

**APPROVED**

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
September 10, 2020  
Electronic meeting via zoom, per Governor Whitmer's order**

The September 10, 2020 meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske present. Also present Attorney Charles Hilmer and John Gooch. Along with members of the community by video.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Consent Agenda was given to the board excluding the Treasurer's report , Marske moved, Sullivan supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Rettig, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email correspondence regarding concerns about our Noise ordinance was shared with the board for review.

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Union Pier Project Update:

Activities 8/31/20 – 9/5/20

Three projects going on at the same time.

Continue 48" sanitary sewer installation. Manhole#7 installed. Lift Station 6 force main was replaced. Approximately 1,200' of Force main was installed.

East Road will be closed next Tuesday for a week following that closure Lakeside Road will be closed for a week and Union Pier at Red Arrow it is currently closed.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, curb and gutter started and will go south to Community Hall Road then North after the Sewer project is done.

Lakeshore drive will start 21<sup>st</sup> of September from Berrien to Pier with the final section to begin in the fall of 2021. Wildflowers may be considered for next spring to finish off the reconstructed right of way on Red Arrow Highway.

Cherry Beach Update:

MDNRTF requested a new boundary map that included the current Cherry Beach property and the Beidler property. The request was completed and uploaded to the Trust Fund. We are waiting for final approval then appraisals.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to approve the annual audit prepared by Hungerford Nichols for Fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented by Dudiak, supported by Marske.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A request from Berrien County Treasurer's office asking if Chikaming Township would be interested in purchasing two properties that have been foreclosed on. Both properties were reviewed and found not to be in the Township's best interest. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan, that Chikaming township is not interested in the properties and the County will be notified.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske

Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

A flyer will be sent out to property owners from the Harbert Park south to the Post office that will be directly impacted by the road improvements that will be happening in the next phase of Red Arrow Highway on September 30, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.. A Q & A by the Road Department will take place under the Pavilion at Harbert Park.

First week of October, there will be an open meeting at Harbert Community Park to discuss the Rental Ordinance with a seasonal review to see what we can do to improve our rental requirements.

Dates will on the website and posted on Face Book.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

**Review of Chikaming Coastline and Revetments:**

A coastline video is in the editing process and will hopefully be ready for the October meeting.

Applications are being reviewed as they come in from EGLE. We feel for the people that cannot walk the beaches, but also we need to look where and when do we need to look at these revetments. Some have no immediate impact, should we try to save some bluff or green space, have people exhausted or approached the township regarding moving their home with variances etc. What impact does a revetment have on the neighbor to left or right. A lot of revetments that were put in years ago are now sticking out preventing people from walking and enjoying the beach.

Harbert beach as been damaged from the impact of revetments. It is a concern.

Mr. Greeff volunteered to help with getting together people for a meeting to discuss some solutions to some of the problems as we had discussed at last meeting. David will begin the process. Water level is down 1" to date.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM, moved by Bunte, supported by Rettig.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak, Chikaming Township Clerk**