

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Harry Walder called the regular council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Walder were Edward Brandes, Peter Doerr and Blake O'Halloran. James Bracewell was not in attendance.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Brandes to adopt the February 15, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Village Council Minutes:
  - i. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2023
  - ii. Special Council Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2023
- b. Pay Bills with Written Additions

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Brandes to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION**

None

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**BUILDING & ZONING:** Walder had nothing to report.

**PARKS & BEACHES:** Doerr said the Parks and Recreation Committee will hold a meeting on January 23, 2023 at 5:30 EST.

**STREETS & WATER:** Bracewell was not in attendance.

**POLICE:** Brandes said that there was an introductory meeting with Michiana to discuss forming a police advisory board.

**PRO SHOP & COURSE:** O'Halloran said the stumps on the golf course will be removed next week.

**SERVISCAPE REPORT**

Clay Putnam was not in attendance. O'Halloran reported that the winter equipment maintenance is ongoing and ServiScape anticipates installing a transfer pump in late February or early March.

**PERSONNEL REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** In addition to his written report, Superintendent Bob Dabbs said that they have been filling potholes and removing dead pine trees along Grand Beach Road. He said he will be asking the Council soon for approval to purchase trees to replace those removed.

**POLICE CHIEF:** In addition to his written report, Chief Ryan Layman said he expects the new police car to be here by mid-March. He said he has done 22 short-term rental home inspections, and there are 20 more in the works. He said he will be putting all of the information into a spreadsheet for the Council. He said he will search Airbnb and other rental websites to find rental properties that have not been registered.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Bill Lambert was not in attendance. Chad Butler said there are 26 active building permits. He said the home on Main Drive that was on hold has now started construction. He said that Ed Sebastian has created a new building report that will include much data regarding building permits. This report will replace the current building inspection report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **BIDS FOR ROOF ON VILLAGE HALL AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING**

Walder said the Village has received three bids for roof replacement on the hall and the maintenance building. He said the bids do not include the cost for replacing any rotted materials that won't be visible until the shingles are removed.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Brandes to accept the bid from Martorano's Roofing at a cost of \$42,990 plus an allowance of \$5,000 for unknown costs to only be spent as needed as spelled out in the proposal, to include a 2-year labor warranty, and to be paid for by the Building Improvements account in the Capital Projects fund. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Other bids were received from J&B West Enterprises in the amount of \$54,450 with additional costs for rotted wood and Moore Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$56,500 with additional costs for rotted wood.

### **BIDS FOR TUCKPOINTING FIREPLACE**

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Brandes to accept the bid for tuck-pointing work from Moore Construction in the amount of \$10,800 to be paid by the Capital Projects fund. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

The Village received an additional bid from Tailored Masonry LLC in the amount of \$11,084.

### **DISCUSS BEACH ACCESS USE AND FEE OF \$10,000**

Walder said the Council talked about fees that should be charged for use of beach accesses last month and he hasn't heard anything from any other Council members. He said this needs to be figured out because there is going to be another request for use of the Lake Avenue access for revetment work. After discussion, the item was tabled until the March meeting. Doerr said they will discuss this at the upcoming Parks and Recreation committee meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OFFER TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF JENSEN COURT**

Walder said that the Village received an offer from a homeowner to purchase a portion of Jensen Court. He wanted to acknowledge that the Village received the offer for the property located between the Lake Avenue access and Calla Avenue. He said the offer is \$100,000, but until the master plan is done, the Village won't know what the best use of the property will be. He doesn't think the Council should take the offer now. Brandes said that the Village needs to identify what the best use is, and once they have an idea of the best use, the Council can revisit the offer.

### **PURCHASE CHAIRS FOR COUNCIL TABLE**

Doerr moved, seconded by Brandes to purchase five chairs for the Council at \$359.99 per chair based on Office Depot honoring their sales price at a cost not to exceed \$1,800, and to pay for the chairs from funds set aside in Capital Projects. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**PURCHASE CHAIRS FOR STAFF TABLE**

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to purchase three chairs for the staff table at \$90 each with a cost not to exceed \$400, and to pay for the chairs from funds set aside in Capital Projects. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**PROPERTY, LIABILITY & AUTO INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to renew the property, liability and auto insurance policy in the amount of \$25,291. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**ADDITIONAL EXPENSE FOR IPAD CELLULAR SERVICE FOR BUILDING INSPECTION FUND**

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to approve an additional expense of \$200 for cellular service for the Building Inspector's iPad, to be paid by the Building Inspection fund. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**INCREASE MINIMUM BUILDING PERMIT FEE TO \$125**

Doerr moved, seconded by Brandes to increase the minimum building permit fee to \$200. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**GOLF CART PARKING STICKER FEES**

O'Halloran said that the Village residents are very lucky to be able to use golf carts on the golf course and to park in permitted areas for less than \$300 a year. O'Halloran proposed increasing the golf cart fees by \$10 for Village residents to help offset the inflation that has hit the golf course with increased expenses for material and labor.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Doerr to approve the 2023 resident and non-resident golf cart sticker fees as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**GOLF FEES**

O'Halloran said that he proposes increasing the adult card and the senior card by \$10 each, adding that the cards are still a great deal. The other fees remained the same.

O'Halloran moved, seconded by Brandes to approve the 2023 Golf and Cart Rates as presented. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**CREATE A POLICE ADVISORY BOARD WITH THE VILLAGE OF MICHIANA AND APPOINT MEMBERS**

Brandes moved, seconded by O'Halloran to create a police advisory board with Michiana as required in the Village's police agreement with Michiana, and to appoint himself and Deborah Lindley to the board for the Village of Grand Beach. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**APPOINT ADDITIONAL MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE MEMBERS**

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to appoint Ross Kerr and Nancy Wendling to the Master Plan Task Force. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brandes moved, seconded by Doerr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Regular Council Meeting – February 15, 2023

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson  
Clerk-Treasurer