

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING November 10, 2021

The November 10, 2021, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Marske and Sullivan present, at Chikaming Township Center. Rettig absent. Also, present, John Gooch and Francesca Sagala and several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to amend the agenda to add under New Business #6 recycling.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Concern heard regarding the amount of time for Safe Built to do an inspection needed for electrical work.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Library Services Contract:

The Board discussed the new terms of the proposed contract and have decided to table this contract. Bill Marske and Rich Sullivan will be talking to the Library Board to gather more information and bring information back to the Board.

2. Dangerous Buildings Follow Up:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to proceed with enforcement Section 7 of our Ordinance #78 for properties at 7312 Harbert Road and 5084 Browntown Road.
All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fire Chief Retirement

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to accept Fire Chief Mike Davidson's letter of retirement and work with him on his succession plans.

All ayes, motion carried.

2. Road Name Change Request

A letter was presented to the Board regarding First Road requesting that First Road be renamed Daisy Lane, there are five (5) "First" roads in the Township. Motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to approve the request.

All ayes, motion carried.

3. Zoning Application Fees

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to increase the Zoning Board of Appeals application fee from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. Due to the current cost of a permit not covering the actual cost.

All ayes, motion carried.

4. Township Employee Healthcare Plan Renewal

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the annual 2022 Health Care Plan and continue with Blue Cross Blue shield for our township employees and their families with staff absorbing a slight premium increase.

All ayes, motion carried.

5. 2022 Meetings and Closings Calendar

A motion was made to add Martin Luther King Day as a Holiday.

Motion was made by Sullivan, Supported by Bunte.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Bunte, supported by Marske to approve the change to the 2022 calendar adding January 17, 2022 for MLK Day.

All ayes, motion carried.

6. Recycling

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve an Electronic recycling date of June 8th, 2022 from 3-8 including household hazardous waste and electronic items with Chikaming township being the host for the County.

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

None

DISCUSSION TOPIC: House Bill 4722 (H-11) on Short Term Rentals

The proposed House Bill #4722 on Short Term Rentals could impact our township. The bill states that a local unit of government may limit the total number of units used for short-term rental in the local unit. The limit shall not be less than 30% of the number of existing residential units in the local unit of government and shall apply without regard to the location of dwelling units. Neighborhoods could be overrun with vacation rental properties. Chikaming Township has 4088 residential properties, giving a possibility of 1200 rental units being allowed in our community.

This would be substantially higher than our current amount of approximately 468 rental properties.

Several people commented regarding their concerns, driving up housing prices and with the need of affordable housing already this would create more problems.

Supervisor Bunte advised everyone to contact our Senators immediately with no time limit it is imperative to act quickly.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

November 16, Tuesday at 3:00 at Chikaming Township Hall there will be a presentation for all property owners of Sawyer Road to Flynn looking for Input from people that live in that area what they would like to see as improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**