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November 12th, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes

The Council meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Council President Pam Dubie with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Treasurer Joan M. Lewis asked for an addition to the Agenda of the 2020 Salary Ordinance.

Roll Call: Council members: Pres. Pam Dubie, Vice Pres. Robert Uryga, and Rich Young; Police Chief Robert Sulkowski, Park Board President Dolly Millick, Webmaster Daina Dumbrys, Ray Dumbrys BZA & Liaison LaPorte Cty. Drainage Board, and Clerk Treasurer Joan M Lewis were present.

Councilmembers: Jean Poulard & Alex Sprovtsoff; BZA President Matt Bowen, Fire Chief Garry Bendix, Bldg. Commissioner Steve Thomas and Atty. Jeffrey Gunning were absent.

Approval October 8th, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to approve the October 8th meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember Robert Uryga. Motion approved with three (3) Ayes, two (2) absent (Councilmembers Jean Poulard and Alex Sprovtsoff). **Note:** Councilmember Rich Young updated his inquiry to Republic Svs. concerning an extension of our present contract. Republic Svs. is in a discussion internally and will get back with him.

Clerk Treasurer's report. October 2019 Add'l Claims: After the October 2019 Add'l. Claims were read by the Clerk Treasurer Joan M. Lewis; Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to approved October 2019 Add'l. Claims; Seconded by Councilmember Robert Uryga. Motion approved with three (3) Ayes, two (2) absent (Councilmembers Jean Poulard and Alex Sprovtsoff).

November 2019 Claims: After the November 2019 Claims were read by the Clerk Treasurer Joan M. Lewis, Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to approved November 2019 Claims; Seconded by Councilmember Robert Uryga. Motion approved with three (3) Ayes, two (2) absent (Councilmembers Jean Poulard and Alex Sprovtsoff).

Sept. 30 Payroll Taxes: After the September 30, 2019 Payroll Taxes were read by the Clerk Treasurer Joan M. Lewis, Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to approved September 30 2019 Payroll Taxes, Seconded by Councilmember Robert Uryga. Motion approved with three (3) Ayes, two (2) absent (Councilmembers Jean Poulard and Alex Sprovtsoff)

Transfer Funds to Cover Trucks & Tractors repairs & Maintenance: Clerk Treasurer Joan M. Lewis reported funds, of approximately \$5000.00, to cover repairs to both the Ford dump truck and Ford pickup and the tractors will need to be transferred from CEDIT to LRS. The appropriation for repairs were underestimated for 2019. Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to approved the transfer of funds from CEDIT to LRS (Local Roads & Streets). Seconded by Councilmember Robert Uryga. Motion approved with three (3) Ayes, two (2) absent (Councilmembers Jean Poulard and Alex Sprovtsoff).

Reports:

Police: Chief Bob Sulkowski read the report. Michiana Shores: Info report large Juv Party, Info report Invasion of Privacy and a OWI- Arrest.

Fire: Chief Garry Bendix-Absent. Robert Sulkowski read the report. Michiana Shores had one report – Electrical wire down at Chippewa & Groveland. All other calls out of the area. He also reported they are still working on the addition for storage and a compressor to fill their air bottles.

Building Commissioner: Steve Thomas - Absent- No Report.

Park & Recreation: President Dolly Millick stated the October 2019 meeting was the last for this year. Next meeting will be in March 2020. The one unfinished project is the renewing of the wooden street billboard sign, which was continued until spring 2020.

Road Commissioner: Robert Sulkowski stated that the hopper chute had to be rebuilt and the brakes lines system replaced on the dump truck.

a. **Community Crossing Grant:** Roads to be paved this week. Once the paving is completed, a final report will be submitted.

b. **Tree Removal Report** – Rich Young started a lengthy discussion on the tree removal and the tree debris on the roads right-of-way. Councilmember Rich Young stated there are three trees from the last quote that are on private property. The property owners will have to be notified. There is one large oak tree that still needs to be removed by Mick Wulff Councilmember Robert Uryga mentioned since several trees which were scheduled to be removed by Mr. Wulff, maybe the Town could have Mr. Wulff take care of the roadside debris in place of the three (3) trees on private property.

Plan Commission: Rich Young stated the meeting was canceled and everyone was notified; including Mr. Coffey and his attorney, Steven Hale.

BZA: Pres. Matt Bowen – absent. Ray Dumbrys stated their next meeting is Nov. 17th.

White Ditch – Ray Dumbrys LaPorte Cty. Drainage Board Liaison stated there was nothing on the Drainage Board agenda. He also stated, on the Town's section of White Ditch, has a tree branch hanging over the creek by the bridge on Oakdale.

Website – Daina Dumbrys, Webmaster, stated she has nothing new to announce. She has been updating as she receives new postings, including the meeting dates. She stated she will be adding information concerning the Michiana Volunteer Fire Dept.

Job description/tasks: The first committee meeting was held on October 23rd. Joan Lewis explained how to obtain the DOL website containing job descriptions, tasks, wages, employment possibilities, etc. Each member chose a job description/tasks for our present employees and will present their findings at our next meeting on December 4th.

Resolutions-Ordinances – Atty. J. Gunning-

a. **Ordinance 2019-07 E-Verify and Anti-Iranian Dealings – No action.**

b. **Ordinance 2019-08: ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-08 Continuing Ordinance to Authorize Compensation Rates and Salaries for the Town of Michiana Shores, Indiana for Calendar Year 2020.**

Clerk Treasurer read Ordinance Number 2019-08 Continuing Ordinance to Authorize Compensation Rates and Salaries for the Town of Michiana Shores, Indiana for Calendar Year

2020. **Note:** Clerk Treasurer stated the Salary Ordinance contains \$5000.00 for a CCG Administrator. The Town was not on the grant awards list for year 2020. Councilmember Rich Young made a motion to approve on first reading Ordinance number 2019-08 A Continuing Ordinance to Authorize Compensation Rates and Salaries for The Town of Michiana Shores, Indiana for Calendar Year 2020; seconded by Councilmember Robert Uryga. Motion approved with three (3) Ayes, two (2) absent (Councilmembers Jean Poulard and Alex Sprovtsoff).

- Grants:**
- a. **DNR CZ729 White Ditch Bank Stabilization Phase II**– Christopher Burke awarded contract for Phase II Engineering.
 - b. **DNR CZ845 White Ditch Riparian Corridor Restoration** – Final Public Meeting was held on Friday, Oct 11th at 3:30pm. Waiting for final report from AES.
 - c. **DNR White Ditch Riparian Corridor Restoration Implementation** – Our Pre-proposal was accepted – Next Step- Submittal of full proposal.

Town Attorney Report:

- a. **Uryga Ordinance Violation Case (at 402 El Portal)**
Atty. Gunning absent
- b. **National Prescription Opiate Litigation**
No Report.
- c. **Short Term Rental Regulations**

Communications:

- a. DNR Flood Plain memo with map for 3905 Hiawatha.
- b. E-mail from Shelia Carlson concerning trees just pushed on the Hiawatha and El Portal roadside. This will be addressed with quotes for roadside tree & brush removal. Mick Wulff already has taken care of the Brookside area from Pokagon to El Portal. Councilmember Robert Uryga mentioned that since three (3) trees on private property are not being removed, we should check with Mick Wulff to amend his contract to include the roadside cleanup.

Public Comments: None

Council Comments: Councilmember Rich Young commented that something needs to be done about the homeowner putting boulders on the dedicated Bathing Beach. Maybe a letter written by our Attorney to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), formerly Michigan DEQ and the Village of Michiana Michigan. The report is the home owners adjoining the Bathing Beach have water in the lower level and the lake has claimed their stairs. Councilmember Rich Young thanked Councilmember Robert Uryga for his four (4) years of service to the Town. Councilmember Robert Uryga replied the he wanted to thank everyone for letting him serve four years. He really appreciated it. He also stated “It was quite an experience”.

Adjourn: Council President Pam Dubie adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

Approved by Town Council 11-12-2019