

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 14, 2011**

The April 14, 2011 meeting of the Chikaming Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dudeck with members Bohac, Simmons, Warner and Marske present. Attorney Charles Hilmer and Fire Chief Davidson were also present.

Simmons moved, Warner supported to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2011 regular meeting, the March 17, 2011 budget workshop special meeting, March 24, 2011 Budget Public Hearing and the March 24, 2011 special meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Simmons stated that rather than presenting an incomplete financial report this month due to the stressed out Treasurer's Office and the Deputy Treasurer being out for 6 weeks with health issues, there would not be a Treasurer's report this month.

Simmons moved, Marske supported, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Pokagon Fund letter dated March 30, 2011 requests the Township to provide a plan to use funds allocated to Chikaming in the amount of \$98,026. Supervisor Dudeck asked Board members to think of some ideas, but thought we should continue our recycling program and finish the landscaping around the Township Center. Marske thought we should consider different lighting for the parking areas. No action at this time.

Supervisor Dudeck provided the Board with the 2010 U. S. Census results showing a population decrease of 15.7% for Chikaming Township. She questions the census workers effort to get an accurate count and will request a list of who was counted.

Marske moved, Simmons supported to approve the cost of \$300 to advertise Chikaming Township on WRHC Radio Harbor Country 106.7 FM for a total of 120 times throughout the year. Motion carried.

Simmons moved, Marske supported to approve the Berrien County Millage Resolution to place a 0.5 millage proposal for road improvement funding on the August 7, 2012 Primary Election ballot. Roll call vote: Simmons – yes; Marske – yes; Warner – yes; Dudeck – yes; Bohac – yes. Motion carried.

By consensus and consistent with previous action, the Board denied the request from George Lucas, RE MAX, asking for relief from a fire alarm fine of \$175.00 per his letter dated March 15, 2011.

Simmons moved, Marske supported to approve seal coating on Elm Valley Road from Three Oaks Road in the amount of \$15,756.00. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Warner supported to approve seal coating South Wolcott from Sawyer Road to the dead end at the cost of \$9,720.00. Motion carried.

Simmons moved, Marske supported to approve the application of 6 inch compacted 22A gravel, 24 feet wide on Prairie Road from East Road to Warren Woods Road in the amount of \$22,400.00. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Simmons supported to purchase a Sharp MX-M363N copy machine for the Township office in the amount of \$4,889.20 from Parrett Company. Motion carried.

Simmons moved, Warner supported to hire James Christopher for the Fire Department per the recommendation of Fire Chief Davidson subject to all background checks. He will need to complete Firefighter 1 & 2 training within the next 2 years. Motion carried.

Warner moved, Marske supported to approve Fire Chief Davidson to attend the Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference, May 3-5, 2011 in Grand Rapids. Berrien County will be paying his expenses. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Marske moved, Simmons supported to accept the March 2011 reports from the First Responder, Fire, Police, and Zoning Administrator and place them on file. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills paid March 17, 2011 thru April 14, 2011, Marske moved, Warner supported, to authorize the amount of \$264,867.59. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Simmons moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.

Elizabeth Bohac  
Township Clerk  
April 15, 2011