

MICO MEETING LAST NIGHT

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Moonraker residents came together last night regardless of the horrible forecast. I'm very proud of my neighbors because the excuse concerning weather could have been so easy to use. The issues proved stronger than the desire to stay home, and I am very grateful for their attendance. As usual the treasurer's report, minutes of the last meeting, the St. Tammany recap for the tax year was posted, as well as CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT # 3 information. Also, a preview of our yearly journal was placed for residents to see. I'm surprised that we haven't received them yet because they were placed in the N.O. post office Thursday, a week ago. Our board worked very hard to produce these journals and I hope everyone enjoys them, and maybe some of you might want to work on next year's journal.

Larry Lehans gave a report on short-term rentals which is finally being addressed by the parish. STR owners have until Feb. 1 to challenge our zoning, single-family dwellings. Thanks to Larry, our "ordinance rep," I think STR owners will have a tough time.

John Faust gave a report on the latest information concerning our levee protection. I asked our people to vote "YES" to amendment #3 on the ballot, November 13, 2021. The money we need to start actually building our surge protection levee is sitting, waiting for this vote. Our levee system will cost us NOTHING to build, but we must accept a millage for its upkeep.

Moonraker Dr. is in terrible condition, and it's time to do something about it. Our parish councilman, Jake Airey, visited me and other board members in my home Monday, Oct. 25th. We have been battling over the street for several years. Jake has saved \$245 thousand this year and last toward our street. He asked Pres. Cooper to put up the balance which was declined on Sept. 29th. Jake indicated that he would save the balance out of his budget this coming year. One million dollars is the price tag to fix our street. The parish wants to put blacktop on top of what presently exists. I rejected that. The real problem exists below the street, the foundation. The street should be replaced with cement. Please help me get the parish's attention. Buy a can of spray paint. Paint every crack, hole, sunken area by your house. Let's do this on Wednesday November 17. Take pictures, mail them in to the parish or MICOI@outlook.com.

The situation of the parish-right-of-way along Moonraker Dr. was discussed at great length. It seems that it has been purchased by an individual who plans to build or sell houses there which would deny your right of view to our lake. I'm not revealing anything that was shown at the meeting, but this board has worked steadily to get the paperwork provided last night, including the original plat. Based on the decision made by Moonraker attendance, I believe this will definitely NOT be accepted. Talk to your neighbors who did attend the meeting.

Naomie Hess talked briefly about Atmos Gas company and its ability to deliver natural gas. There is an article in your journal if you are interested.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is the last Wednesday in January, the 26th, 2022.

MICO will be accepting names for positions on the board between now and the January meeting. If you are interested in running for any position; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Ordinance, Director, Sergeant-at-Arms, please leave a message at MICOI@outlook.com. You must be a member in good standing. If you are interested in working on the journal, please leave a message.

I hope your holiday season is all that you desire. We will keep in touch, and I hope you do as well.

Bonnie