

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
June 9, 2011**

The June 9, 2011 meeting of the Chikaming Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dudeck with members Bohac, Rettig, Warner and Marske present. Attorney Charles Hilmer and Rob Andrew, Merritt Engineering were also present.

Marske moved, Warner supported to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2011 regular meeting and the May 26, 2011 special meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by new Treasurer Liz Rettig for the month of May 2011 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$1,563,038.69; Trust & Agency cash- \$90.75; Summer Tax Fund - \$90.65; Winter Tax Fund - \$91.38. Bohac moved, Warner supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor stated that she had not heard from the Park Board regarding any proposed uses for some of the Pokagon Fund monies available to the Township.

Dudeck also informed the Board that the Pokagon Fund grant for recycling was being reviewed tonight by the Pokagon Fund Board and that New Buffalo Township has agreed to participate in the Red Arrow Study grant application to the Pokagon Fund.

Marske moved, Bohac supported to approve the purchase of the network version of "Equalizer.NET" software for the Assessor's office in the amount of \$4,050.00 and an annual service and support fee of \$1,200. Motion carried.

Warner moved, Rettig supported to approve two fireworks permits; one for J.V Peacock for a display at North Woodlawn Beach and one for Anthony Davis at Chikaming Country Club. Both are for Sunday, July 3, 2011 with rain dates for Monday, July 4, 2011. Motion carried.

The Board agreed by consensus, not to purchase any of the three properties coming up for delinquent taxes. Property Code No. 11-07-0020-0056-19-9 on Red Arrow Hwy is a regulated wetland and unbuildable; Property Code No. 11-07-7280-0028-00-9 is West Court Road off Linden Ave; and Property Code No. 11-07-4970-0007-00-2 is an unbuildable lot in Merriweather Shores Subdivision.

Rettig moved, Marske supported to approve the annual payment of \$5,429.32 to the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) for dues and legal defense discretionary assessment. Motion carried.

Bohac explained proposed Ordinance No. 132 was needed in order to comply with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, to confirm the establishment of the Chikaming Township Planning Commission and establish the appointments, terms and membership; to identify the officers and the minimum number of meetings per year; and to prescribe the authority, powers and duties of the Planning Commission. Attorney Hilmer prepared the ordinance in accordance with the Act and MTA guidelines. Marske moved, Rettig supported to adopt Ordinance No. 132. Roll call vote: Marske – yes; Rettig – yes; Warner – yes; Dudeck – yes; Bohac – yes. Motion carried. A summary of the ordinance will be published in the Harbor Country News and become effective on June 30, 2011.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to accept with regret the resignation of Tobin Klint for the Fire Dept. and Medical First Responder Dept and send a letter of appreciation. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

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

After reviewing the bills paid May 13, 2011 thru June 9, 2011, Warner moved, Marske supported, to authorize the amount of \$151,411.78. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rettig moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.

Elizabeth Bohac
Township Clerk
June 10, 2011