

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
December 8, 2011

The December 8, 2011 meeting of the Chikaming Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dudeck with members Bohac, Rettig, Warner, Marske present. Attorney Charles Hilmer and John Gooch, Harbor Country News were also present.

Marske moved, Warner supported to approve the minutes of the Nov 10, 2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Rettig for the month of November 2011 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$1,317,014.06; Trust & Agency cash- \$15,500.00; Summer Tax Fund - \$32,469.54; Winter Tax Fund - \$0.00. Bohac moved, Marske supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Dudeck reported on the basement maintenance and shredding project that took place on December 2.

Dudeck reported that the preliminary Red Arrow Hwy Enhancement Study was presented by Abonmarche on Wednesday December 7. She had several copies made and they are available to review at the Township. The first meeting will be sometime in January between New Buffalo Township and Chikaming Township. More meetings will be planned in May and June for public review and comment.

Howard Kahne was present to request a lot split and combination for his client, James D. McDonough. A portion (11 ft X 102.50 ft Corrected from previous information) of Lot 39 of Supervisor's Plat of Spring Brook Farm would be split from said lot and combined with Lot 40 of said subdivision. That portion of lot 39 along with 11-07-7300-0040-00-7 and 11-07-7300-0040-01-5 will be combined under one property code number. The purpose of this action is to add enough property so that the proposed addition for 7283 Orchard will meet the required 10 ft. side yard setback. Lot 39, 7273 Orchard, will still meet R-1 Single Family Residential District requirements. Marske moved, Rettig seconded to approve the request as shown on the survey dated Dec 5, 2011 prepared by Abonmarche Consultants, Inc (Job No. 11-0794) as recommended for approval at December 7, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Marske seconded to send a letter of support to the City of New Buffalo in support of their Pokagon Fund grant application for funds to dredge the New Buffalo Harbor in the Spring of 2012. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dudeck reported that the Township has received requests for summer tax collection from Berrien RESA and River Valley School District and are expecting Lake Michigan College and New Buffalo Area Schools soon.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to approve the cost of \$1,000 for a one year lease and \$60 for insurance on the Township's policy to keep the sculpture at the Township Center. Krasl Art Center has agreed to extend the lease for the sculpture at the Harbert Community Park at no charge. Motion carried.

Rettig moved, Marske seconded to approve the proposed cost of \$6,532.00 for the server, \$16,950 for 13 computers, and \$897.00 for 13 battery back-ups for a total of \$24,379.00 from PC Services. The money will come from the Local Revenue Sharing funds the Township received. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dudeck presented information relating to the Mobile Food Truck sponsored by the Pokagon Fund. The Township will host the truck from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on January 24 and February 14 in the Chikaming Township fire station bays. Harbert Community Church will host January 3 in the fire station bays also. Bohac stated that the February 28, 2012 date for the Food truck would conflict with the Presidential Primary Election that is scheduled for that day. Dudeck will contact Harbert Community Church with the information. Thirteen to fifteen volunteers are needed.

Supervisor Dudeck reported that Medical First Responder Edgecomb was home and he will be returning to work when he is able.

There were no comments from the public.

Upon review of the monthly reports, Warner moved, Marske supported to accept the November 2011 reports from the First Responder, Fire, Police, and Zoning Administrator and place them on file. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills paid November 16, 2011 thru December 8, 2011, Bohac moved, Warner supported, to authorize the amount of \$141,576.06. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rettig moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.

Elizabeth Bohac
Township Clerk
December 9, 2011