

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP
February 23, 2021
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Due to Guidelines Imposed by the Michigan Department of Public Health, this meeting was held virtually.

Members present: Bunte, Chikaming Township Office, Dudiak, Clerks Office, Rettig, Treasurer's Office, Marske, Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, and Sullivan, Harbert, Michigan. Also in attendance via zoom Park Board member Arthur Anderson.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bunte at 3:30 P.M.

2021-2022 Fiscal Year - Proposed Budget:

A Budget Summary of all funds was delivered to the board before the meeting to review. The General Fund, Public Safety, Building, Road Maintenance Budgets were discussed and accepted with no significant changes. Estimate Revenues funds was discussed in each department category showing a decrease in all except Building Department increasing due to Rental income and housing being on the upswing.

Capital Improvements were reviewed. In 2020-2021 New Phone system is being completed, Digitalization of Township Records continues to be completed. With the Cherry Beach Project, Sewer & Water Improvements, Union Pier Development Project, our additional Priority 1 items are going to be on hold until we can regroup and discuss funding for Harbert, Lakeside and Sawyer Development projects. Cemetery Sexton is waiting on Road Surfacing cost and dates for Riverside and Lakeside which will be reviewed once they are received.

No changes were recommended for the Salary Study all agreed to stay with a 2% increase across the board.

A few minor changes to the Chikaming township list of Annual Appointments for 2021-2022 were made due to expiring terms. Wells Fargo Bank is now TCF Bank, New Buffalo Savings Bank is now Teachers Credit Union. Suggested and positive discussion regarding changing the time for Zoning Board of Appeals meetings that has been on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Supervisor will look into this further and report back to board.

Sewer and Water budgets were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak, Township Clerk