**Village of Michiana\Council Meeting**

**Friday, June 11, 2021**

The meeting was held by Virtual “Zoom”. Council President Mike Mintz called the electronic (virtual) Zoom Council Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. EST.

Mike Mintz read the following information regarding the remote meeting:

This meeting is being held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic enrolled under Senate Bill 1246, Public Act 254 of 2020 amending the Open Meetings Act. All Council members should identify themselves prior to speaking so that everyone is aware of who is speaking. The President of the Council will read all of the agenda items as we go along for those that can‘t see the agenda.

There will be two times when the public can speak.

* The first time will be during “comments on agenda items”.
* The second time is during “public comments - general” where you can speak about any concerns.
* All audience members will be muted until it is time for them to speak.
* Please identify yourself before speaking.

**ROLL CALL – IN ATTENDANCE**

Mike Mintz - Attending remotely and in person from Michiana, Michigan Village Hall

Kathleen Hogan Morrison – Attending remotely and in person from Michiana, Village Hall

Joann Fisher - Attending remotely and in person from Michiana, Michiana Village Hall

Phil Bonello – Attending remotely from Albuquerque, NM and got cut off

Linda Stein – Attending remotely and in person from Michiana, Michiana Village Hall

Additions to Agenda – Resolution for Delinquent Taxes – Flyer for Pickle Ball Clinic

**REPORTS:**

**Building Inspector Report -** Bill Lambert talked about the new home going up on Lake Shore the Dorf residence stated the foundations has been poured. Kathleen asked about the status of some older permits from 2020. Bill said the Kolova home is finished, and has certificate of Occupants, the only thing left is the driveway and landscaping. Martino homes is coming along there were issues with materials. Bill said that this has been a problem for all contractors during this COVID period that it is taken appliances and building material for ever to get here. Kathleen was just concerned that Stop 41.5 is a popular stop and was hoping to have that area cleaned up for the summer. Bill will talk with the contractor to see when they are estimating to be completed at the Martino home.

**Tree Inspector Report** - Kris Wulff is not in attendance.

**Fire Chief Report** – Chief Gary Bendix is not in attendance. (Report on File)

**Police Report/Commissioner Report** – Chief Layman reminded all the residence about fireworks law. Fireworks can only be set off the day before the day of the 4th and the day after and only till 1 a.m. EST. No fireworks can be set off at the beaches or on public property. They must set off on private property. Chief Layman asked that all residence be considered of their neighbors.

**Beach Commissioner Report** – Russell Bruesch is not in attendance

**Public Works/Water Report** – Rick Reitz said he is working on getting parts for the leaf vac. Took the fence they took down by the park to a scrape yard for money. Rick is working on his lead and copper testing. Rick has 2 quotes for installing 2 drywells first quote from Woodruff for $35,470 and could have the work completed before July 4th, and the second quote from Falvotic for $32,455 but could not start until after Labor Day. Both of these drywells are for Lake Shore Drive and $40,000 was budgeted in the Major Fund. Linda Stein made a motion to approve Woodruff for $35,470 to have the project completed by July 4th, Kathleen Hogan Morrison seconded the motion; roll call vote was taken 4 ayes motion passed. Linda Stein also thanked Phil Bonello the idea of Craigs list for the yellow dump truck and Ryan for setting it up the account and selling the yellow dump truck.

**Clerk’s Report** – Anne Heywood asked for approval of the check register in the amount of $93,888.55 Kathleen Hogan Morrison moved to approve the check register as submitted; Joann Fisher seconded; motion passed. Anne read the treasurers report for the end of May, 2021 the Village has $2,422,030.86 in total of all funds and $23,460 in the Pokagon Fund. Just a few reminders: Yard waste program everyone needs to look at the web page for instructions on yard waste –especially about bundling stick’s, we are also working on a new web page, Mark your calendar for the Village Party on Saturday, August 14, from 6p.m. till 9:00 p.m. EST. The live Country Western Band the Hoyle Brothers are back!! – We have one Food Truck and The Michiana Shores Fire Department have volunteered to help grill. A Village Garage Sale, a few residents asked if we could do this again if you are interested in having a garage sale at your home call my office. The Fire Chief Garry Bendix wanted me to tell the residents October 10th they are going resume back to having their annual Pancake Breakfast.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Park Update** – Joann Fisher the Park Funds total is $250,000. Beach merchandise sales are strong. If you missed the Memorial Day pop up sale, see Anne in the office. Plenty of beach towels, bags, tumblers and a few Michiana hats are still available. We received pledges for playground equipment from Alex Lurye and Anna Meyting for $20,000, the O’Brien’s donated of $10,000 for park equipment and Carl and Jurate Landwehr for $15,000 for the purchase of both swing sets for the park. Brick walkway has 52 fundraising bricks so far. There is still time to get a brick in. The form is on web site and in the Village office. Bocce ball court is scheduled to begin next week.  The cement pad is poured for new pavilion. Construction will begin next week. Thank you, Mr. Buford, for your $85,0000 donation.  Donkersloot is working with Bill Lambert to recycle a used boat dock—the park just might get a bridge over White Ditch. Anne is working with 2 residents who have pledged $2,000 each towards installing new basketball structures—adjustable poles, clear back stops. If we raise an additional $3,200 the Village could have the equipment installed in August.  Please let us know if you are interested. The Village was awarded $4,000 from the William J Deputy Grant for the Lake View Project. The Village will be installing four benches along Lakeshore Drive.

Village Party is Saturday, August 14. Residents should contact Anne in the Village office if they plan to attend. She needs a head count. The Michiana Shores Fire Department will be grilling and there will be at least one food truck. We appreciate MSFD help.

The Village Garage Sale will be August 13 & 14 the same weekend of the Village Party. Please let Anne know if you would like your address listed. Note the garage sale is at the individual homes. The Village will take care of placing the AD.

2. **Update on the lawsuit with New Buffalo Township regarding the assessment** - Anne reported that Attorney Sara Senica had filed the papers with the courts and was waiting for a court date. Sara thought it might be a couple of months before we would hear back. Sara will also send over the paperwork she filed once it has been stamped by the court and then the Village will post it on the Village web site.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Amendment of Current Budget Resolution 2021-001** - Linda Stein made a motion to approve the amendments; Kathleen Hogan Morrison seconded the motion; roll call vote was taken; motion passed
2. **Second Reading of Budget 2021-2022** – Kathleen Hogan Morrison moved to approve the 2021/2022 budget; Linda Stein seconded; roll call was taken, 4 ayes; motion passed.
3. **Weed Control and Grass Cutting** - Chief Layman would like to have some kind of Ordinance for over grown lawns. It has been brought to his attention on few cases. Chief Layman explained that this ordinance was being considered in Grand Beach and thought the Council might be interested. Kathleen Hogan Morrison made a motion to approve the Ordinance and Joann Fisher seconded the motion. Mike Mintz said the ordinance would be available in the Village office if anyone would like to review. Mike also said that at the July meeting they would open it to the public for questions before adopting.
4. **Support Letter for the Marquette Greenway RAISE** – Mike Mintz explained that there was no commitment of funds just a letter to support the connection of the bike path from Chicago to New Buffalo. Kathleen Hogan Morrison made a motion to approve sending a support letter, Joann Fisher seconded the motion; motion passed.
5. **Resolution 2021-002 for Delinquent Taxes** – Anne explained that this resolution is done every year so that the Village can collect the delinquent taxes along with the fees and penalties. The County did change in the Resolution which states this is one time resolution and we will not have to continue doing another resolution in the following years. Linda Stein made a motion to approve the Resolution, Kathleen Hogan Morrison seconded the motion; motion passed.
6. **Clinic for pickle ball** – Anne explained that there will be a pro giving lessons on 3 of the courts on July 13 & 14. For everyone that signs up $10 will go back to pickle ball fund. This is a fundraiser to help with later maintenance for the courts. The pro will also be giving free lesson to the day camp during camp hours. Dan Bernstein had cleared all of this with the camp beforehand. Kathleen Hogan Morrison made a motion to allow the clinic for a fundraiser, Linda Stein seconded the motion; motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ron resident over by Stop 43 would like a garbage can placed at the Stop.

Anthony had s few issues he wanted to share with the council; the rental ordinance that short term should be for at least 1 week and not less. Tripti Kasal reminded that this was discussed when putting together the Rental Ordinance and as of today there have not been any problems. Anthony asked if the speed trailer could be put on Cherokee around the park and a temporary speed bump placed. Anthony was also having a problem with a resident having their dogs run at large with no leashes.

Mike Mintz thanked the following residents helping to make our Village look beautiful; Don Barry on Lake Shore Dr. for addressing an unsightly collection of mi matched snow fences where the village access to the beach use to be between Stop 37 & 38. On his own initiative he removed the fences and replaced them with one continuous green snow fence. Looks so much better and we hope it will keep people out. Rusty Bruesch has attached water bowls for the dogs to the fountains along Lake Shore Dr. also the following residents who donated flowers, their time and money for the planters at the Beach Stop: Jiaras Family, Okonek Family, Reid Family, Buddy Meyer, Sandra Jaggi, Joan Doody, Louise Mintz. The Martino family for the new planters and new garbage area at Stop 41.5. Tim McCarthy for another year of beautiful hanging baskets at the Village Hall. Jed Fisher removed a wheel barrow of dead wood at the corner of Michiana Dr. and Cherokee. The work day in the park Ed Lawler, Kathy Schillo, Mike Mintz and Joann Fisher. Thank you again to everyone!!

Mike Mintz adjourned the meeting at 2:09 EST

July 9th, 2021 meeting will be open so you may attend in person at the Village Hall or by zoom for those who cannot attend in person. Please note the meeting will start at 2pm EST due to camp

Respectfully submitted

Anne Heywood/Village Clerk