

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2022**

The March 10, 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.

Sullivan shared information he sent to promote Weesaw Township's park and recreation plan and recommended everyone send letters of support.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to recess the regular meeting for the Public Hearing on Appropriations Act.

All ayes, motion carried.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

The Public Hearing on Appropriations Act was presented to the board for discussion and approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to reopen the regular meeting by Marske, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Fire Chief:

A motion to approve the hire of Allen Weich for the position of Chikaming Township Fire Chief effective April 1, 2022 was made by Marske, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resolution on the 2022-23 Annual Appropriations act was presented to all board members.

By roll call vote: Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve various budget amendments to the 2021-22 budget as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a five (5%) increase and renew our Chikaming Township assessor's contract with Toni Swisher, SW MI Accessing LLC.

All ayes, motion carried.

A request was sent to the township for a buy back of a plot in Lakeside West Cemetery from Susan Dilly. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to buy back plot 236 and issue a check to her in the amount of \$56.25, which is 75% of the original price paid.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to allow Chief Todd Taylor to purchase three (3) Motorola portable radios at a cost of \$15,999.99, which was donated to the Police Department by Ms. Randy L., and Mr. Melvin R. Berlin.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Bunte to approve a parcel combination recommended by the planning commission for property codes 11-07-6050-0001-00-3 and 11-07-6050-0002-00-0 at 15935 Lake Avenue, Union Pier.

Ayes, Bunte, Sullivan and Dudiak

Abstained: Marske and Rettig

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept Arthur Anderson's letter to resign from the Chikaming Township Park Board effective April 30, 2022.

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Fran Wersells inquired about where the public comment section on the ZBA and Planning Commission agenda's was located, not sure if it is correct if they don't hear comments before decisions are made.

Dennis, Bridgman Public Library reminded everyone about Jennifer Strauss a story teller will be virtual telling stories March 31, April 14th and April 28th.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: Neighbor by Neighbor

Peg Kohring from Neighbor by Neighbor presented the 2021 Annual Report showing dollar amounts spent on each local municipality and how they have assisted people in our area. She was reaching out to us to share this information with everyone and to ask for support. They need mentors for individuals getting their GED, Job searches and many additional services. They are located in Union Pier in the Strip Mall, PO Box 30, Telephone 269-231-0648, E-mail address info@neighborbyneighbor.org. You may also look them up on Facebook @nbyharborcountry.

No additional comments or questions were made.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A thank you to the Berlin family for the donation to the Police Department.

Green Drinks - Michigan's Great Southwest Sustainable Business Forum will be held at Local Pour, Sawyer Tuesday, March 22nd 4:30-6:30 PM Join for conversation about sustainable business and the environment.

Red Arrow Hwy/Harbert Rd Project Informational Presentation - Chikaming Township Hall, Wednesday, March 23, 2022 6:00-7:30 PM.

Chief Davidson's retirement party will be March 29th, 2022 at Local Pour, Sawyer from 5-7.

Treasurer Rettig reported that 97.83% of the Summer and 95.44% of the Winter Taxes for Chikaming Township have been received and they have settled at the County. She thanked her Deputy, Sabina all here help this tax season.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**