

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 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 November 16, 2005 and the ZBA Hearing-McCollum of November 16, 2005.

Committee reports:

**Building & Zoning:** J. Boden reported that the revised zoning ordinance should be ready for the council to review by the next meeting.

**Parks & Beaches, Pro-Shop & Golf Course:** P. Carroll stated that the tennis courts are underway and that the ice rink will be ready for the next cold spell. Bob Dabbs reported that he recycled old copper that the Village had, and received over \$1000. He then purchased a liner for the ice rink along with an ice resurfacer at a cost of approximately \$700.

**Streets & Water:** B. Grim reported that he is still working with Merritt Engineering on the water project and hopes that Merritt will be prepared to present information to the council at the March meeting regarding the project. He also informed the council that there are roads in the Village that need to be resurfaced soon. He added that the roads that will be affected during the water project will be repaired or replaced during the water project. He told the council that he is looking for their help in finding the funds to pay for the needed paving.

**Police:** Nothing to report.

Nick Sinnott of ServiScape stated that he will be looking at ways to cut the ServiScape budget in order to bring the expenses more in line with the golf revenues.

The Superintendent and Police Chief had nothing to add to their written reports. The Building Inspector was not in attendance.

P. Carroll moved, with support from J. Boden to pay the bills as presented with written additions. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from D. Lindley to adopt the Michigan Vehicle Code and Uniform Traffic Code Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. This new ordinance was necessary in order to continue receiving a portion of the traffic fines collected after a ticket is written.

B. Grim moved, with support from D. Lindley to adopt a resolution for the Social Security Number Privacy Policy. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The State of Michigan required this policy to protect the Village employee's social security numbers.

The council received a draft agreement from Berrien County in regards to the use of the Village water tower for the 800 MHz relay for the police radios. This agreement was forwarded to the Village Attorney, Lou Desenberg for additions and/or changes. He noted areas on the contract that needed to be addressed by the County.

B. Grim moved, with support from J. Boden to approve the contract with Berrien County to build facilities for the 800 MHz radio services on the Village water tower, contingent upon the agreement and approval of Mr. Desenberg's recommendations and including clarification of the insurance. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

P. Carroll moved, with support from J. Boden to approve the employee Christmas bonuses as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from J. Boden to send annual user fees for the 800 MHz radios in the amount of \$200 per year per radio to Berrien County until the credit issued by the State is exhausted. The Village currently has eight radios. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The council next discussed the issue of the Scaletta property and their request to widen East McKean in front of their home. J. Bracewell stated that Scaletta's attorney, Dan Trainor had informed the Village attorney that they hoped to work this issue out neighbor to neighbor with Mr. Kerhoulas. They plan on contacting Mr. Kerhoulas regarding the use of a section of East McKean that was vacated 30 years earlier.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from B. Grim to approve a request from Lou Desenberg to split the costs associated with the widening of the street with the Scalettas paying one-third, Kerhoulas paying one-third and the Village paying one-third, capped at \$5,000 as the total Village participation to solve this problem, if this is the solution to the problem. This offer will expire in five months and also requires the removal of the striping on the street and the removal of the posts in front of the Kerhoulas property. Motion carried 3-2 with J. Bracewell, P. Carroll and B. Grim voting aye and J. Boden Jr. and D. Lindley voting nay.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from J. Boden to approve the purchase of a fire proof filing cabinet with the cost not to exceed \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

P. Carroll moved, with support from J. Bracewell to accept the T.R. Bulger bid dated December 21, 2005 for the replacement of an aluminized heat exchanger for the upstairs furnace based on a cost of \$877 for the heat exchanger and approximately 20 hours labor at \$85.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The council discussed the contract for garbage disposal in the Village. The contract that the Village currently has for garbage disposal with Able Disposal will be up for renewal in August of 2006. P. Carroll voiced his concern that Reliable, who owns Able Disposal, also owns Forest Lawn Landfill. The landfill is currently having problems and might not be in operation in the future and he is concerned that Able Disposal could increase our landfill costs if they have to dispose of the trash elsewhere.

Instead of automatically renewing the contract, as has been done in the past, he would like to take bids for the service. B. Grim added that he would like to see that the bid requires an arm on the truck to pick up the cans, as is done now.

J. Bracewell agreed that taking bids for the service is “good business”. He asked P. Carroll to work with the clerk to make sure that the right companies are contacted regarding bids. He would like something ready for the May meeting regarding the bids.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from J. Boden to approve hall rental requests to James Sullivan on 1/28/06 and Laretta Kenny on 11/23/06. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Bracewell added that the Sullivan’s need to be made aware that there is a problem with the furnace and the rental has been approved, but only if the furnace is repaired in time.

J. Bracewell read portions of a letter from Dan and Kaye Moriarty regarding their concerns on the beach regulations ordinance. The letter was given to the council prior to the adoption of the ordinance in November, but was not received in time to be put on the November agenda.

J. Bracewell also spoke about a letter that was given to the council from Don and Elaine Smith. This letter was not received in time to be added to the agenda, but was addressed during the meeting. The Smith’s are concerned with snowmobiles traveling through their neighborhood and across private property. They are currently in Florida, but have been informed of this activity by one of their neighbors.

The council stated last year that if there was any damage done by snowmobiles or problems concerning snowmobiles in the Village, they would revisit the issue of allowing snowmobiles in the Village. There has not been any damage done and the Police Department has not received many complaints concerning the use of snowmobiles.

B. Grim moved, with support from D. Lindley to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk/Treasurer