

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2022**

The January 13, 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, 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:

John MacGregor was recognized for his years of service and presented a gift by Chief Taylor and a certificate of appreciation by Greg Nelson.

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 March 31, 2022, including the distribution of the penal fines. A Chikaming Township resident may continue to visit all libraries until that date without obtaining a Library Card. Discussions with Bridgman library as Chikaming Township's library of choice are scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve a recommendation from Chief Taylor to hire Max Alverson as a full time Police Officer for Chikaming Township.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the Chikaming Township 2022 Berrien County Road Department projects.

All ayes, motion carried.

The IRS standard Mileage Rate of 58.5 cents a mile for 2022 was approved by a motion by Rettig, supported by Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

A Final site plan review and Special Land Use application was approved by the Planning Commission and recommended to the board. A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve the Special Land Use #208 at 5896 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, previously Sawyer Hardware and Lumber to become an event space.

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Dennis, Bridgman Public Library advised that the library is still fully open at this time. Additional programs for the winter will continue to be online also.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Library Agreement/Funding

Jill Underhill stated she felt the board made a good decision for Chikaming Township residence.

No additional comments were made.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The final information that was needed from Wightman and the County for the Streetscape Grant Project was received. Our reimbursement of \$75,000 has been processed and should be in our account in 3-5 business days. Every 3 years, USDA will complete a civil rights compliance review to verify that the Township is complying with all applicable civil rights laws and requirements associated with the grant funds as well as a security check on the improvements.

An additional Public Forum will be held regarding the Berrien Street Road improvements and resurfacing project the end of February, check website for exact date.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**