

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Michiana Village Council was called to order at 2:01 pm EDT by Village President Beverly Bruesch.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Council members Present:** President Beverly Bruesch, Council member Hillary Herbst, Council member George Hermelink, Council member Timothy Iverson, and Council member Lyn Stein.

**Council members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** James Imes, Chief of Michiana Shores, Indiana Volunteer Fire Department; Public Works Superintendent Rick Reitz, Treasurer Jan Lausch Zilke, Building Inspector Bill Owens, Clerk Cathy Ganus; residents Albert Ancel, David Hoffman, Sandra Jourdan, and Beverly Klein; and one Michiana Shores, Indiana resident.

**Motion by Hermelink, second by Iverson, to excuse Hillary Herbst from the meeting. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Iverson, second by Hermelink, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting as presented. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (4-0).**

## **REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS**

The action items listing was perused and updated.

## **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT**

Village resident Beverly Klein (Hillside Trail) suggested the Village entertain the purchase of a handicapped runner for the beach for those residents with disabilities as wheelchair access is very difficult in light of the sandy soils. Mrs. Klein to provide Council with information regarding pricing.

*[Hillary Herbst arrives at 2:06 pm.]*

Sandra Jourdan commented that the sand in front of Stop 39 makes it difficult for those folks who use walkers or canes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

*Rehmann Robson Audit FYE 06.30.2008*

Iverson stated he was not satisfied with the rebuttal to his previous letter to Rehmann Robson regarding the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 regarding outstanding charges. This item was placed on the table to allow Iverson to make contact via telephone with Rehmann Robson to resolve this issue.

*Berg Citizens Complaint*

A citizen's complaint has been received from Village resident Sandra Berg regarding the issuance of a handicapped parking citation issued by Michiana Village police officer Kenneth Books. Mrs. Berg was

## **CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

### *Berg Citizens Complaint (continued)*

unhappy with the way the incident involving her son was handled. In the absence of Police Chief Lyn Papke, Police Commissioner George Hermelink to speak with Papke upon his return for resolution of this complaint.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Council welcomed new Michiana Village Treasurer Jan Lausch Zilke. A July 31, 2010 treasurer's report will be forthcoming as there has not been sufficient time for a report to be generated as Zilke has only been in the office for two weeks prior to this meeting.

## **REPORTS**

### *Building Inspector Report – Bill Owens*

Owens presented the building inspector report. There were no issues to report at this time.

### *Tree Inspector Report – Kris Wulff – No report provided.*

### *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 the months of June and July, 2010.

During the month of June, 2010, one (1) medical call and three (3) fire alarm calls required the assistance of the MSVFD. During the month of July, 2010, there were seven (7) medical calls and five (5) fire calls requiring response.

### *Finance Report – Richard Shepherd – No report given.*

### *Water Authority Commission Report*

A meeting of the Michiana Water Authority Commission will be held sometime this month.

### *Police Report – Chief Lyn Papke – No report provided.*

### *Public Works / Water Authority Report – Superintendent Rick Reitz*

Reitz advised that the current mosquito fogger has broken down and there are no spare parts available due to the age of the equipment (30 years +/-). Reitz provided two (2) quotations from Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc.: Wolverine model (commercial grade applications) in the amount of \$5,500 and the Badger model (smaller applications for economy and portability) in the amount of \$3,556.

Discussion ensued with Reitz advising that delivery could be as soon as two weeks. Reitz advised that fogging was done three (3) times last year.

**Motion by Herbst, second by Iverson, to purchase the Wolverine model mosquito fogger from Clarke Mosquito Control Products, Inc. with costs not to exceed \$5600. Roll call vote showed the following: Herbst, yes; Iverson, yes; Hermelink, yes; Stein, yes; and Bruesch, no. Motion carried. (4-1)**

Residents who expressed concerns over the spraying of mosquitoes within the Village were asked to contact the Village Clerk. Ganus received three (3) emails from residents who were in favor of spraying and one (1) resident expressed dissatisfaction with the Village spraying. It should be noted that Michiana Water

**REPORTS (continued)**

*Public Works / Water Authority Report – Superintendent Rick Reitz (continued)*

Authority Commission Chairman Carol Shepherd composed an informational article regarding the best methods of mosquito control. This article was inserted in the Village of Michiana water customers' June 30, 2010 water billing.

Signage regarding dogs was an additional topic of discussion. Several residents have complained that dog owners are allowing their dogs off the leash and taking them on the beach at improper times of the day. Residents have also complained that some dog owners are not picking up fecal matter from their dogs as well. Reitz to check the "No Dogs on Beach" signage. Law enforcement of this issue was placed on the table.

Reitz provided two (2) quotes from The Tree Mann, Inc. and Sandcastle Landscaping / Maintenance regarding a dead tree at Mohawk Trail and Hillside Trail within the Village right-of-way as well as a tree on Oriole Trail between Sioux Trail and Pokagon Trail. The Tree Mann's quote was in the amount of \$675 and Sandcastle Landscaping / Maintenance's quote was in the amount of \$550.

**Motion by Iverson, second by Herbst, to accept the Sandcastle Landscaping / Maintenance quotation for the dead tree at Mohawk Trail and Hillside Trail within the Village right-of-way as well as a tree on Oriole Trail between Sioux Trail and Pokagon Trail in the amount of \$550 including grinding the stump, filling the hole, and removing site debris pending receipt of a certificate of insurance from Sandcastle listing the Village of Michiana as an additional insured. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

It should be noted that Sandcastle owner Mick Wulff advised that he would perform the same work as stated in The Tree Mann's quotation for the same fee of \$550.

Discussion ensued regarding the roadway re-paving and curb and gutter work on East Court from Avalon Trail to Chickagami Trail as well as raising a portion of the roadway approximately 3" on Avalon Trail (Talabay residence). Also quoted was the re-paving of the intersection of Grand Beach Road and Choctaw Trail. Reitz provided quotations from Arnt Asphalt out of Benton Harbor, Michigan (\$35,500) as well as Schuck's Asphalt Paving out of Buchanan, Michigan (\$41,480). Bids were also solicited from Reith Riley; however, no response was received in regards to the RFP.

**Motion by Iverson, second by Herbst, to accept the bid from Arnt Asphalt with all bids not to exceed \$35,500. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

Iverson advised that the new home on Ponchartrain Trail and East Court is causing water issues. The driveway needs to be graveled properly and the mailbox needs to be moved closer to the road.

Previously tabled was the question of whether to outsource fall leaf pick-up or repair the Village's current leaf machine. Quotations for outsourcing were received from Sandcastle Landscaping / Maintenance (\$108 per home (approximately 375 homes) plus \$30 per lots (approximately 344 lots) for two (2) passes through the Village between November 15, 2010 through December 17, 2010 and two (2) passes April, 2011 to May 15, 2011) for a total cost \$50,820. A quotation was also received from Gemini Lawn and Landscaping (three (3) passes in fall and one (1) in the spring) for a total cost of \$17,600.

This item was placed on the table until September to allow Reitz to investigate repair of the current leaf machine.

*Clerk's Report – Cathy Ganus*

Ganus went over the clerk's report. Check registers were presented for approval as well.

## **REPORTS (continued)**

*Clerk's Report – Cathy Ganus (continued)*

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

The office copy machine maintenance agreement is up for renewal. This includes parts, travel, supplies (excluding paper), and labor. The 2009-2010 contract was \$659.42. The renewal contract 2010–2011 is \$750.

**Motion by Iverson, second by Herbst, to approve the maintenance contract for the copy machine for 08.01.2010 through 07.31.2011 in the amount of \$750. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

**Motion by Herbst, second by Hermelink, to accept all reports as presented. Voice vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Michiana Village Logo*

Hermelink presented twelve logos for Council review. Council members were asked to rate the logos. This item was placed on the table to allow Hermelink to tabulate rankings.

*Village Wi-Fi*

Iverson has contacted the Geek Squad regarding the conduct of a site visit and assessment of what we need to put public wireless internet access in the Village Hall. The fee for this service is \$129.99. Lausch Zilke responded that she has contacts who would perform this service for free.

**Motion by Iverson, second by Herbst, to approve the expense of \$129.99 to allow the Geek Squad to perform on-site diagnostics for assessment for Village Wi-Fi. Roll call vote showed unanimous approval, motion carried (5-0).**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Village Hall Roof / Power Washing of Village Hall*

Reitz has contacted a local roofer who repaired the leaking area at no charge; however, the entire Village roof is in need of an assessment. Reitz advised he will begin power washing the Village Hall once the Michiana Day Camp has concluded.

*Village Clerk*

Ganus advised that she has won the primary election for Buchanan Township Clerk and anticipates that she will be leaving the Village's employ by the end of October. Ganus will send out an advertisement for municipal clerk on the Michigan Clerk's Listserv.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Michiana Shores Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a 5K run on Saturday, September 4, 2010 beginning at 10:00 am CST. Entry fee is \$25.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm EST.

Cathy A. Ganus  
Michiana Village Clerk