

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2020
Electronic meeting via zoom
Per Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**

The December 10, 2020 meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske present by zoom. Along with members of the community by zoom 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:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:
NONE**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dennis from Bridgman Library gave an update on adjusted hours for the Library: 11:00am-6:00pm M-Thu.; 11:00am-5:00pm Friday; 11am-2:00pm, Saturday and encouraged everyone to go to website for updates throughout the winter and sign up for emails.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Pier Project Update:

Projects are wrapping up for the winter. Union Pier project will commence again in the spring to finish concrete, pathways, streetscape improvements for an estimated completion of Memorial Day weekend 2021.

Cherry Beach Update:

The MDNRFT gave the authority to move forward on updated appraisals for the Reed Beidler Trust property adjacent to Cherry Beach. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to engage Valbridge Property Advisors at \$2,000.00 and Carlson Appraisal Company at \$2,900.00.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Rettig, Bunte Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to approve the Park Board's recommendation to fill two open positions with Steve Ellis and Jocelyn Verlee.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan - No

Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske - Yes

Motion carried.

A recommendation from Supervisor Bunte to engage a rental management program company, Granicus and adopt a new rental fee was deferred so the board could meet with Granicus and have additional time to review the proposal presented.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to approve the recommendations from the Road Advisory Committee for the 2021 township road plan for Chikaming Township.

By roll call vote:
Marske, Sullivan, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve the 2021 township calendar as presented.

By roll call vote:
Sullivan, Dudiak, Marske, Rettig, Bunte
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the engagement of Scott Howard, an Environmental Attorney in development of an ordinance on shoreline revetments.

By roll call vote:
Rettig, Dudiak, Marske, Sullivan, Bunte
All ayes, motion carried.

The board approved a recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve Wightman Consulting's proposal for Harbert Improvements along with budget amendments to be added to the 2020 budget.

Motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske,
By roll call vote:
Marske, Sullivan, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made Bunte, supported by Dudiak to appoint Bill Marske as an ex officio member of the Planning Commission for the 2021.

By roll call vote:
Rettig, Bunte, Sullivan, Dudiak – Yes
Marske – abstain
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Sullivan to appoint board member Liz Rettig as liaison for Zoning Board of Appeals and Rich Sullivan as liaison for Public Safety Committee.

By roll call vote:
Bunte, Dudiak, Sullivan, Marske, Rettig.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to accept the appointment of the Board of Review members, Tim Hawkins, Lee Strohl and Ed Gramberg.

By roll call vote:
Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Marske
All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Over 55 participants joined the Zoom meeting. Many comments were made regarding the Rental changes and the continuing concern over revetments in Chikaming Township.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte encouraged everyone to buy gift cards and items locally to keep our businesses going throughout the township.

The board thanked Kaili Johnson for her services on the Police Department. She has resigned her full time position, her last day of employment will be December 31, 2020.

The board congratulated John Gooch on his retirement from the New Buffalo Times, he has been a huge asset to Chikaming Township throughout the years.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM, moved by Rettig, supported by Rettig.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Paula Dudiak, Chikaming Township Clerk