

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2021**

The December 9, 2021, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan present, at Chikaming Township Center. Also present, Attorney Hilmer, John Gooch, Francesca Sagala and several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and email were presented to the board for review and put on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Services Contract:

Chikaming Township Board's recommendation was to assign one Library for Chikaming Township residence. A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Marske to approve a contract with Bridgman including penal fines with the dollar amount to be determined. Supervisor will gather information and bring it back to the Board.

All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a Resolution regarding Amtrak Rail Link in New Buffalo supporting an Environmental and Engineering study for a New Buffalo Passenger Rail Connection.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske - All Ayes

Resolution approved.

A motion to authorize Supervisor Bunte to sign a letter of support for an Environmental Engineering Study for New Buffalo Passenger Rail Connection and approve a \$2,000.00 pledge was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a committee of three consisting of Rich Sullivan, Trustee, Gregg Bunch, Public Safety Commission and Chief Chiarello, Lincoln Township to follow structure and procedures in the search process for our Fire Chief position.

All ayes, motion carried.

A Platted Lot Combination Application and survey were submitted to the board for a Platted Lot combination at 15373 Lakeshore Rd, Lakeside. A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Rettig to approve the combination of parcels 11-07-0030-0087-02-0 and 11-07-0030-0085-01-0.

Marske abstained, all other ayes, motion carried.

A request for a Parcel Combination was submitted to the board for 12347 Dunes Road, Sawyer by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to combine parcels 11-07-3370-0050-00-1 and 11-07-3370-0052-02-0.

Marske abstained, all other ayes, motion carried.

A request for a Application for Boundary Line Adjustment was submitted to the board for 12347 Dunes Road, Sawyer by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to add vacant lots 120 and 121 to the Parcel with the house on Dunes Road.

Marske abstained, all other ayes, motion carried.

A Platted Lot Division Application was submitted to the Board for 13252 Pleasant Street, Sawyer. A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to divide parcel 11-07-7300-0047-02-0 into two conforming parcels, each having in excess of 20,000 square feet lot area and both exceed 100 feet of road frontage.

Marske abstained, all other ayes, motion carried.

The planning Commission requested approval for a proposal submitted by Entero Group for consulting services in regards to the Sawyer Improvement Project. A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Rettig to approve the proposal.

All ayes, motion carried.

Sargent Jones presented a proposal to remodel the Police Department office and entryway to the Police Department, to upgrade and allow for changes due to the recent combining of our Director of First Impressions and request from the Police Department Staff. A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to approve the proposal not to exceed \$50,000.00.

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

None

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Housing Study for Berrien County

Several people agreed that affordable/ workplace housing is needed in our community.

Supervisor Bunte shared the housing study facts and graphs with the public.

This information is posted on Chikaming Township Web site under County News. The link will be there for everyone to access, many of the key findings show problems that townships are facing. You can also go to the Berrien County website.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Noise from the newly paved Red Arrow Highway is presumed by the Berrien County Road Department to be from the weather being cold when the asphalt was laid. In the spring they will re-evaluate.

January 12, 2021, Wednesday there will be a Public meeting to address Berrien St in Union Pier parking issues and road repairs.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM.

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**