

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 9, 2022**

The June 9, 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, Dudiak supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Rettig. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dudiak, Supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

Paying of the bills was read by Treasurer Rettig. A motion to approve the paying of the bills was made by Marske, supported by Bunte.

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and email were presented to the board for review and put on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several people spoke regarding the Union Green Project, and comment was made to add additional information to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Ordinance Amendment:

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to table the Zoning Ordinance Text amendment Section 5.01(3) Union Pier Overlay District for another month to the July 14, 2022, Township Board Meeting.

Ayes: Bunte, Dudiak, Sullivan, Rettig

Abstained: Marske

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Todd Taylor requested to allow officers Carpp and Alverson to partake in the rifle buy-back program which was approved in 2013 and has been used in the past. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to allow the officers to partake in the program to be paid back in one (1) year.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to hire Bradley Miller as a full-time firefighter/MFR starting June 20, 2022, for Chikaming Township Fire Department.

All ayes, motion carried.

A request was presented from Greg Nelson, Code Enforcement Officer for Chikaming Township to approve fines relating to the rental program.

A motion to table this request for further clarity and bring back to the Board at their July Meeting was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak

The board approved by a motion from Rettig, supported by Dudiak to approve Special Land Use #210 for Edita Maier at 15256 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside property Code #11-07-0019-0087-02-0 as presented by the planning commission.
All ayes, motion carried.

By Board consensus, the board approved Supervisor Bunte to proceed with discussions with all three libraries regarding monetary expectations and whether a millage for Library funds would be presented on the November election.

A joint meeting for the Elected Park Board and the Board of Trustees was requested at the May Meeting. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to allow Supervisor Bunte to set a meeting date and advise.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Dennis, Bridgman Public Library reminded everyone the Story walk will continue until June 21st, look for details on Juneteenth at the Library.

Bridgman City Garage Sale June 24 & 25

Book Sale July 7, 8 & 9.

Dennis advised this is his last meeting he will be attending. He is moving forward with new endeavors but assured us representatives from Bridgman Library will continue his role in keeping us informed and joining our meeting. The board thanked him; he will be missed.

Additional comments were made concerning the agenda, libraries, and the rental fines.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte advised the public of the Township's Active Shooter presentation that was given at the employee meeting of the Township. Chief Taylor will continue with demonstrations. The front foyer area that has recently been completed with ARPA funds was also for safety of our employees.

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 6pm -7 pm Chikaming Township Coastal Community Resilience Online Public Input Meeting go to www.resilientmichigan.org/chikaming.

The Berrien County Drain office sent a drain maintenance schedule of current work orders for our township for 2022. It has been placed on our website.

Railroad Crossing update: Lakeside is complete, June 13th for Sawyer, June 20th for Three Oaks. Please look on website for updates.

Neighbor by Neighbor and the Pokagon Fund are searching for an AmeriCorps member to serve at the respective organizations. Please see our website for an application and information. Deadline June 27, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.
All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**