**VILLAGE OF MICHIANA**

**MICHIANA COUNCIL MEETING**

**Friday, April 10, 2020**

The meeting was held by Electronic “go to meeting” by Tim Iverson; Phil Bonello, Mike Mintz, Linda Stein and Kathleen Hogan Morrison were present on the call as well. Also present were Police Chief Ryan Layman, Water Street Superintendent Rick Reitz, Village Clerk, Anne Heywood and 40 or more Village residents had dialed in to listen and participate.

**Addition to Agenda –** No Additions to Agenda

**Approval of Minutes –** A motion by Phil Bonello to approve the December 23, 2019 minutes; motion seconded by Linda Stein; minutes approved. Motion made by Tim Iverson to approve the Special Meeting February 23, 2020 minutes; motion seconded by Kathleen Hogan Morrison; minutes approved. A motion by Kathleen Hogan Morrison to approve the March 13, 2020 minutes; motion was seconded by Phil Bonello minutes approved.

**REPORTS**

**1. Building Inspector Report –** Bill Lambert (Absent)

**2. Treasurer’s Report –** Cheryl Cook (Absent) Iverson read the balance for March $2,088,175.91.

**3. Tree Inspector Report –** Kris Wulff (Absent)

**4. Fire Chief Report –** Chief Gary Bendix read his report and stated due to the COVID-19 the Fire Department is on a lock down only open for their men. Chief Bendix also mentioned May 3rd the annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast has been cancelled due to virus. No future dates have been decided. Chief Bendix told Chief Laymen if he needed any additional masks that the department did have extra.

**5. Police Commission –** Russell Bruesch stated that we have a lot more people in the Village and when we had the warm weather people were gathering at the beach stops and not social distancing. Bruesch reminded everyone no gathering at the stops otherwise the police will have no choice but to close the beach stops.

**6. Police Report –** Chief Laymansaid he has weekly conference calls with the emergency management monitoring the COVID-19. The new order from the Governors office states NO construction work or Landscaping work can be done until April 30th. This order also includes NO short term rentals.The Chief reminded everyone to refrain from congregating at the beach stops**.** Chief Layman told the council that he has a procedure in place if any of his men should come in contact with COVID-19 virus.

**7. Beach Commissioner** – Russell Bruesch reported on the stops; 37, 37 ½ and 38 have erosion issues, stop 41 ½ and 42 are looking hopeful. Iverson mentioned that Rusty ordered another set of aluminum stair’s for stop 42. Bruesch thought it would be a good idea to put some kind of barricade up at Stop 39 with a sign stating no trespassing until the contractor could come in replant all the dune grass. Bruesch thought if nothing is done that it would turn into a footpath and ruin the dune. Iverson asked Rick to secure the area.

**8. Public Works/Water Authority Report –** Superintendent Rick Reitz reported that the County has cancelled the inmates working on spring beach clean-up due to the Virus. Reitz has been checking the park equipment and noticed some of the wood post are rotting. Rick said when this was built, they did not use treated wood. Phil Bonello asked Rick if he had been working on a new inventory list of the different size water lines in the Village. Reitz stated with the new water study Wightman will have everything updated. Bonello also asked about the leak on Seminole and Ponchartrain, along with the one on Hillside and Tahoma. Reitz explained that the leaks have been fixed, it was caused when they put in the new lines there was no reinforcement on the main value to water meter. On leaf pick-up Rick had completed Section A and half of section B. Iverson asked how this was being done given the no work order. Rick explained that one drives the leaf machine and the other follows in the water truck to make sure they are apart. Renee from Apache asked if the Village would be extending the pick-up for the residents who were unable to have their landscapers. Iverson said of course it would be extended. Iverson asked Rick if he ever contacted Mr. Rubin from Seminole regarding the letter the Village sent about his dead tree which is a safety issue. Rick explained he has been trying to call but has had no luck and his voice mailbox is full. Iverson told him to keep trying.

**9. Water Board Report –** Tim Iverson – (No Report) The next meeting will be set once the Water Reliability Study is completed.

**10. Clerk Report –** Anne Heywood – Iverson made a motion to approve the check register for April in the amount of $45,181.28 as submitted; Mike Mintz, seconded the motion; roll call vote was taken 5 ayes and 0 nays; motion passed. Anne said she misses everyone stopping by!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **The Summer Camp would like to change some language in the Lease Agreement**. Still waiting on the changes from the Women’s Club. Iverson will reach out to Tina Weaver the President. Tabled
2. **The Village is creating an ordinance requiring contractors with heavy machinery to pull a permit and bond -** Iverson would like to see a 2% fee on top of cost when contractors come in hauling stone since this causes damage to our roads. Tim Iverson is still consulting with Sara Senica the Village Attorney on the language for this Ordinance. Tabled.
3. **Brian Hake Audit Report for 2018-2019** – Tabled until further notice due to the COVID-19.
4. **Scott Stiffle at 4230 Ponchartrain would like to place rocks by his property and piggyback onto his neighbor’s property at 4250 Ponchartrain using their driveway for access.** Iverson has talked with Mr. Stiffle and he is not doing anything as of yet. Tabled.
5. **Special Exception for Dennis Anest on Avalon Off of Grand Beach Rd (Lot 5)** **Grading the Slope**– Iverson asked the council if anyone wanted to oppose the request. The Council choose not to oppose so nothing more needed to be done by the Village. Linda Altschul from Avalon thanked everyone for keeping the Village working. Linda was concerned if this property on Avalon was near her house. Iverson explained the confusion about the property he said the house is not on Avalon it is on Grand Beach Road. The map used by the DEQ shows Avalon going through it would end up by Grand Beach Road but that part of Avalon was vacated. Iverson said this would have no impact on her.
6. **Reminder of New Leaf Schedule for Spring Pick-up** - Iverson reminded everyone this schedule is also on the web-page. Due to the COVID-19 pick-up has been pushed back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Garbage Contract bids will be awarded at the May 8th meeting.** Iverson explained Lakeshore Garbage & Recycle contract will be expiring in June. Bids are due on May 1st and will be awarded at the May 8th Meeting.
2. **Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire 4-year Contract -** Iverson read the quote and stated that the contract for the first 2 years will remain the same that the Village if paying now $32,950. The third year a minor increase of $200 and fourth year another minor increase of $33,745. Iverson made a motion to approve the 4-year contract; seconded by Kathleen Hogan Morrison; Heywood took a roll call 5 ayes – 0 nays; motion passes.
3. **Two new drywells will be installed sometime this summer near 3750 and 3881 Lake Shore Drive**. Iverson explained that Rick was still waiting on quotes.
4. **Heywood Working on Plans for Replacing Playground Equipment in the Park**. Anne was working getting quotes to see the cost and if we need to do the park in phases. Iverson said the last time the park was done was 20 or 25 years ago and was donated by a family in the Village.
5. **Tennis/Pickle Ball Court –** Iverson said the project is almost completed but with Governor issuing a stop work order to all contractors this could put the project a few weeks behind.
6. **Resolution to Adopt Millage for November Ballot for Emergency Services**. Iverson explained that this 5yr millage will be expiring next year so, since we are in an election year, we would place the Emergency Renewal Millage on the Ballot this November so the Village would not have to pay for an additional election the following November. This millage is already on the tax bill and will not increase the tax bill. Iverson made a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-001 Emergency Service Millage 5 yr. Renewal; seconded by Kathleen Hogan Morrison; motion passes.
7. **Modification of Village Business during the COVID-19 Virus Executive Order.** – Iverson explained that this order allows Municipalities to conduct meeting Via phone.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ken Purse from 3918 Lake Shore dr. asked if a drywell would be placed near his property and Buddy Meyers home since there is drain pipe on the lake side. Iverson said his goal is eliminate all discharging into the lake. Iverson said once Rick has a few quotes then they would be able to decide how many could be done this year.

Mrs. Lipe thanked Iverson for this phone meeting and was hoping they could do a few more like this in the future. Iverson said he would look into it there would be some work and cost for electronics**.**

Frank Mangialardi wanted to know if the Council had plans for summer with this COVID-19 cleaning rails and policing the beach for sitting apart on the beach. Iverson explained we would follow the guide lines of Governor.

Joel Dennenberg asked about delays with his water quality issue. Iverson said that Wightman is still working on this Water Reliability Study. Kathleen Hogan Morrison wanted to clarify that while the contract does permit for delays, does not mean that Wightman was anticipating delays. She had full confidence that they will get this Study done on schedule.

Nancy Thill asked if the summer party on August 15 was still going to take place. Iverson said it was too soon to tell and will take it one day at a time but would keep everyone posted.

Iverson also reminded the residents to make sure all garbage is placed in the cans. Lakeshore will not take anything left outside the cans. This is to protect the workers from not touching. Also, make sure you break everything down and place them in your recycling cans.

Iverson closed the meeting by saying stay healthy and he will keep everyone updated on the web site where and how the May meeting will take place.

**Next Meeting Friday, May 8th at 1:00 p.m. (EST) again by a “go to meeting” phone in session.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. (EST)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Heywood