

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2022**

The February 10, 2022, 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, David Johnson, 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, Rettig 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:

Annie Brown from South Haven introduced herself to the board, she is running for state representative and would like our support.

Joey Andrews from St. Joseph introduced himself to the board, he is running in the 38th house district.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Services Contract:

After negotiation with New Buffalo Township Library, Three Oaks Library and Bridgman Library, it has been approved by all to continue the Library Agreement through June 30, 2022 instead of March 31, 2022, so the distribution of penal fines in June can be distributed to each library.

Supervisor Bunte will be working with Bridgman Library for a contract to start July 1, 2022.

Fire Chief Recommendations:

The four members of the interview team unanimously recommended that Chikaming Township tender an offer to Mr. Allen Weich of Bridgman, Michigan for the position of Chikaming Township Fire Chief.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resolution was presented to approve the annual salaries for all board members, per attached completed resolution.

By individual roll call vote

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the annual adoption of the Township policy on Poverty Exemption, Income Guidelines and Asset Test required by the state through resolution.

By roll call vote:

Rettig, Bunte, Marske, Sullivan, Dudiak

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve all budget amendments to the 2021-2022 budget as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the Medic 1 budget and Agreement as presented, noting the census data had not been updated to the current 2020 numbers at this time. The agreement will be evaluated if the actual numbers are finalized.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to authorize Chikaming Township to collect summer taxes for River Valley, Berrien RESA, Lake Michigan College at 100% and New Buffalo Schools at 50%.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to approve the Clerk and Trustee Marske to attend the annual MTA conference in Lansing was approved.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve the Parcel combination of Property Codes 11-07-4670-0094-01-1, 11-07-4670-0100-01-1 and 11-07-4670-0141-00-1 as recommended by the planning commission was made by Sullivan and supported by Rettig.
Ayes: Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig and Sullivan
Abstained: Marske

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve a Pokagon Fund Grant for Alex Schrader to participate in the Leadership Accelerator Program in the amount of \$1,500.00 from 1/24/2022 terminating on 7/30/2022.
All ayes, motion carried.

The board approved an online system for accepting park donations though PayPal. Motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to allow Supervisor Bunte to proceed with a grant application with USDA and approve the match requirement for Sawyer Streetscape Design utilizing the Antero Group.
All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Dennis, Bridgman Public Library updated the board on new activities starting with story tellers thru March 31 virtually with additional programs to continue to be online. The library is requesting proposals for design and construction services for an emergency standby Generator. Interested firms may go to the library website for proposal documents, proposals will be received until Monday February 28, 2022.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Berrien County Trails Master Plan Update.

Supervisor Bunte ask the public to share their thoughts and ideas through the website.

No additional comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.
All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**