**VILLAGE OF MICHIANA**

**MICHIANA COUNCIL MEETING**

**Friday, May 8, 2020**

The meeting was held Virtual “go to meeting” by Tim Iverson; 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 35 or more Village residents had dialed in to listen and participate.

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

**Approval of Minutes –** A motion by Tim Iverson to approve the May 8, 2020 minutes; motion seconded by Linda Stein; A roll call vote was taken 4 ayes and 0 nays; minutes approved.

**REPORTS**

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

**2. Treasurer’s Report –** Cheryl Cook (Absent) Iverson read the balance for April $2,119,450.74.

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

**4. Fire Chief Report –** Chief Gary Bendix (Absent)

**5. Police Commission –** Russell Bruesch said that Chief Layman was busy on conference calls which have been to understand the Governor’s Executive Orders that have been issued.

**6. Police Report –** Chief Layman read his report and reminded residents that dogs are to be on a leash at all times, when outside on public property this includes the Villages beach areas. Construction work/Real Estate Transactions can resume as of May 7. Ryan also mentioned you still could not do short term rentals until the order is lifted by the Governor.

**7. Beach Commissioner** – Russell Bruesch reported on the stops; 37, 37 ½ and 38, 39, 40 and 42 still have erosion issues, stop 41 ½ is looking like the only beach area to be open this year. A reminder that stop 39 dune has been repaired. It’s a State fine of up to $5,000 for damaging any beach dune. Stop 39 is too dangerous to open this season due to the steep dune condition there.

**8. Public Works/Water Authority Report –** Superintendent Rick Reitz said they are continuing to check park equipment for aging condition issues. At this time the Village park is closed for use by the Governors Executive Orders. Stop 42 has a large section of concrete hanging at the bottom of stairs caused by the erosion. Rick stated they need to close this beach at 42 until further notice. Rick was waiting on two more bids for the Chlorination project for the Water system. Rietz also attached a 5 year maintenance agreement for our two generators with Cummins Inc. for $5,506.85 (one for the Village Hall the other for the Water system).. Iverson made motion to approve the agreement, Mike Mintz seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken; 4 ayes and 0 nays; motion passes.

**9. Water Board Report –** Tim Iverson – The next meeting will be set once the Water Reliability Study is completed. Iverson stated Wightman was still working on the Study and has asked Wightman to also check Creek Drive, since a few residents have been having issues with water discoloration and sediment in their water lines when the house is not used every day or in some cases for weeks at a time. The State of Michigan recommends running your water for a few minutes to clear the issues. Given many of the waterlines in Michigan and our Village are iron, water that sits will cause it to discolor from the iron pipping. Running your water when you return does clear the lines. Iron in the water is not a health issue according to Sate of regulations for water quality. Adding a pretreatment filter in your home may reduce the discoloration and sediment that is naturally found in water systems.

**10. Clerk Report –** Anne Heywood – Iverson made a motion to approve the check register for May in the amount of $37,707.18 as submitted; Mike Mintz, seconded the motion; roll call vote was taken 4 ayes and 0 nays; motion passed. Anne announced she would be putting the planters at the beach stops so if anyone was interested in adopting their stop to plant flowers to please call the office.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **The Summer Camp Copy of Lease Agreement with Changes –** Iverson reviewed the agreement and also had our Village Attorney. Iverson said everything looked good now it was a question if the governor was going to allow camps to open. Check the website under Village Camp for updates. As a reminder the Camp is not operated by the Village of Michiana. The women’s Club of Michiana operates the Day Camp.
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 of the project placed on contractors hauling stone on Village streets 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. **Extended Leaf Pick-up –** Iverson announced that leaf pick up would be extended until May 17th. Anything after May 17th the homeowners would be would need to call a landscaper to have their leaves hauled out their expense**.**
4. **Update on Pickle Ball and Tennis Court –** ABC Asphalt has been given the green light since the Governor has allowed contractors to work again in Michigan. Weather permitting, we are hoping to have the courts open by mid-June. One third of the cost was provided by a grant from the Pokagon Fund. The other two thirds came from the Village General Fund.
5. **Update on Stop 39 Contractor restoring with Dune Grass -** Dune Grass will be restored on May 18th at Stop 39. There is a $5,000 State fine if caught trespassing on this Dune. Please note the fine we will be issuing tickets. The fine is per person not per family for creating a path to the beach at any Stop. If there are no stairs to access the beach, that beach area is closed do not create your own paths.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Garbage Contract Awarded - Iverson** said we received 2 bids for 3 year Garbage contract, one from Lakeshore Garbage & Recycle and the other from Republic Services. All companies bidding do so following our request for proposal (REP). Iverson made a motion to award the garbage contract to Lakeshore with lower bid,Iverson asked for a roll call vote; 4 aye and 0 nays; motion passes.
2. **Two new drywells near 3750 and 3881 Lake Shore Drive**. Iverson explained that this would be put on hold due to Lake Michigan water levels rising. Money may be needed to repair Lake Shore Drive due to wave action if the drive is threatened to be damaged. The Drywells would be tabled until later. All road repaving is on hold to see what the State does with our ACT 51 road monies.
3. **Heywood Working on Plans for Replacing Playground Equipment in the Park**. Iverson asked if anyone was interested on sitting on the committee with Anne to please call the office. Iverson mentioned that there was already a resident willing to donate money towards the project. The Altschul’s have expressed an interest in being on the committee and making a donation in their son’s name.
4. **Placement of Kayak Racks –** This year only Stop 41 ½ will be the only Stop with a rack. Iverson explained this rack only has 30 spots for 24 kayaks and 6 paddle boards. Since we are limited to spots Village of Michiana residents can only purchase one permit per home. This would be on first come basis. Anne will start selling permits after the meeting today if you call in you must pay with a credit card. If we receive too many complaints about the limited number of spots the rack will be removed and we will enforce the ordinance about removing everything each night from the beaches. With 385 homes we cannot possibly make everyone a happy
5. **Village of Hours –** Iverson explained during the COVID-19 Virus the office will remain closed for residents to enter but Anne will be in the office to conduct Village business.
6. **Discuss Heywood’s vacation** – Anne would like to carry over 2 weeks of vacation that she normally takes in April before her new allowance of vacation days start in May. This was due to the COVID-19 Virus. The Council allowed that the vacation time can be carried over. And used in the next year.

1. **First Reading of 7/01/2020 - 6/30/2021 Budget** – Iverson made a motion to approve the first reading of budget, Mike Mintz seconded the motion; motion passes. Second reading will be at the June meeting. Copies are available at the Village Office.
2. **Resolution 2020-002 Delinquent taxes** – Iverson made a motion to approve the collection of Delinquent taxes by the Village Treasurer. Kathleen Hogan Morrison seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken 4 ayes and 0 nays; motion passes.
3. **Resolution 2020-003 Salaries for 2020/2021** – Iverson made a motion to approve the salaries, Linda Stein seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken 4 ayes and 0 nays; motion passes. Copies of the Village Salaries are available by request at the Village office.
4. **Golf Cart Parking –** Iverson said additional parking was created for golf carts between Stop 40 and Stop 41 in the designated Village Beach sticker parking area. Kathleen Hogan Morrison said all Michiana residents need to have golf carts stickers in order to park in these areas along with a set of rules. New signage is being made to mark the areas. Chief Layman stated if the golf carts have no Village stickers, they would receive a citation and be towed at the owner’s expense. Mrs. Martino asked Chief Layman if he would meet her down at Stop 41 ½ to show her where the parking and signs were going.
5. **Quote for Rocking Chairs for Village Porch** – Iverson mention that he had Heywood look for some rocking chairs for the Village porch. Iverson made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 rocking chairs for $1,998.00, Kathleen Hogan Morrison seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken 4 ayes and 0 nays; motion passes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Mintz asked about an old truck sitting by Phil Bonello’s garage. Chief Layman stated that Phil was aware and the truck belonged to Mick Wulff who was trimming some trees for him.

Jurate Landwehr wanted to let everyone know that she posted on her people to people site a very interesting video about the high water on Lake Michigan.

Brian Kassel wanted to thank everyone for all their work keeping the Village operating during these times.

Tim Iverson ended the meeting stating that he will be resigning after the June 12th Council meeting. Tim said they sold their home in the Village and closing June 19th.

**Next Meeting Friday, June 12 at 1:00 p.m. (EST) again by a “go to meeting” phone session. See the Village Web site for instructions to join the meeting. Michianavillage.org**

Meeting adjourned at 2:01p.m. (EST)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Heywood