

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2023**

The April 13, 2023 , meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske present, Sullivan absent at Chikaming Township Center. Also present, Attorney Hilmer, David Johnson, Francesca Sagala and a few members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Consent Agenda was given to the board, Marske moved, Rettig supported approving the Consent Agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, supported by Marske to approve the Treasurer's Report presented to the board.

All ayes, motion carried.

Paying the bills was read. A motion to approve the paying of the bills was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was given to the board replying to the State of Michigan Department of Treasury concerning the Audit for the Fiscal Year 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Agreement:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the agreement with the libraries on penal fine distribution and newly approved millage. Agreement to be sent to all libraries.

All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to allow Chief Taylor to donate and or destroy old uniforms and purge damaged police department equipment.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to hire Mr. Jaspering as a seasonal parking enforcement officer from the dates of May 20, 2023 to August 14, 2023.

After the completion of the Police academy he would then be hired as a full-time police officer for Chikaming township beginning August 21, 2023. Also allow Chief Taylor to apply for grants for costs associated with the police academy.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to hire Mr. Ellis as a seasonal parking enforcement officer to commence on May 20th, 2023 to September 5th, 2023.

All ayes, motion carried.

Various Budget amendments were required to the 2022-2023 budget that impact the respective department's estimates. A motion was made Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the amendments as presented by the Supervisor.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve a Fireworks application for Woodlawn Beach Lakefront on July 2, 2023.
All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution was presented to the board from Berrien County Emergency Management to appoint Chief Todd Taylor to serve as the primary emergency management liaison for Chikaming Township. . Motion by Marske, supported by Bunte.
By roll call vote: Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig
Absent: Sullivan
Resolution Adopted.

By resolution Chikaming Township approve the millage ballot question language and directed the Clerk to submit it to be place on the August 8, 2023 election ballot.
By roll call vote: Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske
Absent: Sullivan
Resolution Adopted.

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to authorize the Clerk to negotiate an agreement with local communities and the Berrien County Clerk for “9 days of Early Voting: in future upcoming elections.
All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Sarah Skinner, Bridgman Library introduced their new logo. There will be many activities highlighting the new logo for the public next week, please go to the website for details.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

AEP will having a public meeting in mid may regarding the work that will be done from New Buffalo to Bridgman.

Sawyer Road work will begin April 24, 2023, rail road tracks to Flynn (East side) then flip to west side rerouting of traffic Flynn to Harbert. Completion before Memorial Day.

Sawyer Design review meeting for the public will be May 1, 2023 at 5:30 at Section House in Sawyer.

Joe Martin – Parks Director has completed his first few weeks with many projects from clearing damns from beavers and leveling Harbert drive with new stone.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 6.59 PM.
All ayes, Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**