

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2007**

President Jim Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 PM EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Pete Carroll, Bob Grim and Debbie Lindley. Kaye Moriarty was not in attendance as she was in Florida.

P. Carroll moved, with support from J. Bracewell to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for Conditional Rezoning on January 17, 2007. Motion carried 3-0 with B. Grim abstaining since he was not in attendance.

P. Carroll moved, with support from J. Bracewell to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing for Final Site Plan Approval for the Hamburger-Mathias Condo Site on January 17, 2007. Motion carried 3-0 with B. Grim abstaining since he was not in attendance.

P. Carroll moved, with support from J. Bracewell to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 17, 2007. Motion carried 3-0 with B. Grim abstaining since he was not in attendance.

Commission reports:

Building & Zoning: Kaye Moriarty was not in attendance.

Park, Beaches & Police: Nothing to report.

Streets & Water: Bob Grim reported that the streets in the Sun Valley Falls subdivision will be paved in the spring when the asphalt plants are operating. He told the council that they had been working on a water modification plan with Merritt Engineering for quite some time and a representative of Merritt Engineering told Village Superintendent Bob Dabbs that we are now ready to move forward on the project. He suggested that the Village hire a financial advisor who will help locate the best financing options for the project. He added that we will also need a bonding attorney and that he has worked with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in the past and that they are excellent and he would not hesitate to hire them.

B. Grim moved, with support from J. Bracewell that the Village contract with ACI Finance Company for the services of Tom Traciak for financial advisement on the project. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Pro-Shop & Golf: The golf and ServiScape reports were moved to the end of the agenda because Nick Sinnott of ServiScape had another meeting to attend and would arrive late to the council meeting.

Superintendent Bob Dabbs and Police Chief Dan Schroeder had nothing to add to their written reports. Building Inspector Bill Owens was not in attendance as he was in Florida.

B. Grim moved, with support from J. Bracewell to approve the bills with additions as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

The first thing under old business was the planning commission discussion. Jim Bracewell told the council that he believes they have five years to complete the master plan and that he would feel more comfortable if all of the council members have read area master plans so that they are very familiar with them before any action is taken. P. Carroll felt Building and Zoning Commissioner K. Moriarty should be in attendance to discuss the matter. The council asked that this be added under old business for the April 18th meeting.

The year end review of the golf course was moved to the end of the agenda.

Under new business was a resolution in regards to the new casino and the local revenue sharing board. There are currently two members on the board and they will appoint a third member to the board. J. Bracewell read the resolution that stated that the Village would adopt the bylaws of the Local Revenue Sharing Board and appoint P. Carroll to the board with J. Bracewell as the alternate.

D. Lindley told the council that she did not think that they should move forward on this issue because she feels that this matter will end up in court with the City of New Buffalo. She stated that there are several other entities that are applying for the third position including the New Buffalo School Corporation.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from B. Grim to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried 3-1 with J. Bracewell, P. Carroll and B. Grim voting aye and D. Lindley voting nay.

The Village will submit the resolution, along with their application to the Local Revenue Sharing Board in hopes of being appointed to the third seat on the board.

Next on the agenda were the golf cart registration fees. The council agreed to use the same fee schedule for 2007.

J. Bracewell moved, with support from B. Grim to approve hall rental requests for Mike Lindley on June 9, 2007 and Julie Downie on July 21, 2007. Motion carried 3-0 with D. Lindley abstaining from the vote.

The council discussed a letter from Karen Johnson requesting that a large painting be hung in the ladies room upstairs, which has already been done.

There are plans to add a pleated skirt around a shelf in the restroom. Johnson also asked permission to explore the possibility of returning the arch at the entrance to the Village to its original design by adding wood lattice work to the arch. J. Bracewell said that the lattice was destroyed in a mini tornado in 1983 and was never replaced. Johnson also requested that brass lights be added to the arch. She also stated that she felt that there was a need for a small fund for future replacement of American flags and pine wreaths at Christmas.

The council directed Village Clerk, Mary Robertson to contact Johnson to let her know that she should present them with a design for the arch, and that there is no electricity near the arch for the lights. Chief Schroeder told the council that in the past the lattice work had been vandalized and he suggested that it be secured well and also suggested that it be made of substantial lattice or metal. The council suggested that she collect donations to cover the cost of the lattice work and replacement flags and wreaths at the arch.

P. Carroll told the council that he, J. Bracewell and N. Sinnott had met to review the year end golf. Carroll said that the golf course is in good shape and that it ended the year in the black. He added that there had been some repairs done to equipment and more repairs necessary.

Nick Sinnott told the council that ServiScape had completely restored the fairway mower and that it should last another two to three years. They also refurbished and repainted the three used greens mowers that were purchased last year. The tractor is in the garage for engine repairs with ServiScape absorbing the cost of repairs in their budget. They will also absorb the cost of replacing the bladder at the pump house if necessary.

P. Carroll told the council that they have repaired equipment that was worth repairing, but that we do need a rough mower and a John Deer Z-Turn could be used to serve many purposes. He added that we could put these two pieces of equipment together on a lease package with payments made only during the six months that the course is open.

J. Bracewell asked P. Carroll to bring bids for the new equipment and leasing options to the next council meeting for review.

Debbie Lindley moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to adjourn. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer