

**VILLAGE OF GRAND BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

Council president Paul Leonard Jr. called the regular council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. EST. Present in addition to Leonard were James Bracewell, Frank Giglio, Deborah Lindley and Blake O'Halloran.

ADOPT AGENDA

Giglio moved, seconded by O'Halloran to adopt the June 20, 2018 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

APPROVE MINUTES

Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 16, 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Bracewell moved, seconded by Lindley to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting – Budget and Millage of May 30, 2018. Motion carried 4-0 with Bracewell, Giglio, Leonard and Lindley Voting aye. O'Halloran abstained as he wasn't present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

None

COMMISSION REPORTS

BUILDING & ZONING: Bracewell reported that there is a lot of rehab work and new construction taking place in the Village.

PARKS & BEACHES: Giglio reported that there is some beach at the pier, but mostly rock. Walnut has a large beach with rock, a section of sand and more rock. There have been suggestions to cover the rock with sand, but he has been told that one big storm will take the sand away.

STREETS & WATER: Leonard reported that our drinking water is very safe. The Village has received notice that drinking water will be tested for different types of chemicals including PFAS.

POLICE: Lindley had nothing to report.

PRO SHOP & GOLF COURSE: O'Halloran reported that green fees in April were lower than expected, and May was less than \$1,000 off from last year. A pipe burst on the golf course creating a very quick pond, which is a reminder that our irrigation system does have problems. There has been discussion that maybe Bob Dabbs' team can go out in the fall and replace the irrigation system one section at a time over several years. There was a pipe installed across four and five to help drain water on the New Buffalo side of the golf course.

SERVISCAPE REPORT

Clay Putnam reported ongoing daily maintenance is taking place. They received the video from the diver who looked at the water intake pipe in the lake. Superintendent Bob Dabbs will review it. The pipe looks to be in pretty good condition for as old as it is.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT: Bob Dabbs had nothing additional to report at this time.

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POLICE CHIEF: Police Chief Dan Schroeder had nothing additional to report at this time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Bill Lambert reported that there are 16 active building permits. Leonard said that since the last meeting when the Council approved a license agreement for the use of the unimproved section of SkyHi by a property owner, he is getting phone calls saying that Ridge Road is going to connect to SkyHi.

Lambert said that the property will be accessed from Ridge Road and that SkyHi has always gone around the parcel that is being built on. They will be using a very small part of SkyHi as their driveway. He said that we can't stop someone from using a dedicated road, whether it is improved or not. Mr. and Mrs. Collins who live on Ridge Road near the driveway to the home under construction addressed the Council with their concerns. Lambert said the trucks are driving over an approximate 2 1/2' triangular area of their property that is in the roadway and paved. He informed them that the company doing the work is fully insured and if there is any damage done to the property, it will be repaired by them.

Lambert said that they won't be allowed to exit on SkyHi because the DEQ has flags there and the property owners will landscape it so that no one can go through to SkyHi from Ridge.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Leonard moved, seconded by Lindley to approve the payment of the bills with the written additions as presented. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UTILITY BATHROOM FOR MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Dabbs said the new septic system has been completed and they are ready to install the bathroom. Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to spend \$1,000 to install a utility bathroom in the maintenance building. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

TOM SUHS – BRICK COLUMNS ON STATION, ROYAL & CRESCENT

Leonard said that Tom Suhs was not present, so the discussion was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

REVTMENT WORK

Leonard said that there are five homeowners that need to repair their revetments and it will be another month before the jobs will be completed. Unfortunately the only place that rock can be deposited is at Royal Avenue. There is no other place to access the shoreline to protect our shoreline, bluff and properties in Grand Beach. There will be rock and equipment coming in to the Village Monday through Friday and no work will be done on the weekends.

The Village is working on a permit and will need revetment work done near the pump house. There is also an area at Strauss and Lake Park with serious erosion that needs to be repaired.

There is a 40' access off of High Point that needs repair at a cost of \$22,880 which consists of 128 tons of 1-2 ton armor stone and 20 tons of 5x12 mattress stone. Leonard moved, seconded by Giglio to pay for the rock for the access near High Point at a cost of \$22,800 coming from the Village's reserve funds with the homeowners paying for the labor as was done in the past. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

2018 WATER SYSTEM SANITARY SURVEY – DEQ

Leonard reported on the 2018 Water System Sanitary Survey that was completed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Superintendent Bob Dabbs said the Village received a very good report from the DEQ, adding that the survey is done every three years. Merritt Engineering is working on a response to the report.

WATER LINE EASEMENT REQUEST FROM NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP

Leonard received an email from New Buffalo Township’s clerk requesting an easement to go around the Grand Beach Inn to run water lines to Ravine Drive. She said this will be a directional bore so there won’t be much restoration necessary.

Bracewell moved, seconded by Leonard to approve a request from New Buffalo Township for an easement to go around the Grand Beach Inn to reach Ravine Drive to install water lines. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

FIFTEEN ACRES DRAINAGE ACROSS GOLF COURSE

O’Halloran stated that the hose that was going across the golf course for the drainage was a problem, but has now been taken care of.

GOLF CARTS IN 42 ACRES

Leonard stated that at the end of the month he will be walking the 42 acres with a representative from the State of Michigan regarding the Village’s grant request to purchase the 42 acres. He is going to have a difficult time explaining why the golf carts have been going off the paths and is concerned that she might think that this won’t be a nature preserve, but more of a golf cart play area. Leonard moved, seconded by Giglio to adopt a blanket ban on golf carts in the 42 acres.

Roll call vote:

Bracewell	Aye
Giglio	Aye
Lindley	Aye
O’Halloran	No
Leonard	Aye

Motion carried 4-1.

Leonard said that under the terms of the lease of the 42 acres, the Village is responsible for any damage done to the property. Leonard said that as long as we allow golf carts out there, this will be a golf cart playground and the damage will continue. O’Halloran suggested putting the information in the Breeze.

Lindley was concerned that Leonard wanted to close off the access to the driving range from Golfview Avenue stating that it is very dangerous for golf carts from the other side of the Village to travel along Perkins and up the hill near the Hall. The access to the range off Golfview will remain open for golfers. Chief Schroeder will order new signs for the 42 acres to inform everyone that golf carts are prohibited. He said violators can be charged under a no trespassing with motor vehicle law and the judge will set the fine for the citation.

PAY RAISE – PATRICK MYERS

Lindley moved, seconded by O’Halloran to give Patrick Myers a \$1.00 per hour pay increase effective July 1, 2018 in order to stay in line with the pay scale in Michiana. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

VACATION DAYS – PATRICK MYERS

Chief Schroeder said when Patrick Myers was hired he told them that he and his brother have to attend their sister’s wedding in August. Schroeder would like to pay him in advance for his vacation time or donate three of his paid vacation days to him.

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve a recommendation from Police Chief Dan Schroeder to donate three days (36 hours) of his vacation time to Patrick Myers so that he can attend his sister’s wedding. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

HALL RENTALS- PETER GOWOROWSKI –CHANGE DATE TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, FRANK GIGLIO (LIONS CLUB), FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Leonard moved, seconded by Bracewell to approve the hall rental change request from Peter Goworowski from September 8, 2018 to September 9, 2018 and the hall rental request from Frank Giglio on February 2, 2019. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Barton-Stop Sign Request

Lance Rezny-Stop Sign Request

Leonard said the council received an additional two letters regarding the installation of a stop sign at the tee at Erich Lane and Robin Lane to stop traffic there. Lindley said she drove through the area and she doesn’t think this is a good location for a stop sign. Bracewell suggested turning this over to the Police Chief so that he can make a recommendation.

PROTEC – MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

Leonard said Protec is a lobbying group that looks out for municipalities in regards to right-of-ways and utilities. Leonard moved, seconded by Lindley to become a member of Protec at a cost of \$34 per year. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD SPECIFIC COSTS REQUEST

Leonard stated that there are no actual specific costs to turn in to the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary J. Robertson
Clerk-Treasurer