

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 12, 2008**

The June 12, 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 May 8, 2008 regular meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Dorothy Simmons for the month of May 2008 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$681,316.96; Investments - \$293,552.52; Trust & Agency cash- \$55,870.53; Summer Tax Fund - \$0.00; Winter Tax Fund - \$0.00. Marske moved, Bohac supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Dudeck reported that the two grant applications to the Pokagon Fund were approved. The amounts granted were \$47,000 for playground equipment and a vault toilet for Harbert Community Park and \$9,000.00 to produce a recreational brochure.

Ven McAndrew, Keystone Designs presented the request for Special Land Use Permit No. 171 for the expansion of the Church of the Mediator located at 14280 Red Arrow Hwy., Lakeside, Property Code No. 11-07-7350-0006-00-0 per Section 5.04.5 of Chikaming Township Zoning Ordinance No. 87, as amended. The proposed new 11,191 sq. ft. addition and expanded parking is located on a 4± acre parcel that is zoned R-1 Single Family Residential. The Zoning Board of Appeals granted the necessary variances at their May 20, 2008 meeting. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission at their June 4, 2008 meeting. Marske moved, Simmons supported to approve Special Land Use permit No. 171 per the site plan prepared by Keystone Designs dated April 21, 2008, Project No. 07-022, with the condition that the detention pond be built, per the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Van Ginhoven moved, Marske supported to adopt the Resolution confirming participation in the Berrien County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Purchase Development Rights Program. Motion carried.

Marske moved, Van Ginhoven supported to approve the revised Chikaming Township Board of Appeals Rules of Procedure as required by Article 23 of the Zoning Ordinance per the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals at their May 20, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Simmons supported to approve the fireworks display permit from Tony Davis for Chikaming Country Club on July 4, 2000 at 10 p.m., with a rain date of July 5, 2008, and a permit for JV Peacock for Woodlawn Beach on July 5, 2008 at dusk. Motion carried.

By consensus, Board members agreed to host a seminar on the new Michigan Planning Enabling Act and amendments to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act presented by Greg Milliken of McKenna & Assoc. on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 in our meeting room. Seven surrounding municipalities will be attending, sharing in the total cost of \$1,500 for the seminar.

Van Ginhoven moved, Marske supported to authorize payment of the 2008-09 Michigan Township Association (MTA) dues in the amount of \$5,200 plus legal defense assessment of \$312 for a total of \$5,512. Motion carried.

Simmons moved, Bohac supported to accept with regret and thanks the resignation of Fireman Daryl DeRossi effective immediately. Motion carried

Simmons moved, Marske supported to accept the resignation with regret and thanks for part time Patrolman Steve Campbell. Motion carried.

Marske moved, Van Ginhoven supported to approve the additional cost of \$300-350 to Core Technologies for LEIN software for the Police Department. \$200 was approved at the May 8, 2008 meeting, but additional funds were required. The total project is not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.

Supervisor Dudeck read a letter from Wayne Warner of River Valley Middle High School, thanking Fire Chief Davidson for his excellence in the fire drills and lock down drills that were held at the school.

Victor Paululis of Weesaw Township was present to request that Wee-Chik Road be paved. After some discussion, Dudeck explained that the Township does have a road plan, and roads are improved as money is available, but Wee-Chik Road is not a high priority due to the very small number of residents on that road. She explained that the Berrien County Road Commission does grade and apply chloride to the road each year, but the Township does not have the funds to pave it.

Marske moved, Simmons supported to accept and place on file the monthly reports for the First Responder Service, Police and Fire Departments, Zoning Administrator's report and website report for May 2008. Motion carried

After reviewing the monthly bills, Van Ginhoven moved, Marske supported, to authorize the amount of \$68,646.49. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Simmons moved, Marske supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The Utility Board meeting followed.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.

Elizabeth Bohac  
Township Clerk  
June 13, 2008