

**APPROVED**

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
April 9, 2020**

The April 9, 2020 meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan present, Marske electronically. Also, present Attorney Charles Hilmer. Along with members of the community by video.

The Consent Agenda was given to the board, Sullivan moved, Marske supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Dudiak, Rettig, Bunte, Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A letter was received concerning rental ordinances being loosely constructed. Correspondence was received from BHS insurance concerning premiums for Township's liability insurance increasing. We proceeded by going to a higher deductible of \$1,000.00 to reduce the cost of our premium. There is also a possibility of changing our workman's compensation carrier to reduce cost. We will continue to research. The correspondence was presented to the board and placed on file as read.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Union Pier Project Update:

The project is proceeding as scheduled. April 20, 2020 the main sewer portion will begin with Red Arrow Highway being closed. The project will continue with the next phase being July of 2020.

A motion was made to approve Supervisor Bunte to sign an agreement as presented by the Berrien County Road Department to proceed with the project.

Moved by Sullivan, supported by Dudiak

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Marske, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes motion carried.

For the Union Pier Project, the committed funding sources include \$100,000.00 from Pokagon fund, \$35,000.00 from USDA rural Development Grant, with an additional grant opportunity from the USDA in process. The funding for Chikaming's balance of the cost \$580,353.00 would be committed by a loan from the Sewer Department at 2% interest over 8 years. Budget impacts would be the interest on the loan. Updates will be given monthly. A motion was made by Marske, moved by Rettig to approve to borrow from the from the Sewer Department at 2% interest over 8 years.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Bunte, Marske, Dudiak, Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Berrien County Road Department Township Road Agreement for the 2020 Construction Season was presented, which the agreed upon and approved in February

A motion was made by Marske, Sullivan, supported by Sullivan to allow Supervisor Bunte to sign the agreement for a total amount \$580,772.00.

By Roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Sullivan thanked the office for being here and still functioning for our public.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 P.M., moved by Rettig, supported by Bunte.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Marske, Dudiak

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak  
Chikaming Township Clerk**