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MICOI MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2020 Tammany Yacht Club

Meeting was called to order by Jeff Carey at 7:00 PM
Invocation delivered by Andy Tyler and Pledge to the Flag was recited
Bonnie welcomed everyone and introduced those who would be speaking.
Treasurer's Report, copies of which had been placed on each table for review
prior to the meeting, was then given and accepted.

First Speaker was a representative from Fassbender Insurance Agency. He brought us up to date with the companies that are writing insurance in our area and talked of elevation readings associated with Flood insurance. These readings can result in lower cost of Flood Insurance. Also informed us that in the state of Louisiana, insurance companies are not allowed to enforce a double deductible within any one year's time. This was important because 2 hurricanes hit the same areas of Louisiana this past year. He also explained what is meant by a "vent" for a garage as required by Flood insurance for garages that are at a lower elevation than the rest of a house.

Second Speaker: Council Rep. Airy. He immediately brought up "Short Term" rentals. The ordinance being considered is fashioned on that of Jefferson Parish. This is being done as a way to expedite the ordinance. It would mandate that any rental of a residential property in a residential only zone be required to have a rental time of no less than 30 days. This 30 day requirement is to allow for homes that have a month to month rental agreement. As to repaving of Moonraker, the problems occur because the street was originally concrete and later were blacktopped. The "fix" would be to remove the paving and re-concrete the street. This would be at a cost of over \$1,000,000. Airy is attempting to get this funding as it is well noted by the Parish that this street will be a constant repair problem costing the Parish more money in the future. Additional lighting can be had for our darkened areas. This is due in large by the use of LED lighting which is cheaper in monthly costs. The savings can be used to install new lights. A tax amendment is needed to do this. This amendment will not result in more taxes for our area. It will simply restructure the expenditures. Finally, he mentioned that anyone needing debris pick up for Hurricane Zeta could notify Bonnie and she will give the addresses to Airy. The Parish will pick up this debris at no cost to the homeowners. The fact that code enforcement is not being carried out on our street was brought up by Larry Lehans and was discussed. This is to be addressed with the Parish and Sheriff's Dept.

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Third Speaker: Sgt. Patrick Casnave with the Sheriff's department.

Sgt. Casnave has been assigned to head up a Sheriff's station on this side of Slidell. He is the liaison for Oak Harbor, Eden Isles, Clipper Estates, Carr Dr, Lake View Dr. and Moonraker. He will have an office in the Firehouse on Marina Dr. in the near future. When a problem arises, the resident may call him and he will either take care of the problem or inform the resident why there is no legal recourse to the problem. He is available to inform and enforce ordinances. He advised that the BEST way to deal with most of our complaints is to have Covenants. Sgt. Casnave may be reached at 985-290-8399

Fourth Speaker: Jo Anna McMahon of Magnolia Water Co. Jo Anna introduced herself as the Louisiana Regional Manager for this company. When any problem arises, residents may contact her and she will trouble shoot for you. She may be reached her at 985-298-8308.

Fifth Speaker: Glen Ledet of Neel Schaffer Engineering Co. and the members of our Parish Levee Board - Suzanne Krieger, Dan McGovern and John Faust. Glen gave a Power Point presentation of the areas and proposed levee protection that has been proposed for our area. Glen stated that Funding for the local Levee Board came from CPRA. Glen then stated that CPRA gave the Levee Board \$2,000,000 to hire an engineering firm - which is Neel Schaffer's. This money was used to start a 3 Phase study of the area - including Eden Isles area. Phase 1 was to organize all information that had been recorded over the past 50 years. Phase 2 was the "gap" analysis. This was to see exactly where the gaps in levee protection were located and to analyze how to fill those gaps. Phase 3 is to design and model protection based on repetitive flooding. This design is a "ring" levee which will eventually surround Eden Isles area, Slidell and those areas East of I 10. This design includes gates that will be closed to keep water out or limit "over topping." One design calls for a pumping station located in the Canal that surrounds Moonraker in order to pump out water into Lake Pontchartrain, Consideration of T-walls along hwy 11, use of the train trestle as a levee, wave wall and I 12 as a levee. Flood gates would be either sector, wing or barge gates at Eden Isles and Lake Pontchartrain. Next is a Feasibility Study which will be from 2020-2023. The Federal Government is responsible for 65% of this cost with the other 35% coming from State, Parish and Local governments. When this presentation was over, Dan McGovern stood and said that the \$2,000,000 given the Board to hire an engineering firm could not have been better spent than hiring Schaffer's firm.

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Fifth Speaker: Tom Thompson. The floor was given over to local Eden Isles resident Tom Thompson. He presented a video that has taken him 15 years to get which shows the local head of the Corps of Engineers stating that if the Corps does anything to protect one area that causes serious impact on another area, the Corps is responsible to mitigate those damages. In other words, the Corps should and would have to bear responsibility for our Levee system because the closing of the MRGO and closing of the New Orleans East Levee - that closes the "natural" area of overflow - to protect St. Bernard Parish and the Eastern New Orleans areas has created serious problems of future, more widely spread and deeper flooding of the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

The meeting presentations were than ended. Those in attendance gave applause to our Levee Board members, Neel Schaffer's crew and Tom Thompson.

We had sent out a News Journal to all of our residents earlier this year. This meeting was our only "in person" meeting of 2020 and it was MOST important and informative. Bonnie thanked those in attendance and stated that the speakers would remain for a few minutes if anyone had a question they needed to ask.

Monica Tyler then had Sgt. Casanave pull the 50/50 winning number. It was Flo Cervini who took home the \$47.00.

Monica Tyler then ended the meeting with a prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Included with these minutes is a form from Mary Dubuisson, La. State Representative District 90, to legalize the use of golf carts within our neighborhood. If you agree, please fill out the form and send it to Mary Dubuisson:

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Special thanks to Papa John's for donating the Pizza and dessert for our meeting.

Submitted by:
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