**VILLAGE OF MICHIANA**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Friday, March 26, 2021**

The meeting was held by Virtual “Zoom”. Council President Mike Mintz called the electronic (virtual) Zoom Special Meeting to order at 3:00 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**

Phil Bonello – Attending remotely from Albuquerque, New Mexico

Linda Stein – Attending remotely from Michiana, Michigan

Kathleen Hogan Morrison – Attending remotely from Michiana, Michigan

Joann Fisher - Attending remotely from Michiana, Michigan

Mike Mintz - Attending remotely from Michiana, Michigan

Mike Mintz brought to order a Special Meeting to discuss a vote on a Special Exception for Lorin Brown’s permit for a revetment on his property.

Mike explained that a Special Exception is sought when a resident seeks to change the use of a critical dune property. On Lorin Brown’s property, there is a steep hill, his septic system is located there, and there is an urgent need to prevent his property from slipping into the lake. The permit is for a steel wall which will be fabricated on his property, and a revetment.

Kathleen Hogan Morrison stated that the EGLE Special Exception panel approved Mr. Brown’s amended application in mid-March. The reason the plan needs Village approval is because the plan requires placement of fill on the unvacated Lake Shore Drive portion of the Village right-of-way.

Public comment:

Willa Lang asked at what point are revetments denied? Mike Mintz said the Village right-of-way is potentially being used in the area between Stops 41.5 and Stop 43 where there has been serious erosion over the years with a number of properties needing revetment. Kathleen Hogan Morrison said the current policy is to review each property independently to asses whether a Special Exception is reasonable.

Dr. Lorin Brown said this Special Exception is for the steel portion to save his home from falling down the cliff. He said the fill portion is within his property and not on Village property.

Mr. Gerbie expressed the idea of a compressive policy that addresses protecting adjacent neighbors from revetment installations. Mike Mintz said this question should be discussed in a regular council meeting.

Mike Mintz said there are three response options on this vote for the Special Exception:

 1) yes

 2) no

 3) no vote at all, in which case the Special Exception would automatically go into effect in 60 days.

Mike Mintz moved to take a vote to approve the Special Exception; Phil Bonello seconded; motion approved. Roll call vote was taken 5 ayes, motion passed.

Mike Mintz adjourned the meeting at 3:20 EST.

Respectfully submitted

Anne Heywood/Clerk