

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP

January 26, 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, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan. Also in attendance via zoom were Park Board members, Arthur Anderson and Kathy Sellers. Public Safety, Chief Todd Taylor and Chief Mike Davidson
Water/Sewer, Julie Schroder

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bunte at 10:00 a.m.
The board received budget reports for each fund to review and discuss.

2021 Budget discussion items:

The Park Board presented their budget to the board requesting minor increases due to contracts cost going up. Larger increases were in Repair & Maintenance for grading of park roads and prairie burns and Beach Construction for Harbert Stairs, Cherry Beach and Pier. The requests were heard by the board and will be reviewed.

Chief Taylor thanked the board for the opportunity to participate in the Police Department budget process. Explained cost would be minimal with employment, he is looking into an intern coming out of the police academy to replace an officer that left the department but will not be ready until sometime in the spring. A request of approximately \$5,000.00 for Taser's and \$2,000.00 for a new computer for one of the patrol cars was presented for consideration.

Chief Davidson thanked the board for his opportunity to present his proposed budget to the board. Chief submitted a request to replace the 2013 Tahoe M.F.R. vehicle and equipment. The completed quote of \$49,324.45. A breakdown of cost was given to the board for review.

Julie Schroeder, Utility Coordinator presented a summary of the budget items to be considered in the upcoming year. A recommendation to increase line item in transfer from system replacement for upgrades that will be done in the Lakeside area that have been slated in our capital improvement plan. A request to purchase a John Deere 4-wheel drive Tractor with a backhoe, front loader, forks, and a trailer was recommended to the board. This will serve a dual purpose; it will save money by not having to hire out when digging is needed. This will also be able to be used by the Cemetery department again saving cost. The department will be getting rid of a Transit van, Ranger and old backhoe. \$30,000.00 was added for Painting of the Reservoir.

General Fund, Building, Road Maintenance were all reviewed showing and discussing each department revenues and expenses. No significant changes, corrections, increases and decreases will be made before the next meeting.

Hourly and Salary Compensation study was reviewed, a 2% increase across the board was presented and will be discussed at our next February 09, 2021 budget workshop.

Annual appointments and strategic planning were reviewed and updated.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak, Township Clerk