

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 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, Debbie Lindley and Kaye Moriarty.

Kaye Moriarty moved, with support from Bob Grim to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 2007 and the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting-McDonald of November 14, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Commission reports:

Building & Zoning: Kaye Moriarty reported that the state has not moved very quickly on issues related to planning commissions. The council is required to form a planning commission within the next five years and Moriarty is following the changes that the state is working on regarding planning and zoning.

Parks & Beaches: Pete Carroll had nothing to report.

Streets & Water: Bob Grim told the council that the water project is coming along beautifully.

Police: Debbie Lindley had nothing to report.

Pro-Shop & Golf Course: Pete Carroll had nothing to report.

Nick Sinnott of ServiScape told the council that ServiScape had taken the engine apart on the fairway unit and found that there was a broken camshaft which also destroyed the block. He told the council that there are several options that the council can take regarding the replacement of the unit. He will give the information to Pete Carroll regarding the options and Pete will discuss these options with Jim Bracewell prior to the January council meeting.

Superintendent: In addition to his written report, Bob Dabbs told the council that the ice rink will be ready in time for the holidays. He also stated that if the snow melts off of the many piles of leaves in the Village, they will take the leaf vacuum out and pick up leaves. If the snow does not melt, they will take the dump truck out and pick up the leaves.

Police Chief & Building Inspector: Chief Dan Schroeder and Building Inspector Bill Owens had nothing to add to their written reports.

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

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Pete Carroll to change the employee health insurance plan to an HSA (Health Savings Account) plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. The new insurance coverage will take effect on February 1, 2008.

Bob Grim left the room prior to the discussion of the squad car purchase.

Debbie Lindley moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to purchase a new Ford Crown Victoria squad car from Three Oaks Ford with the base care extended warranty in the amount of

\$19,803.00. Motion carried 4-0 with Jim Bracewell, Pete Carroll, Debbie Lindley and Kaye Moriarty voting aye and Bob Grim not voting as he

was not in the room at the time of the vote. Other bids were received from Hirsh Ford in the amount of \$21,053.95, Signature Ford \$20,992.00 and Sieman Ford, \$20,500.00.

Bob Grim returned to the meeting.

Pete Carroll moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to approve the employee Christmas bonuses as presented for 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Pete Carroll addressed the council concerning the possibility of allowing residents to use the council meeting room for small parties and as a warming area for ice skaters and sledgers during the winter months. After much discussion concerning adult supervision and clean up, President Bracewell asked Pete Carroll to come to the January meeting with a prepared list of ideas and rules regarding the use of the meeting room.

Peter Hillman requested that his hall rental request be changed from 12/22/07 to 1/5/08. Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Kaye Moriarty to approve hall rental requests for Peter Hillman on 1/5/08, Anne Callahan on 12/31/07, Judy Gonsorek on 10/11/08 and Lauretta Kenny on 11/27/08. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Kaye Moriarty told the council that she would like to work with Pete Carroll to write a grant to request money from the Pokagon Fund for landscaping on the back of the clubhouse and also for new handrail on the upper level of the building.

Jim Bracewell reported that with the efforts of five homeowners associations between New Buffalo and Grand Beach, attorneys and the Village of Grand Beach, the Army Corps of Engineers Study is very close to being funded.

Kaye Moriarty moved, with support from Jim Bracewell to close the meeting. Motion approved unanimously 5-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk/Treasurer