**Village of Michiana\ Special 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 10:00 a.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 – excused

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

Attorney Sara Senica – Attending remotely from her office in Michigan

Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the public hearing required by the Notice of Public Hearing on increasing Property Taxes. Mike Mintz read the notice of public hearing which stated a proposed increase of .1237 mills for operation tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2021. If adopted the proposed additional milage will increase revenues from ad valorem property taxes .0138% over such permitted revenues (approximately $9,500).

In 1978, Michigan voters approved an amendment to the constitution. Provisions related to local taxes: requiring voter approval for any local tax increases, and limiting property tax revenue resulting from property tax assessment increasing.

The Headlee Amendment limits the overall growth of state SEV for a jurisdiction. Headlee protects property owners from increases in taxes by rolling back the tax rate (millage). It also has another effect: many towns and cities got into financial difficulty. This minor millage increase helps the Village to deal with this challenge.

Additional questions and discussion ensued.

Mike Mintz made a motion to approve the increase of .1237 mills: Kathleen Hogan Morrison seconded the motion; roll call vote was taken 4 Ayes, 0 nays: Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Heywood/Village Clerk