

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
March 9, 2023**

The March 9, 2023 , meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, and Sullivan present, Marske absent, 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, Rettig moved, Dudiak supported to approve the Consent Agenda with an amendment to add March 8, 2023 Special meeting minutes to the Board Packages.

All ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, supported by Sullivan to approve the January and February Treasurer's Report presented to the board.

All ayes, motion carried.

Paying of the bills was read. A motion to approve the paying of the bills was made by Sullivan, supported by Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There will be a Community Shred Day Saturday May 6, 2023 from 11:00am until 1:00pm which will be held at New Buffalo Township Public Safety Building 18959 U.S. 12, New Buffalo for local residents of New Buffalo Township, City of New Buffalo, Three Oaks Township, Chikaming Township, Village of Three Oaks, Village of Michiana and Village of Grand Beach.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

A motion was made to close the Regular Meeting by Dudiak, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing on appropriations by Rettig, supported by Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Public Hearing was held to present the Appropriation Act for 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget following MCL 41.95 to the Public.

A motion was made to Close the Public Hearing by Sullivan, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to open the Regular Meeting by Rettig, supported by Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Parks Committee Update:**

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Dudiak to approve the hire of Joseph Martin as Director of Parks and Recreation starting March 20, 2023.

There was warm welcome and introduction to Joseph at this time, he is excited to be part of the Chikaming Township team.

All ayes, motion carried.

**Broadband Internet County update:**

A letter of support was sent to Michigan High-Speed Internet Office to support Comcast’s application for funding to service Berrien County and Chikaming Township on March 1, 2023.

Supervisor Bunte will attend Meetings and keep us posted throughout the process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A resolution was presented and read by Supervisor Bunte to approve the 2023-24 Annual Appropriations Act. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak.

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

Absent: Marske

Resolution Adopted.

A request from Chief Weich was approved to allow Greg Nelson to attend the 2023 Fire Department Instructor’s Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis, Indiana as presented. A Motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to approved Greg Nelson to attend the conference April 25<sup>th</sup> thru April 28, 2023.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to re- appoint Fire Chief, Allen Weich to represent Chikaming Township on Community Emergency Service, Inc d/b/a Medic 1 Board of Trustees.

All ayes, motion carried.

An explanation and resolution was presented to the board by Clerk Dudiak, regarding the May 2, 2023 Election. A Special Meeting was held March 8, 2023 to withdraw Chikaming Townships ballot proposal by resolution, due to LMC withdrawing their millage proposal.

This will be an economic savings for the taxpayers and fulfillment of our fiduciary duties on behalf of our Chikaming Township residents. The ballot proposal, if again approved by the Township Board will be place on the August 8, 2023, election. .

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to authorize Supervisor Bunte to sign a letter of support to the Department of Natural Resources for Hagar Township.

All ayes, motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Congratulations to River Valley Girls basketball team on winning the district title and please support the spaghetti dinner that will be held at the school.

Officer Paige Holtz successfully finished her first week at River Valley School District as school resource officer.

Shred day for Local municipalities and public, May 6, 2023 at the New Buffalo Township Public Safety Building from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Bunte to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM.

All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak  
Chikaming Township Clerk**