

**APPROVED**

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
August 13, 2020  
Electronic meeting via zoom, per Governor Whitmer's order**

The August 13, 2020 meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske present. Also present Attorney Charles Hilmer. Along with members of the community by video.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Marske, Dudiak

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence was presented to the board and placed on file as read.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Congratulations was given to the Police Department on their upcoming accreditation.

A concerned property owner spoke regarding increased density of people at beaches and the amount of cars in the area.

Another concern was aired regarding the consent agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Union Pier Project Update:

Activities from 8/3/20 – 8/8/20

Continue 48" sanitary sewer installation. Lift Station 6 Force main replacement, approx. 1000' of force main was installed to Kruse Street. Additional materials arrived, continue force main installation from south to north. Looking forward to a groundbreaking ceremony early fall.

Cherry Beach Update:

A Resolution was read and approved to accept a grant for Lake Michigan Forest and public beach expansion. A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to accept the grant.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte

Resolution adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion to approve and adjust revenues from millages in the General Fund, Public Safety Fund and Road Maintenance fund due to the Truth in Taxation Hearing and meeting of the board July 9, 2020. Motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Bunte to refund in full, \$500.00 to Peggy Johnson based on the minutes of the ZBA meeting and reference to comments by Doug Dow on non-conforming parcels.

By roll call vote:

Rettig (No), Sullivan (Yes), Marske (No), Bunte (Yes), Dudiak (Yes)

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve a policy that all application fees are non-refundable and post on documents that reflect the policy.

By roll call vote:

Rettig, Dudiak, Marske, Bunte, Sullivan  
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a proposal for a standard garage 12 X 20 from Avery Building and Barns for \$5,080. This purchase will be split equally between the cemetery and the township budgets. It will be built on the pad on the Township Center's property.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan, Dudiak, Marske  
All ayes, motion carried.

A group of volunteers and donors set up a Go Fund Me account to generate funds to rebuild the destroyed portion of the stairs at Cherry Beach. The park board and the Township would like to thank all the volunteer and donors for a great job. A plaque will be placed on the stairs in recognition of all their efforts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A suggestion was made to encourage people to buy gift cards in effort to help our small business in the community.

Sullivan will be updating and tweaking a video of the Chikaming coastline that was done with an ex-student from River Valley Middle High School. He will present it to the board at the next meeting in hopes to put it on our website for the public.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

**Life changing situations in the last 5 months have resulted in many changes due to COVID 19 in Chikaming Township.**

Discussion was how can we help our small businesses, increase outdoor seating to our commercial areas? Ease up on some restrictions such as parking or capacity or hours of operation? Get input from businesses and public and reach out seeking input on how we can help?

A list of businesses has been started already by our Water Department. The Treasurer offered to look into gathering more information and combine the two lists. This will be a great start.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM, moved by Rettig, supported by Bunte.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak, Chikaming Township Clerk**