

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2007**

President Jim Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 PM EDT. Present in addition to Bracewell were Pete Carroll, Bob Grim, Debbie Lindley and Kaye Moriarty.

Kaye Moriarty moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve the minutes of the ZBA Hearing-McMahon/Isikoff of July 18, 2007 and the Regular Council Meeting of July 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Commission reports:

Building & Zoning and Parks & Beaches: Nothing to report.

Streets & Water: Bob Grim told the council that Mrs. Green on Lake View Avenue has been in contact with him and Bob Dabbs regarding a drainage problem in front of her house. Grim stated that when it rains the water gets very deep and runs off the street onto her property and under her garage. Bob Dabbs will get an estimate from a local contractor to repair the drain and will also prepare estimates for the repair if the Village does it themselves. Jim Bracewell suggested that Mrs. Green contribute financially to the repair work.

Grim told the council that there are some streets in the Village that are very narrow and he would like to put curbs on them. These streets will not be affected by the water project. Pete Carroll added that curbs on the streets make them last much longer since there is not an edge that can break off continually.

In his water report, Grim told the council that he attended a meeting with Karol Patton and Gary Wozniak of the DEQ regarding the water project and that the DEQ has begun their portion of the work. The Village is now working with the engineers and awaiting DEQ remarks on the project. He added that a year ago, the Village had a problem with the drinking water because of a deficit in the chlorine in the water and that this was discussed at the recent meeting with the DEQ. The Village will to be required to put in an additional chlorination system, but he is not sure if this will be part of the current water project or a separate project that will be done at a later date

Police: Debbie Lindley told the council that the Chief and his officers have been patrolling the beaches on the quad runner in regards to dog complaints.

Jim Bracewell read a letter from Frank and Kathy Gazzolo that was listed under correspondence on the agenda regarding dogs on the beach. They would like the council to reverse the ordinance because they believe that most people don't have their dogs on a leash, do not clean up after their dogs and do not follow the allowed times for dogs on the beach.

Pete Carroll and Debbie Lindley stated that there were several meetings held before the ordinance was adopted and that there were people in attendance on both sides of the issue. Carroll told the council that the ordinance is in place which allows the police to enforce the rules, that people are becoming aware of the rules, and now it is time to see if the ordinance is working.

Kaye Moriarty told the council that she would like to revise the ordinance regarding the dogs on the beach as she feels that this involves a health issue. Bracewell told Moriarty to have the item added to next month's agenda. Moriarty stated that she will revise the section of the ordinance regarding the dogs and present it at the next meeting.

Pro Shop & Course: Pete Carroll told the council that the course was in great shape for the flights last weekend.

Serviscape: Nick Sinnott told the council that this has been a rough July because of the weather, but there are not any major problems with the course.

Superintendent: Nothing to add to his written report.

Police Chief: Chief Schroeder reported that the lifeguards will be going back to school on Monday, August 20th, so there will not be lifeguards available during the week, but we will have lifeguards on the weekends through Labor Day. He also told the council that there have been break ins of automobiles in Grand Beach, Michiana, Forest Beach and Chikaming recently and that they are under investigation. He reminded the residents to keep their cars locked and to remove all valuable items from their cars.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve the bills as presented with written additions. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell told the audience that the first item on the agenda was a resolution and policy for credit card acceptance and security in the pro-shop. He stated that the resolution will provide the frame work for the security of credit cards which are accepted in the pro-shop. The resolution is mandated by the State of Michigan and the security policy is necessary as part of the compliance required by the major credit card companies. Bracewell read the resolution as presented and moved, with support from Bob Grim to adopt the resolution regarding credit and debit card acceptance. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Pete Carroll to grant permission, as in the past, to allow New Buffalo Area Schools to host two cross country events to be held on September 5th and September 19th and to support the golf team in the spring. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The school will pay the \$600 annual fee in the spring when the golf season begins.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Bob Grim to approve budget amendments as presented for fiscal year 06/07 for the general fund, golf fund, water fund, local street fund, major street fund, building inspection fund and capital projects fund. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Bob Grim to approve a hall rental request from Mary Robertson on October 6, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

The council received a letter from Elaine Smith regarding the creation of a Grand Beach cookbook. The letter stated that Sue Hartigan has taken on this project and has already received 300 recipes, but would like to have 600 recipes from Grand Beach residents for the book. Hartigan would like to receive all recipes by September 30th. The books will be on sale in June 2008 and proceeds from the sales will go to breast cancer research and a community project, possibly a water fountain in the park in Grand Beach. Recipes should be typed or printed and forwarded to Sue Hartigan.

Jim Bracewell told the council that Carter Eckert is out of the country, but the Army Corps of Engineers Study is still moving forward.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer