

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
July 10, 2008

The July 10, 2008 meeting of the Chikaming Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dudeck with members Simmons, Marske, Bohac and Van Ginhoven present.

Van Ginhoven moved, Marske supported, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Dorothy Simmons for the month of June 2008 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$689,404.78; Investments - \$293,152.90; Trust & Agency cash- \$3,630.82; Summer Tax Fund - \$0.00; Winter Tax Fund - \$0.00. Bohac moved, Marske supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Gary Campbell, candidate for State Representative, was introduced by Supervisor Dudeck and gave a short presentation.

Supervisor Dudeck updated the Board on the seal coating and stripping of the township's parking lot that is scheduled for the week of July 14th. Shembarger Asphalt Sealing had the low bid of \$5,733 for the work that will also include the parking lot at the reservoir.

Supervisor Dudeck reported that the two grants requested from the Pokagon Fund have been received. The new playground equipment for Harbert Park on Red Arrow Hwy. and the safety brochure will be completed by the end of July.

Marske moved, Simmons supported to approve Special Land Use Permit No. 172 to allow construction of a wireless communication facility consisting of a 180 ft. monopole and a 60 ft. X 60 ft. compound area to contain radio transmission equipment on a vacant 44 acre parcel at East & Prairie Roads, property owner, Mike Jasper, property Code No. 11-07-0022-0001-08-1 per site plan BH05327B Jasper RL as prepared by Terra Consulting Group, LTD, amended July 7, 2008, per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The public hearing was held on July 2, 2008 by the Planning Commission at which time it was recommended to move the location of the facility at least 600 ft. to the north of the proposed site. Motion carried.

Van Ginhoven moved, Marske supported to adopt final draft of the amendments to the Master Plan to add Farmland & Open Space Preservation per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The three issues identified by the Berrien County Planning Commission have been addressed and no other communities have responded during the 40 day comment period. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dudeck read two letters received. The River Valley School District thanked Fire Chief Davidson for the efforts put forth during the lock-down drills at the schools; and the Grand Beach Police Department thanked the Fire Department for its help during the April 4th structure fire in Grand Beach.

Marske moved, Bohac supported to extend the warranty on the 23 pagers used by the Fire Dept. and First Responders with HEI Wireless for two years for the cost of \$920.00. Motion carried.

Paul Backus, owner of Local Boy Laundry in Sawyer, requested the Township to apply for a grant from the Pokagon Fund to place a recycling dumpster on his property behind the laundromat. He stated adjacent property owners, Barry Patejdl, Sawyer Garden Center, and Joe Webster, Fitzgerald's of Sawyer, were in favor of the project. Backus stated Reliable Disposal would charge \$75.00 per month for rental of the unit and a dumping fee of \$175.00 each time. By consensus, the Board agreed to apply for a grant from the Pokagon Fund, to be written by Supervisor Dudeck, for funding of a recycling facility for two years.

The monthly reports for the First Responder Service, Police and Fire Departments, Zoning Administrator's report and website report for June 2008 were accepted and placed on file.

After reviewing the monthly bills, Marske moved, Van Ginhoven supported, to authorize the amount of \$80,515.68. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Simmons moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The Utility Board meeting followed.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.

Elizabeth Bohac
Township Clerk
July 11, 2008