

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Michiana Water Authority Commission was called to order at 10:25 am EST by Commission Chairman Carol Shepherd.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present: Chairman Carol Shepherd, Rich Shepherd, and James Wulff.

Council members Absent: None.

Others Present: Joan Lewis, Michiana Shores, Indiana, representative; Michiana Village Public Works Superintendent Rick Reitz; and Michiana Village Clerk Cathy Ganus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular quarterly meeting of the Michiana Water Authority Commission held on 03.03.2009 were approved as presented.

WATER AUTHORITY BUDGET

Commissioner Rich Shepherd went over the Water Authority budget as approved by the Michiana Village Council. It should be noted that Rich Shepherd is also a member of the Michiana Village Finance Committee.

Reitz advised the biggest expenditure for the upcoming year is the cleaning of the 500,000 gallon water holding tank. He stated that Sea Brex Marine has inspected the tank utilizing a submarine with a camera attached. It appears the tank contains sludge that will require removal. Sea Brex Marine has provided a quote for the removal of same. It is anticipated that the removal will be conducted in the fall of the year.

NEW METERS UPDATE

Ganus advised that according to the list provided by the Michiana Village Department of Public Works employees, approximately one hundred twenty-six (126) meters have been replaced within Michiana, MI and Michiana Shores, IN.

Ganus advised that the purchase of the BS & A Software program has been pushed back due to the audit of all water accounts.

WATER TESTING UPDATE

Reitz advised that he has received his Indiana water license. Reitz takes one (1) water sample in Michigan and one (1) water sample in Indiana. The water is then submitted to a laboratory for testing. Samples are secured from the pump house as well as from Village resident Dr. John Luce's residence.

Reitz is in the process of compiling the water quality report for dissemination to all water authority customers. The report is due to be sent to all water customers before July 1, 2009. The Michigan City, Indiana Department of Water Works has also provided a water quality report for the water authority customers and will sent to all water customers.

ORDINANCE(S) UPDATE

The Commission went over Michiana Village Ordinances 40, 41, 42, and 43 and made corrections. The amendments will be submitted to the Michiana Village Council at the July, 2009 meeting.

WATER TURN ON / SHUT OFF FEES

Discussion ensued on the procedure for turning on the water and/or shutting off the water. When there is a request for water turn on, this triggers immediate assistance. General consensus is that a fee should be assessed for this service as Michiana Village public works employees handle these requests. It was also suggested that residents should be notified prior to the Fall season. Suggested fees for turn on / shut off requests are ten dollars (\$10) during the week and twenty-five dollars (\$25) on weekends and holidays by appointment. Ganus to forward suggestions to the Village Council for their approval.

OTHER

Rich Shepherd requested that copies of the Water Authority Fund account be available for commissioners' review.

The next quarterly meeting of the Michiana Water Authority Commission is set for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 10:00 am EST.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am EST.

Cathy A. Ganus
Michiana Village Clerk