

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Harry Walder called the special council meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EST. Present in addition to Walder were Edward Brandes, Peter Doerr, James Bracewell, and Blake O'Halloran.

ADOPT AGENDA

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to adopt the April 10, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 48305 ROHDE COURT

Village Attorney Sara Senica updated the Council on the citations that were issued to the owner of property located at 48305 Rohde Court. She said there were tickets issued in the past, and the owner defaulted, so the judge issued a warrant for his arrest. She said since he lives in Illinois, the police in Illinois will not pick him up under the warrant. She said there has been another ticket issued under a civil infraction, and with a civil infraction, the judge cannot issue a warrant for his arrest. She said once the owner does not show up to court, the Village can go in and clean up the property. She said she should hear something from the courts in approximately a month.

UPDATE ON LAWSUIT REGARDING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BY NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

Walder moved, seconded by Doerr to go into Closed Session Under Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to Consider Attorney-Client Privileged Materials.

Roll Call Vote

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| Ed Brandes | Aye |
| Peter Doerr | Aye |
| James Bracewell | Aye |
| Blake O'Halloran | Aye |
| Harry Walder | Aye |

Motion carried 5-0. The Council went into closed session at 9:10 a.m. EST.

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to return to open session at 9:45 a.m. EST. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

MARQUETTE GREENWAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

Doerr moved, seconded by Brandes to approve the Marquette Greenway easement agreement with New Buffalo Township as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to adopt an ordinance as presented adopting the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 52

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to amend language in section 2 of a draft version of an ordinance to amend ordinance no. 52 to say “All outdoor swimming pools shall be in compliance with the fence requirements in the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code, with compliance being confirmed by the Village Zoning Administrator”. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

O’Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to adopt an ordinance to amend ordinance no. 52 with the change to pool fence language. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

REVISE VILLAGE PROPERTY USE FEE SCHEDULE

Walder stated that at the previous meeting, the Council approved a Village Property Use Fee Schedule. He said they were under the impression that the Village had to be consistent with fees for Village residents and people who live outside of the Village who want to use the Village’s beach access to do work on their property.

Attorney Sara Senica said that since the people outside of the Village are not paying Village taxes, they can be charged a different fee that would be decided by the Council on a case-by-case basis.

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to approve the revised Village Use Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVE MASTER PLAN SURVEY

There was discussion regarding changes to the survey questions related to renters and the map showing the location of homes.

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to approve the task force survey questions as presented with the following changes to questions:

- #3 First bullet point - Personally use Grand Beach home on a part-time/seasonal basis or rent out home part-time.
- #4 Second sentence – This can include family, friends, and renters (your best estimate, we know it will vary from week to week).
- #5 Second sentence - This can include family, friends, and renters (your best estimate, we know it will vary from week to week).
- #6 Second sentence - This can include family, friends, and renters (your best estimate, we know it will vary from week to week).

Motion carried 4-1 with Brandes, Doerr, O’Halloran and Walder voting aye and Bracewell voting nay.

DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGETS 2023-2024

The Council discussed and reviewed the draft budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

O’Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer