

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President James Bracewell called the regular council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Bracewell were Paul Leonard Jr. and Blake O'Halloran. Peter Doerr and Deborah Lindley were not in attendance.

ADOPT AGENDA

Leonard moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the November 16, 2022 agenda as originally printed and to consider only items A through E under new business. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Village Council Minutes:
 - i. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2022
- b. Pay Bills with Written Additions

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

None

COMMISSION REPORTS

BUILDING & ZONING: Bracewell said the number of houses under construction is increasing. Building Inspector Bill Lambert said there are currently 20 new houses under construction.

PARKS & BEACHES: Doerr was not in attendance.

STREETS & WATER: Leonard said the Village is currently picking up leaves and have been filling pot holes as necessary. He said Superintendent Bob Dabbs has done the water testing for October.

POLICE: Lindley was not in attendance.

PRO SHOP & COURSE: O'Halloran said the golf course had a very good year. He said the Council needs to make sure to look at the new irrigation system for the golf course in the master plan, but it doesn't need to be replaced immediately.

SERVISCAPE REPORT

Clay Putnam said they are finalizing the leaf clean-up. He said aerification and top dressing on the greens and tees has been completed. He said there were a few irrigation leaks prior to winterizing the irrigation system.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Bob Dabbs said that they have been busy picking up leaves and asked property owners to be patient. He said they have been keeping up with the water taps. He received bids to replace the roofs on the garage and Village Hall, adding that before the pandemic the bids were \$43,000 and now, the bids are \$65,000 - \$70,000. He said the roofs should last another one to two years. He will add the bids to the December agenda.

POLICE CHIEF: In addition to his written report, Chief Ryan Layman said they started the winter house checks, and residents can sign up on the website if interested. He said the police department has a Facebook page that residents can follow.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Bill Lambert had nothing to add to his written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

SIGNAGE

Bracewell said he included the signage page of the zoning ordinance in the packet because he thinks the Council needs to look at the sign section. He said that one of his concerns is that it does not include the length of time that a sign is allowed. He said there were election signs out seven weeks prior to the election. He said real estate signs seem to be becoming more permanent and should be measured as some look like they exceed the allowed measurements.

PURCHASE CDS - HORIZON BANK

Bracewell said due to the economic situation, interest rates on funds have begun to escalate. He said Clerk Mary Robertson has discussed moving funds from Fifth Third Bank which are earning .01% to Horizon Bank at a higher interest rate. He said he has instructed Robertson to move the funds into a CD at Horizon Bank for six months.

END OF YEAR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Bracewell moved, seconded by O'Halloran to approve the end of year salary adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Bracewell said that two years ago the Council took a gamble and changed health insurance carriers for Village employees and it has worked out okay. He said the renewal for 2023 includes an increase of 10.92% in premiums which is unfortunately reflective of the industry. He said the Council overbudgeted for health insurance in the budgeting process in the spring, so the money is there, and it shows the Council did an excellent job of budgeting. Leonard said in dealing with health insurance in his law firm, the 10.92% increase is well within what is going on, with some policies out there increasing by 15-20%.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Leonard to accept the insurance renewal including HSA contributions as presented. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE – MEDICARE ADVANTAGE COPAY

Leonard moved, seconded by O'Halloran to accept the Medicare Advantage plan, and to pay a \$2,000 stipend for co-pays and out of pocket expenses to an employee. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Village resident Harry Walder asked about “golf cart only” parking signs that were discussed at the last Council meeting to be installed on Lake Avenue that have not been installed.

Village resident Angela Trainor addressed the Council about election signs and a recreational vehicle that was parked in the Village for an extended time. She told the Council that the Village needs to enforce ordinances.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer