**APPROVED**

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**January 11, 2024**

The January 11, 2024, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Marske and Sullivan present at Chikaming Township Center. Rettig absent. Also present, Attorney Hilmer, David Johnson, Francesca Sagala and several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to amend the agenda to add Old Business #1, AEP letter received at 4:27 pm on January 11, 2024.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Consent Agenda was given to the board, Dudiak moved, Marske supported approving the Consent Agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve the Treasurers report as read.

All ayes, motion caried

A motion to approve the paying of the bills was made by Marske supported by Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chikaming Township thanked the Pokagon Fund for their local support for the grant funds that were used to purchase two speed signs, which are now located by the school.

**Joe Martin – Parks Director Report:**

Joe Martin presented the parks report. It will be placed on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Wilk and Rick Fuller were present from Bridgman Library. John presented an update of events from December of 2023 and presented upcoming recurring monthly events beginning January 2024. A report was given.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A letter was received at 4:27 pm from Mona R Livingston from AEP and was added to the agenda. Supervisor Bunte read the letter to the Public and Board. The letter addressed the collective comments, concerns, and questions that were presented after the Chikaming Township Question and Answer public meeting. The letter will be placed on our website. A virtual meeting with their team was suggested for February 8th during the regular scheduled Chikaming Township Board Meeting. It will be posted if this date is available with AEP staff.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A presentation was given by Dave Campbell, superintendent of River Valley Schools.

The presentation included Frequently asked Questions and facts on the Operational and Sinking fund millages that are up for renewal and will be on the February 27, 2024 ballot.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve a contract with Lexipol for policies, procedures, and training services. The cost will be reviewed and discussed during our upcoming budget meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve the request from the Planning Commission to Amend Special Land use #209 for Rocky and Lindsey Troxell at 7237 Youngren Rd, Three Oaks, Mi, 11-07-0015-0020-11-0.

All ayes, motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Reminder Monday the Office will be closed for Martin Luther Kings Jr. Day.

Tuesday January 16th at 1:00 pm the Planning Commission will be interviewing

for the Master plan preparations. This is an open meeting and has been posted accordingly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

All ayes, Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak**

**Chikaming Township Clerk**