

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2005**

President Jim Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30. Present in addition to Bracewell were John Boden Jr., Pete Carroll, Bob Grim and Debbie Lindley.

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 17, 2005 and the minutes of the ZBA Hearing-Lattner of August 17, 2005.

Committee reports:

Building & Zoning: J. Boden stated that he is still waiting for information from the Village attorney regarding the zoning ordinance.

Parks & Beaches: P. Carroll reported that he received a quote from Sport Court for a new tennis court in the amount of \$42,918.75. After a recent meeting, a resident offered to pay one half of the total cost or \$21,459.38 while remaining anonymous. He stated that after transfers into capital projects for 04/05 and 05/06, we will be approximately \$1400.00 short of the remaining half of the cost. The council hopes to be able to find the additional \$1400.00 so that they will be able to get started on this project. A motion by P. Carroll/J. Bracewell was approved unanimously 5-0 to initiate the collection of bids for the replacement of the tennis courts to include the nets and posts and to come to next month's meeting with a firm proposal.

Streets & Water: B. Grim reported that Bob Dabbs had obtained proposals for resurfacing Alpine, Lake and Arnold. One bid was received from Reith-Riley Construction in the amount of \$18,995.00 and the other bid was from Schucks Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$28,940.00. A motion by B. Grim/P. Carroll passed unanimously 5-0 to accept the proposal from Reith-Riley Construction for the resurfacing of Alpine, Lake and Arnold in the amount of \$18,995.00 and to authorize clerk, Mary Robertson to enter into a contract with them and for the village superintendent Bob Dabbs to provide supervision of the construction.

Police: D. Lindley commended the police department for a doing a good job in the village.

Pro-Shop & Golf Course: P. Carroll stated that the year is winding down and it has been a nice season for golf.

President's Report: J. Bracewell reported that on August 20<sup>th</sup> he attended a meeting with John Boden Jr., Bill Owens, Mary Robertson, Lou Desenberg and a village resident regarding plans to his property. The Village attorney explained a

new type of zoning procedure called conditional zoning which allows the village and property owner to enter into an agreement regarding improvements to be done on their property. This agreement is then recorded on the deed, so if someone buys the property they must maintain the property as was agreed to by the previous owner and the Village.

Clay Putnam of ServiScape reported that they had repaired damage to the golf course caused by vandalism and had also filled the ruts at the ends of the cart paths. He told the council that they need to think about removing a dead tree near the maintenance garage in the future.

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

A motion by B. Grim/J. Boden was approved unanimously 5-0 to pay the bills as presented with written additions.

P. Carroll stated that the contract with ServiScape will expire on 10/31/05. They have proposed to increase their fees by \$58.00 per month for the first year with an additional increase in the second year. A motion by P. Carroll/B. Grim passed unanimously 5-0 to agree to the ServiScape proposal for two years through 2007 and to delete the last sentence of the agreement which stated the cost of \$1833.00 per month for the management fee during the final year. D. Lindley asked Clay Putnam if ServiScape would guarantee the third year price if the council agreed to continue the contract after the two additional years and he stated that they would hold to that price.

Next on the agenda was a request from the DEQ for a recommendation from the council for a special exception for a DEQ permit for the Connelly property located on High Point. J. Bracewell stated that the council has until September 24<sup>th</sup> to make a decision on this matter. The DEQ does not have a problem with the proposed house, but is concerned that the driveway would impact the slope of the land. The DEQ has suggested that instead of the driveway they construct two parallel parking spaces adjacent to the existing road and access the house via an elevated stairway and/or tram. Neighboring property owners James McWethy and Bradley Griffith had Tom Bennett, an environmental consultant and Lou Dombowski, an environmental lawyer representing them. Architect Heidi Hornaday and attorney Mark LaRose represented George Connelly in the matter. After much discussion among the council members and from both sides, J. Bracewell made a motion with support from D. Lindley to return this request to the DEQ for their decision without any recommendations from the council. Unanimous 5-0.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden was approved unanimously 5-0 to transfer \$51,720.00 to the capital projects fund for fiscal year 04/05 as presented.

A local street paving bid was approved during the street commissioner report.

A motion by B. Grim/P. Carroll was approved unanimously 5-0 for a budget amendment to increase contractual street paving, account #463-815 by \$19,000 as presented for local streets.

A motion by P. Carroll/J. Boden was approved 4-1 to purchase a used golf cart in the amount of \$1600.00 for the pro-shop. Voting aye were J. Boden, J. Bracewell, P. Carroll & B. Grim. D. Lindley voted nay.

A motion by P. Carroll/J. Bracewell passed unanimously 5-0 to pay an additional \$3950.00 as deferred compensation to Dave Gring, pro-shop manager for additional work over the summer. This additional compensation is to be paid this year only for the many extra hours he worked to cover shifts when there was not a pro-shop clerk available this summer.

A motion by J. Bracewell/B. Grim to adopt and support a resolution from the Berrien County Treasurer to help in the collection of delinquent personal property taxes was approved unanimously 5-0.

A motion by J. Bracewell/J. Boden passed unanimously 5-0 to approve the hall rental requests for Kay Moriarty 9/25/05, Mark Vanecko 10/1/05 and Joe Krycka 10/15/05.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk/Treasurer