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON VILLAGE PROPERTY IF NECESSARY

Included in above motion.

WATER MAIN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH 46117 ELY, LLC (FARWELL)

Walder explained a new agreement for a permanent easement for a water main that is installed on private property and an alternate easement to be used if the Village determines at some point that the water main needs to be replaced.

Doerr moved, seconded by Walder to enter into a water main easement agreement with 46117 Ely, LLC with Joe Farwell paying for the engineering fees for the legal descriptions and drawings.

Bracewell questioned the additional legal fees that were required to be paid by the Village to have the Village attorney create documents for the new agreement.

After discussion, Doerr moved, seconded by O'Halloran to amend the motion and to enter into a water main easement agreement with 46117 Ely, LLC with Joe Farwell paying legal fees in the amount of \$1,960 and the engineering fees to create the legal descriptions and drawings of the easements. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR EXISTING AND ALTERNATE EASEMENTS FOR WATER MAIN

The Council directed the clerk to hold on to the payment of \$60,000 for 46117 Ely, LLC until the legal fees and engineering fees as stated in the motion have been paid to the Village.

INCREASE SPEED LIMIT ON GRAND BEACH ROAD FROM BOTTOM OF THE HILL AT THE RAILROAD TRACKS TO ROBIN LANE FROM 25 MPH TO 30 MPH

Chief Layman told the Council that the speed limit on Grand Beach Road from the bottom of the hill at the railroad tracks to Robin Lane is 25 mph, and there is limited signage and no homes along the road. He said that he checked the speed of 150 cars on that section of road, and the average speed was 30.1 mph.

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to increase the speed limit on Grand Beach Road from the bottom of the hill at the railroad tracks to Robin Lane from 25 mph to 30 mph. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

CONSTRUCTION FENCING AND DUMPSTER REQUIREMENT

Walder said he has received complaints in Golfmore Estates about construction debris laying around on job sites for a long time. He said the Village has rules about dumpsters, but does not require them. He spoke with Chad Butler and he recommended requiring a dumpster after giving two warnings about cleanup of debris.

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Doerr moved, seconded by O'Halloran to require dumpsters on property where there is construction and the site is not cleaned up after receiving two warnings. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

WIGHTMAN PROPOSAL TO PERFORM RESEARCH AND DRAFTING SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE PDF COPIES OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY

Doerr moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve payment of \$675 to Wightman to perform research and drafting services and to provide pdf copies of Village owned property. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PURCHASE ICE CREAM FREEZER FOR PRO SHOP

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the purchase of an ice cream freezer in the amount of \$6,981.18. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PAY INCREASE FOR PART-TIME SUMMER MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to increase the part-time summer maintenance employee's pay by \$1.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PURCHASE GOLF CLUBS

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve the purchase of two sets of golf clubs for rental purposes at a cost of \$600. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Council heard comments from the following Village residents concerning the easement that the Village granted to New Buffalo Township for the Marquette Greenway.

Sheila McGinnis
Colleen Dolan
Victoria McHugh
Kaye Moriarty
Emily Dolan
Mike Kenny
Molly Galbo

CORRESPONDENCE

ANNE MCFADDEN – SOCIAL CLUB USE OF HALL AND GROUNDS

Walder said the council received a letter from Anne McFadden about the Social Club use of the hall and grounds, and he will be meeting with Social Club President Molly Galbo.

ADJOURNMENT

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer