

VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2003

President Pro-Tem Deborah Lindley called the regular scheduled meeting of the Grand Beach Village Council to order at 7:30 PM EST. Present in addition to Lindley were Walter Carroll, James Bracewell, John Boden Jr. and Robert Grim.

The meeting began with Lindley presenting certificates of appreciation for their service on the council to outgoing president, John Deaner and council member Charles Joyce who were not in attendance.

Minutes from the February 20, 2003 regular meeting were approved on a motion by

J. Bracewell/W. Carroll. Approved 3-0 with Boden and Grim abstaining as they were newly elected to the council on March 10, 2003. Minutes of the election commission meeting of February 14, 2003 were approved on a W. Carroll/J. Bracewell motion. Approved 3-0 with Boden and Grim abstaining.

A motion by W. Carroll/J. Bracewell to approve the certification of election results was approved 3-0 with Boden and Grim abstaining. There were three open council seats with Boden and Grim receiving the highest number of votes. There was a tie between Deborah Lindley and John Steven Waigand for the third seat. Deborah Lindley was elected after a drawing was held at the county clerk's office and a slip of paper marked "elected" was pulled from a container on behalf of Lindley.

Nomination of officers: Robert Grim nominated James Bracewell as president with John Boden Jr. seconding the nomination. There were no other nominations for president and Bracewell was appointed president by a vote of 5-0. Robert Grim then nominated Walter Carroll as president pro-tem with a second by James Bracewell. There were no other nominations for pro-tem and Carroll was appointed president pro-tem by a vote of 5-0.

James Bracewell began by congratulating Lindley, Boden and Grim for their election to the council.

The appointments of officials by James Bracewell were as follows:

Building & Zoning Commissioner	John Boden Jr.
Parks & Beach Commissioner	Walter Carroll
Water & Street Commissioner	Robert Grim
Police Commissioner	Deborah Lindley
Golf Course & Pro-Shop Commissioner	James Bracewell

Steve Waigand will head the golf committee.

In addition to his written report, Superintendent Dabbs reported that Oldenburg & Sons Construction will be starting work on the water extension to Grand Beach Road on Monday. The Police Chief and Building Inspector had nothing to add to their written reports.

Bills to be paid were approved 5-0 on a R. Grim/J. Boden motion.

A motion by J. Bracewell/W. Carroll to authorize Mary Robertson, Marjorie Royce, Deborah Lindley and James Bracewell to sign checks was approved 5-0. The checks require two signatures, and the clerk and deputy clerk are not allowed to sign checks together.

The regular council meetings will be changed from the third Thursday of the month to the third Wednesday of the month effective in April on a motion by R. Grim/J. Boden. Unanimous 5-0.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden to make a commitment to accept the credit card proposal through Fifth Third Bank This was approved 3-2 with Carroll, Bracewell and Boden voting aye and Lindley and Grim voting nay. The pro-shop will begin accepting credit cards and will lease a credit card machine from Fifth Third Bank for a period of 48 months.

The council approved a motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden to authorize up to \$200.00 for the purchase of a behind the counter freezer for the pro-shop. Unanimous 5-0.

The council approved the authorization to purchase a rough mower unit, not to exceed the cost of \$14,000 to be funded through the General Fund on a motion by J. Bracewell/D. Lindley. Approved unanimously 5-0.

A motion by J. Bracewell/R. Grim to adopt a resolution to add a section of Fairway Lane, Putters Lane and a section of Crescent Road to Act 51 was approved unanimously 5-0.

A motion by J. Bracewell/R. Grim to adopt a resolution to designate major and local streets for Act 51 as presented was approved unanimously 5-0.

Steve Waigand stated that the pro-shop was in need of a new golf cart and that Bob Dabbs was interested in keeping the golf cart that is currently used by the ranger to use in the water department. Bob stated that the cart needs new batteries. James Bracewell felt that there may be a resident of Grand Beach who would be willing to donate a golf cart to the Village and asked that the clerk to add a notice to the spring newsletter.

Members of the audience raised questions concerning a sewer system in the Village and old septic systems within the Village. Former Council President, John Boden stated that while he was on the council, he had attended a meeting in the Village of Michiana regarding a sewer system. He said that he had spoken with Abonmarche regarding a sewer system and the cost would be more than \$3,000,000. He stated that a sewer system is ten years away, unless the state comes in and requires it sooner. Building Inspector, Bill Owens spoke regarding the old septic systems. He said that if someone renovates a home and adds a bathroom, they are required to get a permit from the Berrien County Health Department. If adding a bedroom, Bill requires the health department to come in and inspect the septic system. He stated that the Village is operating under the IRC 2000 codes and he would speak to the state about this issue.

Another audience member asked the council to consider the purchase of a street sweeper to clean the sand off the streets. According to Walter Carroll, this equipment is very expensive. The City of New Buffalo rents the equipment they use to sweep their streets and the Superintendent will contact the City of New Buffalo to get the information on the rental of the equipment.

The Council received a letter from Jess Forrest and Suraleah Michaels of 46351 Grand Beach Road concerning the condition of a home located at 46357 Grand Beach Road that is in need of repair and clean up. Steve Klettke, husband of the home owner was in the audience and stated that their daughter is planning to move into the home. She is planning on cleaning up the property and painting the house as soon as the weather permits. He will be cleaning up the brush from the property. Walter Carroll told him that there is debris that needs to be cleaned up in addition to the brush. He stated that everything will be taken care of by June or July. Council member Lindley asked if the home has electricity and he stated that it does have an electric meter. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to Forrest & Michaels stating what the intentions are of the homeowners.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer