

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2019**

President Deborah Lindley called the Special Meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. EST. In attendance in addition to Lindley were James Bracewell, Paul Leonard Jr. and Blake O'Halloran. Steve Slater was not in attendance.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINT INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Lindley said until we know what is happening with Chief Dan Schroeder after his recent injury, we need someone that can fill in and file reports and do all that is legally required.

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to appoint Sergeant Jamie Flick as the Interim Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

INTERIM POLICE CHIEF COMPENSATION

Lindley said the consideration for compensation for the Interim Police Chief will be temporarily during the four months that Dan Schroeder will be off. O'Halloran said that Flick has been and will be taking on additional duties and should be compensated for that. Lindley said that Flick will probably attend the March, April, May and June Council meetings.

Leonard moved, seconded O'Halloran to increase Interim Police Chief Jamie Flick's pay temporarily by \$1.50 per hour retroactive to February 13th, 2019. This temporary increase will remain in place until June 30, 2019 when it will be reevaluated by the council. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MICHIANA AND GRAND BEACH POLICE SERVICES

Lindley told the Council that she has been meeting with Flick, Michiana's Police Chief and Police Commissioner to discuss moving forward with combined services. She feels from the feedback she has received that the shared services have been going very well.

Lindley said that Chief Schroeder told her that he plans to retire. Michiana asked her if Grand Beach wants to share expenses for the purchase of a new car. She said that the Council needs to think about how they want to move forward in regards to a Police Chief, and if they want to pay half of Chief Layman's salary and have him serve as Chief of both communities or if they want Grand Beach to have their own Chief and hire an additional officer. She said if Grand Beach hires a Chief, we will have a Chief and two officers in each community. She wants the Council to start thinking about that and she doesn't want to move forward with Michiana until she knows what direction the Council wants to go. She said she has been very clear with them that Grand Beach wants to keep our own autonomy.

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Jamie Flick said that he and Chief Ryan Layman have come up with a couple of different options and have been in contact with a police department on the other side of the state where three departments have been combined. He said that he thinks they formed a police authority. Flick said there are a lot of different directions in which we can go. Flick and Layman will have a phone conversation with that Chief next week.

Lindley said that when officers write reports to the state they use an ORI number to report, so when an officer is making a report they have to file two different reports with different ORI numbers for Michiana and Grand Beach and it was suggested that we give up our number, but she wants to keep our identity. Flick said they have a call in to the state about how it would work with the numbers if the services are combined.

Flick explained that he thinks that if there were a police authority there would be members representing each council. There could be two members from each community that could be council members or appointed by each council and a nonbiased person from outside each community. It is believed that both ORI numbers would be given up and a new number assigned. If there were problems with the agreement the old numbers could be retrieved and departments belonging to those numbers reestablished. He said the current schedule is working out well with five people.

Lindley said that this discussion would have moved forward even if Dan Schroeder was here because we have been working with the combined services for a year.

O'Halloran had concern about an authority and the idea that the Council as a whole would not have input on purchases and other expenses although they would still have fiscal responsibility. Leonard said the problem with having a committee that comes back to the Council instead of letting them make a decision is that you could end up in a deadlock between the two Councils. He said in order to make this work; everybody has to give up something.

Bracewell asked Flick to find out how two communities agree on an authority and how the budget works.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Lindley moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer