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March 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

Vice President Robert Uryga called meeting to order at 7:05pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Vice Pres. Robert Uryga, Council members: Jean Poulard, Alex Sprovtsoff and Rich Young. Fire Chief Garry Bendix, Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, Park Board President Dolly Millick, Bldg. Commissioner Steve Thomas, Webmaster Daina Dumbrys, Atty. Jeffrey Gunning and Clerk Treasurer Joan M Lewis were present. Pres. Pam Dubie and BZA President Matt Bowen were absent.

**Approval February 12, 2019 Council meeting minutes.** Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to accept the meeting minutes; seconded by Councilmember Jean Poulard. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 absent Pam Dubie.

**Clerk Treasurer's report. February.2019 Add'l claims:** After Clerk Treasurer Joan M. Lewis read the additional vouchers, Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to accept the vouchers as read; seconded by Councilmember Jean Poulard. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 absent Pam Dubie.

**March 2019 claims:** After Clerk Treasurer Joan M Lewis read the March 2019 vouchers, Councilmember Jean Poulard made a motion to accept the vouchers, seconded by Councilmember Rich Young. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 absent

**Reports:**

**Police: Chief Bob Sulkowski - Residents are wondering, when are our police in Michiana Shores.** Chief Sulkowski gave the report and stated if anyone wants to know when the police are in Michiana Shores, they should contact him. Police report will be on file

**Fire: Chief Garry Bendix:** Chief Bendix gave the report. Report will be on file.

**Building Commissioner: Steve Thomas - Comcast Cable for O'Brien Internet.** Bldg. Commissioner Steve Thomas stated "cable companies can pretty much do whatever they want." The work has been done.

**Park & Recreation:** Dolly Millick announced the first meeting for this year will be March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Road Commissioner:** Robert Sulkowski stated the road crew spent 38 hours on snow removal and spreading salt.

- a. **Community Crossing Grant:** Administrator Robert Sulkowski stated he has spent 12hrs on the grant, which has been signed and submitted.

**Plan Commission:** Rich Young gave the report. The Plan Commission discussed the plans for the new house on Sunset. More information is needed. Recommendations were made for the additional requirements for swimming pools. They also, mentioned that the vacant house on Michiana Drive has new owner.

**BZA: Pres. Matt Bowen or Ray Dumbrys** – Both were absent. No meeting until May.

**White Ditch – Ray Dumbrys LaPorte Cty. Drainage Board Liaison absent.** Diana Dumbrys stated Ray went to the LaPorte Cty. Drainage Board meeting yesterday. There was nothing concerning Michiana Shores.

**Website** – Daina Dumbrys, Webmaster, stated she had no news to report. If anyone has anything they wish to have on the Website, please let her know.

**Resolutions-Ordinances:** None

**Grants:** a. **DNR CZ729 White Ditch Bank Stabilization-** Clerk Treasurer Joan Lewis reported the grant has been signed and Al Walus is working with Sarah Nimetz, DNR Grant Specialist, on the Request for Proposal.

b. **DNR CZ845 White Ditch Riparian Corridor Restoration** – Same as above.

**Town Attorney Report:** Atty. J. Gunning stated the court hearing for the Ordinance violation was canceled. Atty. Gunning mentioned that Atty. Willoughby was interested in our building regulations for non-conforming lot, but so far has not been able to speak with him.

**Communications:** Resident at 509 Oakdale concerning tree stump & debris from water main repairs. These repairs are to be completed by the Water Department of Michigan City. Several concerns were received by phone from residents concerning the trees being removed alongside of the frontage road (Old Grand Beach Road). Per Mick Wulff who is on Michigan City's Tree Board, the original contractor was not equipped with the required insurance and Michigan City may be completing the work in house. (Amtrak originally sprayed the trees, which caused them to die.)

**Public Comments:** None

**Council Comments:** Councilmember Alex Sprovtsoff stated the council needed a workshop meeting to prioritize the removing of trees. Atty. Gunning mentioned that this meeting would be like any other council meeting and the council could take administrative action. The meeting needs to be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 on motion of Councilmember Jean Poulard, seconded by Councilmember Alex Sprovtsoff. Motion carried with 4 ayes, 1 absent Pam Dubie.