

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 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.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Commission reports:

Building & Zoning: Nothing to report.

Parks & Beaches: Pete Carroll told the council and the audience that the garden that Chris Korbakes had planted in memory of his wife at the corner of Royal and Station is beautiful and was done very nicely. He also told the council that he had received emails from the DEQ regarding the storm water discharge and that he will report on it later.

Streets & Water: Bob Grim told the council that he is working on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund for the water project. He said that the DEQ has suggested that the Village add a system to allow for the addition of chlorine into the water, if needed. This was suggested due to the recent bacterial problem with the water last year. Merritt Engineering is working on the project and is also putting together a cost estimate for the entire project. Grim stated that the Village of Michiana is considering increasing our daily capacity of water that we are allowed to buy from Michiana. The DEQ notified the Village that there was a day in 2005 that Grand Beach exceeded its daily allowance of water from Michiana. The DEQ has suggested that the Village make arrangements to obtain more water from Michiana.

Police: Nothing to report.

Pro-Shop & Golf Course: Nothing to report.

Nick Sinnott of ServiScape told the council that during a recent storm the Village lost half of a large maple tree on #7 after it was split in half. The council decided to leave the standing portion of the tree in place for another year. Sinnott suggested that the Village plant another tree near the maple tree to allow it time to grow before the tree is completely removed or comes down during a storm. He told the council that ServiScape will begin to do the aerification of the golf course during the first week in October.

Superintendent: In addition to his written report, Bob Dabbs told the council that he had rented the lift and that they had painted the arch and the underside of the balcony on

the Village Hall and also washed all of the outside windows on the building. He told the council that an anonymous donor plans on donating six park benches to the Village.

Police Chief: Nothing to report. Jim Bracewell thanked the Chief for his report on the dog complaints received.

Building Inspector: Inspector Bill Owens was not in attendance.

Pete Carroll moved, with support from Kaye Moriarty to approve the bills as presented with written additions. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Under new business, Jim Bracewell read a letter of agreement from ServiScape to extend the contract between the Village and ServiScape through October 31, 2009. The agreement states that all provisions will remain the same with the exception of the management fee which will increase from \$1,711 per month to \$1,824 in the first year and then increase to \$1,879 in the second year. Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Pete Carroll to accept the new contract and to sign the two year agreement. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Bob Grim told the council that he and Bob Dabbs had looked at a drainage problem on Lake View Avenue in

front of Mrs. Green's home. He said that the problem has been there for years, but he would like to take care of it. After receiving a bid in the amount of \$4,000 to install a larger dry well, and a bid of \$500 to repair the Green and Murphy driveways, he was ready to move forward with the dry well. Recently he was informed of a problem with the septic system on the Green property and decided that he would like the council to put the decision off until the October meeting so that he would have time to address the septic issue.

Mrs. Green spoke from the audience and told the council that she had hired Wightman & Associates to assess the problem with the water draining from the road onto her property and into her garage. She told the council that the problem with her septic system is caused by all of the water runoff from the street that floods her property and also fills her septic tank. The council asked her to leave the paperwork from Wightman & Associates with the clerk so that they could study Wightman's recommendation.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to authorize Merritt Engineering to engineer the drainage system, if necessary, after Wightman's recommendations are turned over to Bob Dabbs for review. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Next on the agenda was the Michiana Water Contract-Daily Supply Capacity. Jim Bracewell stated that this was discussed earlier in the meeting and that Michiana is considering allowing the Village to purchase a larger quantity of water, if needed.

The Beach Ordinance Study Schedule was next on the agenda. Jim Bracewell told the council that he had the ordinance schedule in mind and that the vote on the ordinance regarding dogs on the beaches would take place in June. He planned to vote in June so that the business regarding dogs on the beaches would not take place over the winter when the residents were away. He said that in April the ordinance will once again be put on the agenda for discussion with the vote to take place in June.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Bob Grim to approve hall rentals for Mark Vanecko on September 29, 2007, Patricia Dykes on July 26, 2008 and Garrick Hyravy on August 23, 2008. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell read a portion of a letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Parduhn regarding dogs on the beach. The letter was not received in time for the August meeting. In part, the letter stated that they do not feel that the police department should spend their valuable time chasing violators. It further stated, in their opinion, that the same persons who do not control their dogs are likely the people who do not control their children, their waste materials, their fire remains, and their alcohol consumption on the beach. The Parduhn family is in favor of maintaining the current ordinance which allows dogs on the beach during specific times.

Jim Bracewell read a request from Mr. Marsh and Ms. Chadwick for the use of the beach for their wedding on Sunday, October 7th, weather permitting. The use of the beach is for the wedding only which will include two attendants and a maximum of eight guests. The council was in favor of allowing them to be married on the beach. Bracewell asked Chief Schroeder to contact them and to take care of the details.

During audience recognition, Dave Krough thanked Bob Dabbs and his crew for trimming the bushes along Grand Beach Road.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer