**Special Meeting**

**August 8, 2022**

**11:00 A.M.(EST)**

Joann Fisher called the meeting to order, present were Brian Cassidy, Michael Tolentino, Tim McCarthy, Clerk Anne Heywood and 2 residents were present in the Village Hall.

Purpose for the Special Meeting: Resignation letter from Kathleen Hogan Morrison as Village Council Member. Appointing a New Council Member and New Pro Tem.

Joann Fisher read Kathleen Hogan Morrison letter of resignation asking that it be effective immediately. Joann Fisher made a motion to appoint Nancy Thill as the new Council Member, Tim McCarthy seconded the motion; there was discussion on how long the term was for, Joann stated it would be 2 years to finish Kathleen Hogan Morrison’s term: Roll call vote was taken with 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motioned passed.

Joann Fisher asked Tim McCarthy to be the Pro Tem, Tim McCarthy accepted the position.

Joann said a few words before closing the meeting regarding Kathleen Hogan Morrison:

* Tim Iverson asked Kathleen to step in for Council member Don Zion 2.5 years ago.
* Kathleen’s first task on the council was overseeing the Water Department.
* Kathleen became the Pro Tem under Mike Mintz's and she continued to be instrumental in the Village's lawsuit with New Buffalo Township.  Kathleen also worked with Mike Mintz on the Village Covid policies for staff, residents visiting the Hall and the Michiana Day Camp 2022.
* Kathleen worked on the Pokagon grant with Anne for Stop 41.5.
* Kathleen worked on additional grants and were awarded one for the sunset benches on Lake Shore Drive.
* In October of last year Kathleen worked with engineers getting proposals for reopening Stop 39. The previous council approved the initial stabilizing of a fragile dune with sand traps to protect the Village underground utilities and the bus stop structure.  This past March Kathleen continued working getting proposals for the next phase, back filling the Dune with sand to secure Stop 39.
* In May the Council approved Kathleen’s plan to reopen Stop 39 and Kathleen made sure the access, which included stairs, landings and sand to reinforce the dune below the stairs, was in service for our residents in time for Memorial Day weekend.
* June the Council approved the additional back fill of sand to help stabilize the dunes chances of making it through the upcoming fall and winter storms.
* The final phase will be planting dune grass at Stop 39 which will happen sometime this fall.

Thank you, Kathleen, the Village has benefited from your expertise and hard work.

On behalf of the Council, the staff and our residents, Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M. (EST)

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Heywood/Clerk