

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2021
Electronic meeting via zoom
Per Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**

The February 11, 2021 Meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte in Chikaming Township, Dudiak in Chikaming Township office, Rettig in Chikaming township office, Sullivan in Harbert, Michigan, Marske on Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, Michigan, all present.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Rettig, Bunte, Marske, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

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:

Correspondence from the United States Department of Commerce thanking Chikaming Township for our partnership during the Census.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library advised they are now making thirty-minute appointments for visitors to come in and use the facilities. They are also starting live preschool zoom programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske, to adopt the annual Township policy on Poverty Exemption, Income Guidelines and Asset Test by resolution.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the IRS mandated rate for mileage reimbursement at a rate of .56/mile.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske, Dudiak

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske supported by Sullivan to approve amendments to the 2021-22 budget for Zoning to add \$34,000.00 for Harbert improvement consulting project, Building to add \$25,000 for Host Compliance/Granicus rental program and to remove \$250,000.00 for Beidler purchase from budget and include it into 2021-22 budget.

By roll call vote:

Rettig, Sullivan, Marske, Dudiak, Bunte

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve 2021-2022 budget for Medic 1 ambulance service and renew our contract with a 3% increase.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Marske, Dudiak, Rettig, Bunte

All ayes, motion carried.

The annual agreements for collection of summer school property taxes for New Buffalo, River Valley, Lake Michigan College and Berrien RESA were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Marske to approve the agreements, and send them to the schools.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Marske, Dudiak, Sullivan, Rettig

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to not pursue the purchase of property at 11-07-0009-0004-01-5 requested by the owner John Coupe. The Board felt the location and accessibility of the parcel did not fulfill the Township's need, along with questions regarding the neighboring properties and the homeowner's association.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution and an Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor for Berrien County was presented to the board for approval. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adopt the resolution, and appoint the Supervisor to sign on behalf of Chikaming Township.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Bunte, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution adopted.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte advised that we are waiting for the Draft on Shoreline Armoring Ordinance from our attorney and hope to get it out to the public within the next two weeks at the latest. Please keep watching the website for any updates.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Rettig, supported by Marske, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM.

By Roll Call Vote:

Dudiak, Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Bunte

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**