

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Michiana Village Council was called to order at 1:08 pm ET by Village President Beverly Bruesch.

ROLL CALL

Council members Present: President Beverly Bruesch, President Pro-Tem Sheila Stein, Council member Hillary Herbst, Council member George Hermelink, and Council member Tim Iverson.

Council members Absent: None.

Others Present: James Imes, Chief of Michiana Shores, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department; Chief of Police Lyn Papke, Public Works Superintendent Rick Reitz, Treasurer Amy Hemphill, Clerk Cathy Ganus; Harbor Country News correspondent Janet Hays; and resident Lynn Stein.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Iverson, second by Stein, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting as presented. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Hermelink, second by Iverson, to approve the minutes of the special May 24, 2010 meeting as presented. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

The action item listing was perused and updated.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

One item was added under Old Business, # 3 – Village Clean-Up Day – June 26, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Pokagon Fund Board of Directors Opening

The Pokagon Fund is currently soliciting applications for a member of their Board of Directors. The Board meets monthly to provide direction to the foundation and to review all grant proposals that have been submitted. Interested candidates must send a letter explaining what qualifications they have that will make them a valuable member of The Pokagon Fund Board of Directors by 5 pm on June 18, 2010.

Twin CATS Representatives

The Twin Cities Area Transportation Study (Twin CATS) and Southwest Michigan Planning Commission have requested two (2) representatives from the Village of Michiana for attendance to the technical advisory committee and policy committee. After much discussion, general consensus was to leave the representative slots vacant.

Sally Isenstein – Wi-Fi Request

Village resident Sally Isenstein has requested that the Council consider the installation of wireless internet within the Village. Discussion ensued with Council members suggesting that instead of installing wireless internet within the entire Village, installing a dedicated wireless router in the Village Hall for residents to

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

Sally Isenstein – Wi-Fi Request (continued)

park at the Village Hall and use the internet would be more feasible as the installation of Wi-Fi would necessitate the installation of towers. Ganus was instructed to contact Mrs. Isenstein to see if she would be willing to explore the cost potential and oversee the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hemphill went over the treasurer's reports for May, 2010. She advised that the tax bills were being printed this week.

Bruesch wished to thank Hemphill for her assistance in closing out the fiscal year as Hemphill submitted her resignation at the May 24, 2010 meeting to take a position with the Village of Three Oaks.

The treasurer's report was placed on file.

REPORTS

Building Inspector Report – Bill Owens

Owens was unable to attend the meeting; however, has submitted a report. Owens reported seventeen (17) pending (open) permits to date.

The Council extended their appreciation to the building inspector as well as the police department for their diligence in addressing building activity.

Tree Inspector Report – Kris Wulff – No report given.

Iverson advised that he noticed a dead oak tree approximately one foot off the public roadway on Mohawk Trail that needs attention.

Fire Report – Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department – Chief James Imes

Fire Chief James Imes of the Michiana Shores, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department presented the fire report for April, 2010. The MSVFD had no calls within the Village during that time.

Imes went on to report that the MSVFD is currently looking to purchase a used 2001 Class A pumper to replace their 1974 Pierce pumper (36 years of age) for an approximate cost of \$350,000.

At this time the three-year contract option for fire protection between the Village of Michiana and the Michiana Shores, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department was discussed.

Motion by Herbst, second by Iverson, to approve the three-year contract for 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 between the Village of Michiana and the Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department for fire protection as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Finance Report – Richard Shepherd

Hemphill advised there would be a special budget public hearing held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 9 am regarding the adoption of the 2010-2011 budget.

REPORTS (continued)

Police Report – Chief Lyn Papke

Bruesch extended her appreciation to the police department in finding her lost dog.

Papke provided the Michiana Village police report for the month of May, 2010. During this time there were ten (10) written traffic warnings issued, eight (8) police assists to other departments, four (4) police assists from other departments, one (1) sign ordinance citation issued, 660 security inspections were made, eight (8) alarms were handled, one (1) larceny complaint was handled, and one (1) damage to property complaint was handled.

Tabled from last month was the hiring of Tim Buse as part-time police officer for the Village. Bruesch reported that the list for part-time officers has dwindled. Stein noted that the list had been pared to reduce exposure for unemployment claims.

Motion by Iverson, second by Herbst, to appoint Tim Buse as a part-time police officer for the Village of Michiana Police Department. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Discussion ensued regarding fireworks complaints within the Village.

Motion by Iverson, second by Hermelink, to increase Village of Michiana police coverage to 24-hours on July 2, July 3, and July 4 utilizing part-time officers when there is a gap in coverage. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Public Works / Water Authority Report – Superintendent Rick Reitz

Reitz advised that there were washed-out areas at Stop 43 as well as the south side of East Court. Iverson suggested filling the washed out areas with larger rocks to repair this area. Reitz went on to report that there were two (2) service line leaks within Indiana and his department has replaced 35 water meters for the month.

Reitz provided a quotation for a 30-yard dumpster for the upcoming community clean-up day in the amount of \$387.

Motion by Iverson, second by Stein, to accept the bid for a 30-yard dumpster with the cost not to exceed \$500 for the Community Clean-Up Day. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Reitz reported that the Jules Laser water meter at 3740 Lake Shore Drive has been tested by a certified lab and the meter readings were 100%.

Discussion ensued regarding contracting for leaf pick-up services. Reitz had obtained two of the three quotes; however, the quotes were not even comparable as the quotations themselves were very different. Iverson volunteered to assist Reitz in drafting an RFP for same. Iverson then inquired as to the condition of the beach steps in preparation for summer. Reitz advised he would walk the beach and report conditions. Stein mentioned that the grass is too high at the triangle at Michiana Drive and Lake Shore Drive. Reitz to investigate.

Clerk's Report – Cathy Ganus

Ganus went over the Clerk's Report. Revenue and expenditure reports as of June 11, 2010 were discussed. As of this date, the Village has received 96.89 percent of expected revenues and spent 90.85 percent of budgeted expenses within the General Fund.

REPORTS (continued)

Clerk's Report – Cathy Ganus (continued)

Check registers from 05.08.2010 through 06.14.2010 were presented for approval.

Motion by Stein, second by Iverson, to approve the check registers of 05.08.2010 through 06.14.2010 as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Iverson, second by Herbst, to approve the accounts payable requests from General Fund in the amount of \$1,179.12 and Water Fund in the amount of \$4,545.00 as presented. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS

New Grant Requests – The Pokagon Fund

This item was placed on the table to allow Iverson to make contact with The Pokagon Fund Director Mary Dunbar.

Village Clean-Up Day – June 26, 2010

Bruesch is spearheading the Village Clean-Up and White Creek Ditch. Several residents have expressed interest in assisting with the clean-up.

Motion by Stein, second by Stein Herbst, to approve supplies for the cleanup of White Creek on June 26, 2010 with costs not to exceed \$150. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution # 2010-03 – Water Liens

Due to the high amount of delinquent water billings, the following resolution was offered.

Motion by Iverson, second by Stein, to approve Resolution # 2010-03 – Water Liens as amended. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Iverson, second by Hermelink, to direct the Michiana Village treasurer to place a delinquent water bill – account LAKE-003740-0000-02 – in the amount of \$19,104.87 on the 2010 Michiana Village tax billing. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).

2010-2011 Budget

Copies of the proposed revenues and expenditures for the 2010-2011 fiscal year were previously disseminated, along with a draft version of Resolution # 2010-04 – General Appropriations Act 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. A special budget public hearing has been set for Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 9:00 am ET for the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Treasurer Resumés

Stein and Herbst agreed to review resumes submitted for the treasurer position and schedule interviews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special budget public hearing on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 9 am ET. At that time the budget for FY 2010-2011 will be reviewed and adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm ET.

Cathy A. Ganus
Michiana Village Clerk