



# Winter News Letter

## Clerk's Corner

Clerk: Anne Heywood  
Treasurer: Tracey McCay

Dear Michiana

Warm wishes to all as we head into the winter months. If you are interested in going down to the beach on a warm day this winter Stops 37 and 41 1/2 will continue to have beach access this season.

\* Please remember ice shelves can be beautiful but dangerous. Please do not walk or stand on them. \*

The Village is still taking orders for posters to benefit the Village Hall renovation. We will be sending in new orders to the artist every month. We are still looking for Winter pictures of the Village to send to the artist. If you have any to share contact Anne in the office. You can check out what we have now on our website by clicking on this link: [Village Hall Project](#) or you can come to the Village office to see them in person.

**ACH (Automatic Withdraw)** is available for water bills. If you are interested in setting this up, the forms are available on the website at: [Water | Village of Michiana](#)

\* The Village Office will be closed December 23rd, 24th, 25th, and January 1st for the holidays.

Reminder: If the your power should go out, the Village Hall is an emergency shelter with heat and wi-fi. If it is after office hours you can call Berrien county Dispatch at 866-630-7679 and ask for a Michiana Officer to open the hall.

## Clerk's Corner (cont.)

**BE AWARE:** Your January water bill will not be a postcard. All residents will be getting an envelope in the mail that will include your water bill and the Planning Commission's first survey. If you are setup for ACH payments for your water bill you will only receive the survey.

## Village News:

\* The Village Hall will continue to be open on select days throughout the holiday season.

People have taken advantage of these days to enjoy the holiday decorations and resident fellowship. We hope to see more of you in the days to come.

Thank you to Jan & Bob Mathes for donating 4 card tables to the Village to use in the hall for these days.

We would like to thank the renovation committee, (Justin, Chris, and Holly), for taking time out of their busy days to decorate the hall for the holidays.

\* The final 2 new drywells were installed along Lake Shore Drive by Stop 38 and Stop 39 this Fall. This will complete the 4 new drywells that were budgeted this year. These spots will be resurfaced in the Spring.

\* Wiring has been installed in the Village office building from the street garage to the police side for a better Wi-Fi connection. This will allow residents in the hall, vendors for any of our events, & people in the park a Wi-Fi connection.

\* Reminder: If you have anyone doing work on your property please make sure contractors are registered and are getting permits from the Village office.

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Link: [Planning Commission | Village of Michiana](#)

## Planning Commission News:

Hello Michiana,

On behalf of the Village Council and our Planning Commission, I am excited to share the news that the Village of Michiana is developing a new Master Plan. Community engagement is key to designing our future plans that represent what the community is, what its residents value, and what they hope the community will become.

Over the next year, we will request your input in two surveys, and participation in a community workshop.

In January, we will ask for your help in answering the first survey. All residents will receive a QR code with directions for completing the survey via mail with your water bill. If you are setup for ACH payments for your water bill, you will only receive the survey notification.

Our master plan will establish a direction for future growth, land use, infrastructure, public, residential, and recreation service priorities with a five year or longer timeframe.

Please complete this first survey by February 7. We look forward to working with you on our future Master Plan and appreciate your help in kicking off the process.

Timothy J. McCarthy

Council President, Village of Michiana



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## Police

Chief: Ryan Layman



If you will be away for any portion of the season and would like your house checked on by our officers please click on this link: [Police | Village of Michiana](#) and scroll down the page to submit a Winter House Check form. This will go directly to Chief Layman.

An **Emergency Contact Form** went out to all residents in the mail in October. It is important for the police to have this contact information in their possession in case an emergency should happen at your residence. If you did not receive a copy you can find one at [Police | Village of Michiana](#). You can mail it or email it to the Village Office.

\*You can sign up to receive text alerts and advisories from your local authorities through NIXLE through the Police page on the Village website or click here: [Nixle - Everbridge](#)

## Get To Know the Village Staff



My name is Ryan Layman. I am originally from Three Oaks, Michigan. I have worked for the Village for 16 years and have been the Chief of Police for 11 years. I enjoy the small town feel and getting to know everyone in the community. I also enjoy working with the Village staff.

My hobby is my family. My wife and I have 8 children, 5 girls & 3 boys, that range from the ages of 14 years to 7 months. We are all very involved with our parish. I also enjoy golfing when I get the chance. In another life I was a pharmacy technician. I was considering pharmacy school but 8 years of college did not appeal to me. I have enjoyed the wonderful support of the Village over the years and I look forward to many more years serving the community.

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Department of Public Works Superintendent : Rick Reitz  
Josh Gondeck

One hundred and seventeen loads of leaves were taken out of the Village this season. There will be a leaf pick-up in the Spring. These dates are to be announced.

\*Reminder: The garbage service will take **Christmas trees**. You just need to put them out next to your garbage bins on pick-up day.

\*Please remember to change the batteries in thermostats if you are leaving for a long period of time. If your heat goes out it could lead to frozen water pipes.

\*Pull your garbage cans back from the edge of the road so the garbage service knows there is nothing to empty. It also helps keep the Village looking uncluttered.

\*You can have your water turned off at the street by calling the Village office. This helps prevent you being charged for any leaks that may happen while you are away. There is a \$25 turn off fee and a \$25 turn on fee for this service.



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## 2025 Council Meeting Schedule:

For our new neighbors, open council meetings are held in the hall at 4000 Cherokee Drive every second Friday of the month.

January & February—NO MEETINGS

March 14—1:00est    July 11—2:00est    Nov. 14—1:00est

April 11—1:00est    Aug. 8—1:00est    Dec. 12—1:00est

May 9—1:00est    Sept. 12—1:00est

June 13—1:00est    Oct. 10—1:00est

### Village of Michiana Council Members

- Tim McCarthy—President
- Brian Cassidy—Pro Tem
- Nancy Thill—Council Member
- Mike Botelho—Council Member
- Mike Mumper—Council Member



## Village Commissions, Boards, & Committees

### Tree Board:

- Nancy Thill
- Karen Szyp
- Anne Blasko
- Andrew Aronson

### Water Board:

- Mike Mumper
- Tim McCarthy
- Rick Reitz
- Craig Pierson

### Events Committee:

- Lisa Zirpolo
- Diane O'Brien
- Kori Burland
- Sara McDonald
- Anne Heywood

### Village Hall Renovation Committee:

- Holly Duran
- Chris Boothe
- Justin Lucas
- Tim McCarthy

### Planning Commission:

- Mike Botelho
- Julie Bonello
- Renee Okonek
- Karen Szyp
- Kathleen Hogan Morrison
- Maureen Shekleton
- Ron Rozetto

### Beach Commissioner:

- Brian Cassidy

### Police Commissioner:

- Tim McCarthy

### Tree Inspector:

- Rick Reitz

