

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 12, 2020**

The March 12, 2020 meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan present. Also, present Attorney Charles Hilmer, John Gooch, of the Harbor Country News, Francesca Sagala, of the New Buffalo Times, along with members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dennis Kreps, Bridgman Public Library, advised that the Library at this time will remain open but events and programs will be cancelled due to current Health Department and State of Michigan Governor's recommendations. They will continue to update use and the public.

A motion was made to recess the regular meeting by Dudiak, supported by Marske for a Public Hearing on 2020-2021 Budget.

All ayes, motion carried.

No public comments.

A motion was made to close the public hearing by Bunte, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Pier Project Update:

Bids went out for the Sewer projects and came in today, they will be awarded at the next GRSD meeting on March 25th, 2020. Final estimates from Wightman for Chikaming Township's portion of the cost is not known at this time. To date, committed funding sources include \$100K from Pokagon Fund, \$35k from USDA Rural Development Grant. Continuing to research opportunities and internal funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske, to approve the Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption, Income Guidelines and Asset Test for 2020.

By roll call vote:

Marske

Dudiak

Bunte

Rettig

Sullivan

All ayes, Resolution adopted.

The owners of 11-07-0028-0010-00-3 located at 7510 W. Warren Woods, Rd. Three Oaks, Michigan appealed to the board requesting to split this property into two separate parcels, after their Land Division Application to the Zoning Department was denied due to the address being in Agricultural Zoning district, and not conforming with Zoning Ordinance 4.02. Along with paperwork and an explanation from the property manager, advising the board that they are looking into Chikaming Open lands purchasing a portion of the property with the remainder of the property being renovated as a rental property. The Township Board by a motion made by Marske, supported by Sullivan, the board voted the appeal be denied with a condition to resubmit within thirty days with no additional fees.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to approve a Manufacturer License and Permit Application from the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for the applicant Entente Spirits, LLC, property address 9185 Union Pier Road.
All ayes, motion carried.

A request from Chief Taylor to eliminate Petty Cash from the Police Department office was moved by Bunte, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

Salary Resolutions were presented to the board for the fiscal year 2020-2021, and are attached.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

A meeting was held in the office today with all department heads regarding the Covid19 Virus. Chikaming will put out a Code Red and Facebook announcement to all residents to use our drop box and pay bills online when necessary for their safety and the safety of our staff. We will be proactive and relocate with signage the hand sanitizers to be placed outside the office area. We will make changes as necessary following the Berrien County Health Department guidelines.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Celebrate Earth Day's 50th Birthday Wednesday, April 22nd at 1:30, Chikaming Elementary School.

Landscape plan launch and planting.

Hosted by Chikaming Township and River Valley Schools

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M., moved by Bunte, supported by Marske.

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**