

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2021**

The September 9, 2021, 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, John Gooch and 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and email were presented to the board for review and put on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

September 14, 2021, 10:30-12:00 at the River Valley Senior Center there will a presentation of Nature Books. An interest in monarch butterfly migration and habit was discussed briefly with additional information possibly next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A grant request was submitted by the Police Department. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve moving forward with the Body Worn Camera Replacement Grant through "Small Rural Tribal-BWC". This would affect the 2022 budget.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve Nathan Oman and Advanced Property Management Services to maintain the Township facilities and manage the cemetery program.

All ayes, motion carried.

The board was presented a letter from Alan M. Witt considering donating a family Parcel# 11-07-4730-0014-01-5 to the Township for Park Space if the property would be developed into a park with recommendations if possible. The board discussed the offer and will send it to the Park Board for approval, they can then gather the estimated cost of improvements and return to the board with information for further discussion.

Our Library Services Contract with the 3 local libraries expired on June 15, 2020. The libraries are requesting a new contract. Several changes were suggested by New Buffalo Township. All options will be considered and reviewed then be taken back to New Buffalo Township for a contract with our request.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to send the proposed Chikaming Township zoning amendments to the County Planning Commission.

All ayes, motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

A comment was made that if the Library contract changes, adding fees for Chikaming Township residents that she would no longer use the library.

Dan Peterson from Pokagon thanked the Township for hosting the Berrien County Meeting and congratulated everyone for their part in the purchase of Cherry Beach and reminded everyone to fill out the Pokagon fund survey at pokagonfund.org.

A thank you to Greg Nelson, enforcement officer for putting rental signs where they are supposed to be and out of the roadway.

A concern about parking, if the Park Board would consider the offer of the property for a park it would be too crowded.

A suggestion to use Union Green area for a park and put more walkways using caution lights at your own risk.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Berrien County Mater Plan and Strategic Plan online Survey received September 1st is on our website. They are asking for community input.

Pokagon Fund online survey received September 9th is on our website. This needs to be completed by September 17th, please take the time fill out, community input is needed.

September 11th 10:00 AM at Cherry Beach, Janet Schrader will be moving the Cherry Beach sign to the end of the new purchased property. All are welcome.

September 15th at Harbert Community Park under Pavilion from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM the Harbert planning efforts are moving forward and would like to invite you to be part of the process.

September 16th at 6:30 Pm Janet Schrader, Sand Pirate will be at New Buffalo Township Library presenting a guide to Beach Glass, Fossils, Whale Burps and other Beach Treasures.

September 23rd at Chikaming Township, Time To Be Determined. Community Meeting on Master Plan Amendments on Lake Front Resiliency.

September 24th 5:00 PM -7:00 PM A street Party at Union Pier Trailhead on Townline Road. Pokagon fund thank you unveiling at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Bunte to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**