

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
January 12, 2023**

The January 12, 2023 , 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.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

No Treasurer's Report this month.

All ayes, motion carried.

Paying of the bills was read by Clerk Dudiak. A motion to approve the paying of the bills was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A question regarding the road condition, in particular Warren Woods Road as to if it was going to be repaired and when.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Parks Committee Update on Job Description and MParks application:**

Rich Sullivan, a member of the Parks Committee talked to the Board about the Mold Grant Community Project application and requested a motion to submit the application. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve the application for submission.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve the Job Description for a Director of Parks for Chikaming Township.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to post the Job Description.

All ayes, motion carried.

A updated critical Date Schedule was also presented to board members.

**Broadband Internet County update:**

A letter detailing the steps that Berrien County is going to move forward with the Broadband internet product was read to the Public. Thank you to David for applying to the county for funding to help pay for the deployment of high-speed broadband services to our residents. Chikaming among other communities applied.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve a request for a donation of a park bench and a tree from the Grant Family to be placed at Chikaming Park and Preserve.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to made to accept a buy back of cemetery plots at 75% of the purchase price and to refund the owner \$450.00, as they have moved out of the state. Motion by Marske, supported by Sullivan.  
All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution for Berrien County Multi-Hazard Multi-Jurisdictional plan was submitted and approved by Dudiak, supported by Marske.  
By roll call vote: Marske, Sullivan, Bunte, Rettig, Dudiak  
Resolution adopted.  
By roll call vote: Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan. Rettig absent

There will be a May 2, 2023 election for Lake Michigan College, this would be the time to add our Road millage which was one mill for (6 years) expiring 2022. After a discussion by the Board a motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to place a renewal at the current rate of .9785 and not increase it. Then submit to our attorney for ballot language and resolution.  
All ayes, motion carried.

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a Lot Combination for Shargeel Dogar, 11-07-5620-0074-00-1 and 11-07-5620-0075-00-8 was approved, motion made by Dudiak Supported by Marske.  
All ayes, motion carried.

A recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve a Boundary Line adjustment for 15609 Streed Ave, property code 11-07-4730-0022-01-8 and combine with 15605 and 15613 Streed Ave was approved, motion by Marske, supported by Sullivan.  
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve budget amendments/reallocation of Firefighting equipment purchases was approved with a change from 6 to 8 sets of bunker pant and coat personal protective equipment. For a total of approximately \$40,000.00.  
All ayes, motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** (3-minute limit)  
None

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

David Bunte personally and for the Township thanked everyone that donated their time in helping with the three Spark Grants that were submitted in mid December. Over 100 letters of support were collected. Without their expert help these would have been impossible to submit on time.

For the Sawyer Park: Todd Taylor and Steve Saunders

Harbert Park: John Chipman, Josephine Bellalton, John McManus, Joelle Regovich, and Tom Runkle

Lakeside Park: Doug Hoerr, Sue Phelan, Teresa, and Frank Richter

Rich Sullivan wanted to thank all those that worked hard during a water break on Christmas eve. The Oldenburg brothers along with our staff especially Brian Anderson for the hours spent to complete the task.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.  
All ayes, Motion carried.  
Meeting Adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak  
Chikaming Township Clerk**