

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

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

Minutes of the regular council meeting of October 20, 2004 were approved unanimously 5-0 on a B. Grim/J. Boden motion.

Building and Zoning Commissioner John Boden Jr. read a statement concerning a home that was recently demolished on Lake View Avenue. The Village was contacted by the Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy and several newspapers regarding the demolition of the home.

Parks and Beaches Commissioner Pete Carroll had nothing to report.

Water and Street Commissioner Bob Grim reported that the Village is patching the edges of some of the Village streets that are beginning to crumble.

Pro-Shop and Golf Course Commissioner Jim Bracewell stated that the golf course is now closed. He added that the golf fund has \$20,000 less cash at the end of this fiscal year compared to last year. This is due to the expense of the irrigation system repair. Jim Dolemba of ServiScape stated that he is preparing the course for the winter. He added that the Village employees are putting stakes in around the greens and tees.

The Village Superintendent, Police Chief and Building Inspector had nothing to add to their written reports.

Bills to be paid with written additions were approved unanimously 5-0 on a J. Boden/J. Bracewell motion.

The first item on the agenda under old business was snowmobiles on the golf course. Pete Carroll reported that the snowmobile committee held a meeting on Saturday, November 13th to discuss safety issues, infringement issues and the safety of people who are sledding on the golf course. A motion by P. Carroll/B. Grim to adopt the snowmobile resolution as presented was approved 3-2. Pete Carroll, Jim Bracewell and Bob Grim voted aye with Debbie Lindley and John Boden Jr. voting nay. Pete Carroll stated that the resolution was passed, but the issue will be reviewed in the spring.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden to accept revision 1 & 2 of a letter dated 11/9/04 from Pagel and Frey passed unanimously 5-0. The first Revision involves the addition of a second mirror to the women's restroom. The second revision is for the removal of the horizontal framing from the meeting room windows. Pagel and Frey will prepare change orders for the next meeting. They are scheduled to begin work on the hall on 12/6/04.

A motion by D. Lindley/P. Carroll was approved unanimously 5-0 to pass a resolution to designate Bob Grim as the street administrator for Act 51 purposes.

After reviewing expenses associated with installing water service to residents, the council agreed that an increase in the tap-in fee was necessary. Currently the Village charges \$1250.00 for the tap-in and the expenses are approximately \$1800.00 and possibly more if there are special circumstances involved. A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to raise the water tap-in fee in the Village of Grand Beach from \$1250.00 to \$2500.00 per installation. In addition to this cost, if installation based on manpower and material exceeds \$2500.00, the additional costs will be billed to the owner. Date of the increase to become effective immediately for all building permits issued after November 17th. Bob Grim added that people who have already applied for permits will be charged the \$1250.00 fee as that is what they were told when they applied for their building permit.

The land division request from Grand Beach Land Development was tabled until the next meeting so that the zoning administrator can review it.

A motion by J. Bracewell/P. Carroll was approved unanimously 5-0 to approve a hall rental request for November 26, 2004 for Anne Connelly.

The Village Council received a letter from the Village of Baroda requesting their presence at a meeting with all of the villages of Berrien County in order to form a village association. The association would communicate with the Michigan Municipal League regarding the needs of the villages. The council discussed this matter and will continue the discussion at the next meeting. Several of the council members felt that the MML has a lot to offer and that we do not take advantage of what is available now. They are interested in learning what the MML has to offer.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer