

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2021
Electronic meeting via zoom
Per Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

The March 11, 2021 Meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan present, Marske at home office, Elm Valley Rd, Three Oaks, Michigan. Attorney Hilmer present.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDE: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several comments from owners on the lakefront requesting the township to continue to object to the revetment at the 14144 Swift Lane.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to recess the regular meeting at this time for the Public Hearing.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to open the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske, Bunte

All ayes, motion carried.

A Public Hearing on Appropriations act was conducted.

Being no public comment, a motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to close the Public Hearing.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak

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

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig

OLD BUSINESS:

MDNRTF Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion Project update:

We have received one appraisal from Valbridge. The other appraisal from Carlson Appraisals should be in with the week. After both have been received, we will be able to submit them to the Trust Fund.

Union Pier/Red Arrow Improvements Project Update:

Spring is coming, we will be meeting with contractors to continue the project in the next few weeks. Many calls from the public on the lights along the corridor. Because of the grant monies being used to fund parts of this project update MDOT has restrictions that must be adhered to regarding the height and distance of each light. After the landscaping continues it will begin to blend in. Please be patient.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to rescind alarm fees associated with 13167 Forest Ave, Harbert, MI for Ms. Carole Anderson was approved.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Rettig, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to authorize Supervisor Bunte to sign the Metro Act Permit for US Signal Company LLC. for Chikaming Township.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to acknowledge and support the Berrien County Board of Commissioners resolution declaring March 2021 “ Restaurant Week” in Berrien County, and approve a resolution by Chikaming Township to declare the week of March 22nd-March 28th of 2021 as “Restaurant Week” and encourage citizens to frequent area restaurants with dine-in or take-out business.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution adopted.

A resolution was presented to approve the annual salaries for all board members, per attached completed resolution.

By individual roll call vote

All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution adopted.

The motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Appropriations Act Resolution.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Sullivan, Dudiak, Rettig, Bunte

All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve Rich Sullivan as the project manager in the research program to study the Great Lakes Level and shoreline with Michigan State University.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Sullivan, Bunte, Rettig

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to approve the contract proposal from Safebuilt for a Zoning administrator with the condition that the Supervisor and a member of the board meet with the applicant.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Marske, Bunte, Dudiak

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Marske to object to the permit application, HPO-YMJV-SKP2/14144 Swift Lane and inform EGLE of the Township's position.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Rettig to approve budget amendments to the 2020-2021 budget as presented:

Police Department – Add \$20,000 to full time officers, \$10,000.00 to computer services, and \$12,000.00 to vacation pay.

General admin – Add \$15,000.00 to legal for ordinance creation.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Marske, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Treasurer Rettig will be settling at Berrien County with Shelly for taxes collected this coming week.

Marske thanked the board for the additional speed limit sign in Sawyer.

Clerk Dudiak acknowledged all the long hours and hard work and thanked Supervisor Bunte, Assessor Swisher, Assistant Sabina along with the entire staff on the Board of Review for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Rettig, supported by Bunte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM.

By Roll Call Vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**