**Village of Michiana Council Meeting**

**November 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

**Roll Call**: Joann Fisher, Brain Cassidy, Tim McCarthy, Michael Tolentino, and Nancy Thill were present. Police Chief Ryan Layman, Water & Street Superintendent Rick, Building Inspector Bill Lambert and Clerk Anne Heywood were present. There were 15 Village residents present and 13 on line.

**Election of President and Pro- Tem**

Tim McCarthy made a motion to appoint Joann Fisher as President; Michael Tolentino seconded the motion; all approved motion passed. Joann Fisher appointed Tim McCarthy as her Pro-Tem.

Joann Fisher read the list of appointments for the Village made a motion to approve; all council members approved; motion passed.

**Village Appointments for 2023:**

Clerk - Anne Heywood

Treasurer – Cheryl Cook

DPW Superintendent Rick Reitz

Police Commissioner – Tim McCarthy

Police Chief - Ryan Layman

Building Inspector – Bill Lambert

Beach Commissioner – Brian Cassidy

Planning Commissioner – Michael Tolentino

Village Attorney – Sara Senica

Code Enforcement Official – Ryan Layman

**Additions/Deletions**

Remove Village Hall Project under new business

Add - Contractor Fee for 2023

Add - Karen Harty regarding Pickleball – Michael Mayfield will talk on behalf of Karen Harty

Michael Mayfield was asked by Karen Harty to read a letter she composed regarding the pickleball. Karen also asked that the letter be filed with the minutes. After the letter was read Joann Fisher thanked everyone who worked as the liaison for all their hard work. Karen Harty, Lisa Zirpolo and the rest of the committee who put together the pickleball tournament. Joann also stated that next year the board will work on a new date for closing the courts for the season.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only -** No Comments

**Consent Agenda**

Joann motion for acceptance of the Village October minutes and treasurer report, Nancy Thill seconded the motion; motion passed.

**Reports**

**Building Inspector Report: Bill Lambert**

* Bill reported there were 38 building permits issued to date. Bill stated 3981 Lake Shore Drive will be a rebuild, because they have to upgrade the septic system. There will be a new home going in on Comanche and will go up quickly since this is a modular home.

**Fire Chief Report: Gary Bendix** -Not present (Report on File)

**Police /Commission Report: Chief Ryan Layman**

* Ryan reminded homeowners they can still sign up for house checks during the winter. All you have to do is log into the Village website **michianavillage.org**, under police department click the tab called “Smart Sheet” and fill it out.
* Check out the Facebook page for the police department. Search Grand Beach/Michiana Police Department feel free to join the site.

**Beach Commissioner Report: Brian Cassidy**

* Northshore has completed planting the dune grass at Stop 39.
* The stairs at Stop 38, 39 and 42 have been removed for the winter. The old kayak rack has been removed from Stop 41.5.
* The paperwork for the grant for Stop 37 has been submitted.

**Public Works Report: Rick Reitz**

* Rick said they are still working on picking up leaves, November 30 will be the last day.

**Water Board Report: Brian Cassidy**

* Chlorination Project is very close to completion; waiting for parts that are still on backorder. Peerless will install parts once they arrive.

**Parks & Recreation: Joann Fisher**

* The large playground equipment was installed.
* Jurate & Carl Landwehr donated the tennis backboard which will be installed hopefully sometime in December.
* Poles at the corner of Cherokee & Greenwood have been removed.
* The small pavilion was removed because of rotten wood.
* The pavilion by the basketball court will be reroofed to match the new pavilion.
* Hoping to do the finishing touches in the park, the path, grass and landscaping in 2023.
* July 2nd, is the targeted date for the final park dedication.
* Holding a gathering at Stop 37 once shelter is finished in 2023.
* Village party in August 2023.
* Thinking about a Thanksgiving community leftovers & maybe a New Year’s Eve Fundraiser Party.

**Clerk Report: Anne Heywood**

* Anne reminded residents that if anyone is looking for Michiana wear or Pickleball posters for gifts she has them for sale in the office. Feel free to call or email if you’re interested.

**Old Business**

* Kathleen Hogan Morrison talked on behalf of Sara Senica regarding the lawsuit with the Township. Kathleen said the Michigan Municipal League Department has filed with the Court of Appeal along with the Village which will help make the appeals case stronger. No date has been set yet.

**New Business**

* Bill Lambert introduced Chad Butler to the Council. Bill would like to train Chad to take over his position as the Plan Review and Building Inspector for the Village. Bill is looking to retire in the next 2 years. Bill said if the board approves Chad, he would be paid the same way Bill is: contracted with the Village and receive a 1099 at the end of year. Bill said moving forward, he would split his fee in half with Chad on all permits. Brian Cassidy made a motion on Bill’s recommendation to move forward and bring Chad Butler aboard as a Building Inspector for the Village working along-side Bill Lambert, and will split the permit fees with Bill and will receive a 1099 at the end of the year; Nancy Thill seconded the motion, all were in favor; motion passed.
* Tree Commissioner Nancy Thill would like to hire Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management Stephen Lane to do a tree inventory and management plan for the Village. Nancy Thill made a motion to hire Stephen Lane to do the inventory & management of trees in the Village for $4,500; Joann Fisher seconded the motion; Tim McCarthy amended the motion not to exceed $4,500; Michael Tolentino seconded the amended motion; all were in favor; motion passed.
* Treating Park Sculpture: Joann Fisher noticed frass about 6 weeks ago around the ground of the tree sculpture. Anderson Pest Control submitted a proposal to the Village to treat the area around the sculpture for $900 using bait traps in the ground. Nancy Thill made a motion to approve the $900 to treat the tree; Michael Tolentino seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion passed.
* Joann Fisher announced there will be an Employee Appreciation Lunch held after the Council Meeting on Friday, December 9th. Simple food will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please contact Anne so that we can plan accordingly.
* Joann Fisher talked about the Contractor Registration fee to raise it from $50.00 to $100.00; Joann made a motion to increase the Contractor Registration fee to $100 starting January 2023; Tim McCarthy seconded the motion; all were in favor; motion passed.

**Comments from the President**

Joann Fisher thanked everyone for going out and voting. Joann thanked Carl & Jurate Landwehr for working at the polls that day**.** Joann asked Tim McCarthy to talk about some of the projects written on the board behind them. Tim read all the projects that were completed by this council and projects that are still in the works as well as many more that are proposed for 2023 and beyond. The project list will be posted in the Clerk’s office. Anne will also share the list in her email blast.

**Public Comment/Correspondence**

Bill Schutt was concerned if the noise would increase once the backboard was installed.

Grace Tsiang said a rack may appear at the pickleball court to help with rotating or waiting for the use of a court. Tim McCarthy liked the idea. Tim said going forward if they should want to place things on the courts to please bring it to the council for approval.

Pam Schutt thought lines should be painted on the bocce ball courts.

Jurate Landwehr asked if the trees ordinance had been changed. Nancy Thill said it was still in place.

Kim Cella expressed interest in keeping the courts open later next year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Heywood