

**APPROVED**

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
July 9, 2020  
Electronic meeting via zoom, per Governor Whitmer's order**

The July 9, 2020 meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske present. Also present Attorney Charles Hilmer. Along with members of the community by video.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to amend the agenda to add Item #3 Resolution on Truth in Taxation moved by Bunte, supported by Marske.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Bunte

All ayes, motion carried.

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 was received thanking our Police Department and Emergency first responder for their support during a recent event on May 30, 2020.

A letter on behalf of the Michigan Association of Planning informed Chikaming Township David Bunte and Doug Dow have been selected the Outstanding Community Administrator's award for the 2020 Planning Leader Award.

All correspondence was presented to the board and placed on file as read.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Dennis Kreps, Bridgman library reminded everyone that all three libraries are offering curb side service.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A Motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to adjourn the Board Meeting to conduct the Public Hearing on Truth in Taxation.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to Open the Public Hearing.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, Sullivan

Supervisor Bunte informed the board on the issue of whether or not to levy an additional millage rate: of 0.5510 mills.

**Public Comment:**

A Chikaming township resident stated that Chikaming Township should revert to the state limits.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to close the Public Hearing.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Marske, Sullivan, Rettig

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to reopen the Board Meeting.

By roll call vote:

Rettig, Marske, Sullivan, Bunte, Dudiak

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Union Pier Project Update: June 29- July 2.

Progress report: Temporary restoration of Townline Avenue and two lanes of Red Arrow Highway. Traffic shift along Red Arrow Highway. Removal of outer northbound lane of Red Arrow from Union Pier to Berrien Street.

Road Department bids will start for street scape on July 24, 2020.

Cherry Beach Update:

An email was received with information on tracking the Bill for the 2019 Trust Fund Grant MDNRT. A bill has been introduced in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chief Davidson announced the certification of Carson Taylor for Firefighter I & II.

Carson successfully completed this certification and has been an active member of the Chikaming Township Fire Department as a Cadet firefighter with limited duties unit June 5, 2020. According to the State Fire Marshal he is Certified. He is continuing his education in becoming an EMT and will taking his National Board License certification in July or August of 2020. Carson also desires to be involved with our water rescue team.

Chief Davidson ask the board to reinstate Tobin Klint to the fire department. Toby started with the fire department in February 2005 became certified firefighter I & II and a licensed MFR. He was active until 2010 when he resigned to start his carrier in the medical field. A motion was made to reinstate Tobin Klint by Sullivan supported by Marske.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A proposal was presented for video imaging of Chikaming township coastline. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the proposal, cost between \$500.00 to \$700.00 for video imaging to David Linscheid to assist out of Benton Harbor Regional Airport. Rich Sullivan, Township trustee will also join.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske. Sullivan abstained.

All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution was read and approved that the Chikaming Township board approves the levy of an additional millage rate of 0.5510 mills, pursuant to the requirements of the Truth in Taxation Law and does hereby establish the 2020 Chikaming Township millage rate as follows: Allocation, operating millage 0.3723, Voted, Public Safety 1.8982 and Voted Roads, 0.9991 as delineated on the 2020 Tax Rate Request form.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Rettig, Marske

All ayes, Resolution adopted

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Congratulations to David Bunte on being a recipient of the Outstanding Community Administrators award for the 2020.

Congratulation to Bill Marske on his retirement from his career.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan.

Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak, Chikaming Township Clerk**