

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2022**

The November 10, 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, Sullivan supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Rettig. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Marske, supported by Bunte.

All ayes, motion carried.

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

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Miscellaneous emails were distributed to the board put on record as received and read.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Janet Schrader and Sarah Doty would like the township to hire of an independent management firm to oversee and do an independent study of the Seventeen (17) owned Chikaming Township parks and beaches. The suggestion to explore the idea of a Works Department was conveyed. A letter was submitted to the board listing firms.

Supervisor Bunte thanked the Park Board for their dedication and years of volunteering their time. The Parks in Chikaming have been maintained and preserved for decades by many members. The Board deeply appreciates all the people involved, past and present.

Supervisor also thanked the Clerk, Paula Dudiak for the great job and turnout at the November 8, 2022 election, with over 65% of our Chikaming Township voters participating.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review Ballot Referendum on Park Board Election and Board Discussion:

The results of the November 8, 2022, Elected Park Board Proposal passed in favor of dissolving the elected Park Board.

Supervisor Bunte looked to the board asking our thoughts on how we should proceed from here. Do we want to start by looking into a transitional advisory committee to discuss the next steps. The committee could come back to the Board in December with the programs that could be continued, the skating, caroling and any other traditions throughout the winter. He has had members of the community offer assistance to keep the parks going and come up with ideas for new structure. A recommendation of a four (4) member advisory committee with one township board member, Rich Sullivan volunteered during the meeting, due to his experience having served on the Park Board previously. Deborah Hall-Kayler, a past park board member, Fran Wersells and Walter Knake were selected at this time for the advisory committee. Parameters will be further discussed.

Review of the Ballot Referendum on Library Millage Results and Board Discussion:

The Library Millage passed.

Our current contract has been paid through June 2023, it will then expire and not be renewed.

The millage will be on the 2023 winter tax bills for Chikaming Township residents.

The penal fines will remain to be split between all three Libraries per State statute.

The Clerk will notify the State of the contract expiring. The Treasurer will collect the funds and disburse them during tax season.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to allow Chief Taylor to apply for the Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant to replace body cameras for our Officers.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, Supported by Rettig to proceed with gathering additional information on a proposal from Enterprise regarding Fleet Management Open Leasing that was presented by Chief Weich and Chief Taylor.

All ayes, motion carried.

A request was submitted by the Planning commission to the Board for re-zoning of 14401 Prairie Road, parcel #11-07-0022-0001-02-1, motion by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to approve the re-zoning.

By Roll call vote: Ayes: Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Marske

Abstain: Dudiak

By consensus the board agreed to proceed with a request for consolidation possibilities for regional Police Departments from the Cross- Municipal Collaborative.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve Supervisor Bunte to proceed with three (3) Spark Grants, for Harbert Park, Sawyer Square and Lakeside Park

All ayes, motion carried.

Various Budget Amendments to the 2022-2023 budget were submitted to the board for approval. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the amendments as presented.

All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on adopting a resolution from the Best Practices Committee of the Strategic Leadership Council supporting our desire to maintain control of short-term rentals through the Township in opposition to Short Term Legislation, House Bill 4722 and Senate Bill 446.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to proceed with adopting the resolution.

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

Resolution adopted.

A motion was made to allow Supervisor Bunte to move forward to gather bids for Auditing Services to local providers.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan for the replacement of Emergency Reporting and Active Alert software package with First Due for the Fire Department, presentation by Chief Weich including contract and additional modules available for possible future expansion.

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3-minute limit)

Additional comments regarding the direction of Chikaming Parks were heard from the public.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**