

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2022**

The May 12, 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, Rettig 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several people spoke regarding the Library Contract, Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Union Green Project, and the Union Pier Property Donation.

A request for a joint meeting of the Township Board and the Park Board was suggested along with a letter of explanation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Services Proposed Agreement:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the Library Services Agreement as presented for one year, which states all three libraries are in a reciprocal agreement and that Bridgman Card holders can use both New Buffalo and Three Oaks Libraries without paying a \$25.00 fee. New Buffalo and Three Oaks are both agreeing to reciprocate with all three libraries and that they will not be charging Bridgman card holders a fee to use their respective libraries.

All ayes, motion carried.

Donation of lot in Union Pier:

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Marske to refuse the request and send a letter to Witt family at 11-07-4730-0014-01-5 for offering to donate their land for a park area.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Berrien County Drain Commission presented a Petition from residents requesting maintenance and repair of Tiffany Drian #521. A resolution was prepared by the County and submitted to Township Board for support.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to support the Petition and sign the resolution to authorize the filing of the petition for maintenance and improvement of the drain.

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

Resolution adopted.

Chief Todd Taylor presented a recommendation for a promotion of Brandon Jones to the rank of Lieutenant. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a grant application submitted by Chief Taylor through Michigan Township Participating Plan for two (2) body worn cameras from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$3320.00, by resolution.

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

Resolution adopted.

Two applications for fireworks were submitted for approval to the Board. A motion was made to approve a 2022 Application from Night Magic Displays for Woodlawn Beach, Sawyer for July 2, 2022, and an Application from Drew Espenshade for Chikaming Country Club on July 3, 2022 by Rettig, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief Allen Weich presented an employment application from Laura Hooker, a motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve a part time Medical First Responder employee for the Fire Department.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to table the Zoning Ordinance Text amendment Section 5.01(3) Union Pier Overlay District to the June 9, 2022, Township Board Meeting.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve the Special Land Use #209 application for 7237 Youngren Road, Three Oaks from Rocky Troxell which was presented to the Township Board from the Planning Commission.
All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Dennis, Bridgman Public Library advised there is a link on their website for programs collaborating with 1st T-golf for donations, they are a drop off site.
Bridgman City Garage Sale June 24 & 25
Book Sale July 7, 8 & 9.

Additional comments regarding Master Plan regarding Union Green, Union Pier being too small for so many people.
Mr. Stoncius requested answers to his questions regarding zoning amendments and the violations of Zoning Ordinances he presented in a letter of correspondence.
A Joint meeting possible for the ZBA and Planning Commission was discussed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

A thank you to all volunteers for rebuilding Pier Street stairs to the beach.
June 8th Chikaming Township is hosting a recycling event at the Chikaming Township Fire Station 3pm-7pm.
Thank you from Bill Marske to the Township Board for the additional Planning/Zoning training and the opportunity to attend the Michigan Township Association Training in Lansing the end of April.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 PM.
All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**