

VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH

BUDGET HEARING

MAY 18, 2005

President Jim Bracewell called the budget hearing to order at 7:05 PM EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Pete Carroll, Debbie Lindley, John Boden, Jr. and Bob Grim.

Bracewell explained to the council that the clerk had made several additions to the budgets that were discussed at the last meeting. She added an additional \$1000 in revenues to account for an additional charge to the Social Club for next year. She included \$500 for a DEQ Stormwater Discharge Permit that is required each year, \$1400 for a fire alarm at the maintenance garage as suggested by our insurance carrier. Also added was an additional \$500 for cleaning of the hall and \$500 for software support in the water fund.

He continued to explain that 20% or more of the budget goes to the 24/7 police safety that we have in Grand Beach and that a large amount goes to other salaries.

The audience had no questions concerning the proposed budgets.

There being no further business, the hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2005**

President Jim Bracewell called the regular scheduled meeting of the Grand Beach Village Council to order at 7:40 PM EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Pete Carroll, Debbie Lindley, John Boden Jr. and Bob Grim.

B. Grim/J. Boden moved to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 20, 2005. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Committee reports:

Building: J. Boden reported that he, Bill Owens, Mary Robertson and Lou Desenberg met for over two hours to go over zoning ordinance changes. Attorney Desenberg should have something ready for the council by the next meeting.

Parks & Beaches: P. Carroll reported that the beach replenishment had been completed and that after one storm the sand is still in place.

Streets & Water: B. Grim reported that he, Bob Dabbs and a representative of Merritt Engineering had met regarding the water system. Merritt Engineering will put together a proposal with recommendations for the water system along with a rough estimate of what the costs will be. They will also put together costs for replacing streets during the water project.

Grim added that he and Bob Dabbs estimated the cost of resurfacing streets that will not be included in the water project at about \$45,000. The \$45,000 is needed to bring the streets up to minimum standards. This figure does not include the cost of resurfacing in the Eiffel Towers area because they did not get that far when they were measuring streets and estimating costs.

Police: D. Lindley reported that Officer Patty Mattson has asked for a pay scale that will allow for equal pay for police officers when they reach the same amount of seniority. Lindley and Chief Schroeder will try and work out a three year pay schedule where officers will top out with their pay and be paid the same.

Pro-Shop & Golf Course: J. Bracewell reported that the course is in good shape.

Clay Putnam of ServiScape reported that the root pruning is complete and that Current Electric has completed the 110 volt portion of the electrical work in the pump house and has more work to do in the three phase process. He added that the utility company had requested that the Village move the electric meters that are currently located inside the pump house to the outside so that they may be read more easily. He stated that he received a bid to move the electrical service and it was very expensive, so he suggested that this work not be done. We are once again faced with problems on the irrigation system and are unable to water the golf course, but plan to have the problem corrected next week.

D. Lindley suggested the possibility of area residents donating rhododendrons, azaleas or shrubs to be planted on the barren areas of the golf course.

In addition to his written report, the village superintendent reported that the tree located on Royal Avenue which was discussed at the last council meeting will be removed soon.

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The police chief and building inspector had nothing to add to their written reports.

Clerk, Mary Robertson informed the council that there were only two items left to be completed by Pagel & Frey on the hall renovation. They still need to install an additional mirror in the ladies restroom and replace glass in the wooden interior doors that is scratched. A motion by D. Lindley/J. Boden was approved unanimously 5-0 to pay Pagel & Frey \$9,750 upon completion of the items listed by the clerk.

Bills to be paid with written additions were approved unanimously 5-0 on a motion by B.Grim/D. Lindley.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden to approve a budget amendment for the General Fund 2004/2005 and an amendment to the Capital Projects for 2004/2005 as presented passed unanimously 5-0.

Next on the agenda was the building permit fee change. The council has been informed by the auditor that the building inspection fees should be reduced. The funds collected for building permit fees are to be used only to run the building department. Pete Carroll reported that he had recently attended a Michigan Municipal League meeting. At the meeting he discussed the possibility of charging a fee separate from the building permit fee to help cover costs of road repairs and other problems that arise due to the increased construction in the village. He was informed by an MML representative that the village could charge plan review fees and that these fees could be funneled into other village accounts, not into the building inspection fund. The council directed the clerk to contact the village auditor and village attorney to check into this matter before they make a decision on the building permit fees.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to approve the renewal of the social club contract for one year as presented.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden was approved unanimously 5-0 to purchase a coat rack with casters for use in the hall at a cost not to exceed \$350.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden to approve an expenditure of \$1400 for the purchase of a golf bag rack, printing of advertising cards and card holders for the pro-shop was defeated 2-3. Voting aye were J. Bracewell and J. Boden. Voting nay were P. Carroll, D. Lindley and B. Grim.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to approve a hall rental request to Robert Kill on 6/4/05.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Bracewell to adjourn passed unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer