

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2008**

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.

Bob Grim moved, with support from Pete Carroll to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 12, 2007. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Commission reports:

Building & Zoning: Kaye Moriarty reported that the State of Michigan is not moving very quickly in regards to the required Village master plan. According to Moriarty the State has taken many old bills and is combining them to simplify the requirements.

Parks & Beaches: Pete Carroll had nothing to report.

Streets & Water: Bob Grim told the council that we will have bids for the water project next month.

Police: Debbie Lindley thanked Indiana Michigan Power for the donation of a third used laptop computer for the police department.

Chief Schroeder told the audience that there has been one recent break in along the lake in Grand Beach. There have also been break ins reported in Long Beach, Chikaming Township and New Buffalo Township recently. He urged residents to keep an eye on their homes and also those of their neighbors and to report any suspicious activity immediately. He said that if you have something to report, don't wait a day or two to report it, call immediately.

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

Nick Sinnott of ServiScape told the council that they continue to work on the mowers for the golf course, with the exception of the fairway mower which needs to be replaced.

Superintendent and Police Chief: Superintendent Bob Dabbs and Chief Dan Schroeder had nothing to add to their written reports.

Building Inspector: Bill Owens reported that Kevin Killerman will have his garage on Lake View Avenue secured by Friday. He added that he has not yet received an application for a building permit from him.

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

The first thing on the agenda under old business was the continuation of a discussion that started in December regarding hall rental for small parties. Pete Carroll stated that the council had discussed a way to allow for the use of the council meeting room for small parties versus the cost of a large hall rental for small parties.

Carroll passed out a form that he had created for the purpose of reserving the council meeting room for small parties by Village residents only. He said that the application for the use of the room would be handled in the same manner as a bonfire permit by obtaining the permit from the police department.

The applicant will be required to contact a police officer and request the use of the meeting room for a party. The applicant must be an adult resident of the Village of Grand Beach and will be required to fill out the short form which will include the applicant's name, requested date of use, time of use, approximate number of people, address and phone number of the applicant, along with rules and information regarding responsibility for the use of the room. The form will be signed by the applicant and the police officer.

The person signing the form will be responsible for making sure that the room is locked and returned to the same condition as it was when they came in. They are responsible for emptying the trash, removing all items that were brought in, cleaning up the meeting room and the restrooms, turning off the lights, locking the door and returning the key.

After much discussion the council agreed to allow residents to use the room with no fee involved on a trial basis. They will allow the use of the room through Memorial Day and at that time will evaluate it and discuss any problems that may have occurred.

Building Inspector Bill Owens suggested that the fireplace not be used as it is inoperable at this time.

It was also noted that rental of the upstairs hall will take precedence over the use of the meeting room. If there is a rental for the hall on the same day that a resident wants to use the meeting room, it is still possible as long as everything is cleaned up and the room is locked by 3:00 PM EST. On all other days, the room must be cleaned and vacated by 10:00 PM EST.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Kaye Moriarty to set the meeting schedule for 2008 with the council meetings to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM EST. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Bob Grim to authorize the president of the council to sign an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers when and if all paperwork has been submitted, is complete and all checks have been deposited for the study. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Next on the agenda was the fairway mower. At the December meeting it was announced that the fairway mower needed to be replaced and that Jim Bracewell and Pete Carroll would discuss the options. Pete Carroll stated that he and Jim have agreed that the Village should purchase the two used units that are going to be replaced by another golf course that is maintained by ServiScape. Nick Sinnott of ServiScape told Pete that he will let them know what the trade in value of the mowers will be once the other golf course gets bids on new mowers. He said that he will be able to get one of the mowers in time for the start of the season, but would have to wait on the other until the new mowers are delivered to the other golf course.

Jim Bracewell moved, with support from Pete Carroll to allow for the use of the hall by council members and employees for the cost of the cleaning of \$100, with the use to be at the discretion of the council president and the council. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Clerk Mary Robertson announced that there will be a Village election held in November to elect two council persons to four year terms. Jim Bracewell and Pete Carroll's term will be up at that time.

The council received a letter from Carl and Felice Madda concerning a drainage problem at their property located on Lake View Avenue. Bracewell asked Superintendent Bob Dabbs to look at the problem and to talk to anyone that might have information regarding the matter to determine if the drain needs to be repaired.

Bracewell stated that we will begin work on our budget in March for the next budget year and if it is determined that something needs to be done to the drain; we will build it into the next budget year.

Debbie Lindley moved, with support from Bob Grim 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