

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2011**

The February 10, 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 was also present.

Simmons moved, Marske supported to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2011 regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Dorothy Simmons for the month of January 2011 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$1,315,424.39; Trust & Agency cash- \$100.00; Summer Tax Fund - \$17,750.51; Winter Tax Fund - \$406,344.92. Marske moved, Warner supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Simmons supported, to approve the agenda with the addition of No. 3 under Old Business to schedule budget workshops. Motion carried.

Marske moved, Simmons supported to adopt Resolution No. 11-02-10, a resolution to adopt the Five Year Conservation and Development Plan, 2010-2014 for the Chikaming Township Park Board. On roll call vote: Marske – yes; Simmons – yes; Warner – yes; Dudeck – yes; Bohac – yes. All Ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Simmons supported to charge Berrien RESA, Lake Michigan College, New Buffalo Area Schools, and the River Valley School District \$1.94 per parcel for collection of summer property taxes, this being a 27% reduction in per parcel cost from the previous year due to the new tax bill mailing procedures by Berrien County. Motion carried.

All Board members agreed to the following dates for budget workshops: Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.; and the Public Hearing to adopt the 2011-2012 budgets on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Bohac moved, Marske supported to approve Special Land Use Permit No. 184 for Brandon & Lisa Nelson to allow the existing 2 dwellings located at 12197 N Wolcott, Sawyer, Property Code No. 11-07-3200-0004-00-2, to be a permitted use in a Commercial District, as recommended by the Planning Commission after the public hearing on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Bohac added the following conditions: that building and electric permits are applied for and issued to complete the construction started; and that if the structures were to be replaced, they could not exceed the existing footprints, other than for incidental unheated areas, such as a screen porch or deck could be added, as long as all zoning and building codes in effect at the time the permits were applied for, were met. Motion carried.

Simmons moved, Marske supported to send letters of support for funding to dredge New Buffalo Harbor. Motion carried.

Board members agreed by consensus to authorize the sale of the 1996 Ford Van that has been used by the Fire Department as a rescue truck. An advertisement asking for sealed bids will be placed in the paper and opened at the next regular meeting.

Warner moved, Marske supported to approve the registration fee of \$75.00 and related expenses for Fire Chief Davidson and Captain Knuth to attend the annual FDIC Convention in Indianapolis March 21-26, 2011. Hotel expenses are shared with Bridgman City Fire Department. Motion carried.

At 6:52 p.m., Supervisor Dudeck moved, Bohac supported to go into closed session with Attorney Hilmer to discuss the Blake vs. Chikaming Township law suit. Blake is suing to vacate Pine Ave, between Tower Hill Road and Hillside Drive in Shorewood Hills. Roll call vote: Dudeck- yes; Marske – yes; Simmons – yes; Warner – yes; Bohac – yes. Motion carried. The public was asked to leave the room.

At 7:10 p.m., Supervisor Dudeck invited the public back into the meeting room and called it back into open session.

There were no comments from the public.

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

After reviewing the bills paid January 14, 2011 thru February 10, 2011, Bohac moved, Marske supported, to authorize the amount of \$121,450.93. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Simmons moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.

Elizabeth Bohac  
Township Clerk  
February 11, 2011