

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
November 15, 2007**

The November 15, 2007 meeting (rescheduled from November 8, 2007) of the Chikaming Township Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dudeck with members Simmons, Marske, Van Ginhoven and Bohac present.

Simmons moved, Van Ginhoven supported, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2007 regular meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Dorothy Simmons for the month of October 2007 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$455,594.19; Investments - \$269,741.79; Trust & Agency cash- \$3,443.31; Summer Tax Fund - \$105,273.03; Winter Tax Fund - \$0.00. Marske moved, Bohac supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Dudeck presented information from the Berrien County Road Commission meeting she attended with Bohac on Thursday, October 25, 2007. The Township owes \$16,266.78 plus the matching fund amount of \$5,000.00 for work completed this year to be paid before the end of this fiscal year. Board members also received the 2008 Sealcoat Proposal in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the next fiscal year budget. The Road Commission has come up with a proposal for the Red Arrow Hwy & Townline Road intersection in Union Pier and they will be scheduling meetings with Chikaming, New Buffalo and the property owners to discuss the plan further.

Dudeck informed the Board that our internet provider, Harbor County Wireless has been purchased by CSInet on November 11, 2007. Dudeck met with Bill Blossom of Harbor Country Wireless and new owner, Doug Konieczny and they assured her that our agreement will remain unchanged.

Bohac moved, Marske supported to adopt the ***POLICY ON GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE POKAGON FUND as follows: 45% New Buffalo Region Bracket – All Department heads may write applications for funding requests to this bracket of the Fund after notifying the Township Supervisor; 2% Chikaming Township Bracket – Requests for project funding shall be submitted to the Township Supervisor who in turn will place the request on the Township Board agenda for consideration and approval.*** On Roll Call vote: Marske – Yes; Van Ginhoven – Yes; Simmons – Yes; Dudeck – Yes; Bohac – Yes. Motion carried

Drain Commissioner, Roger Zilke, was not present to request the Board to adopt a Resolution for the Lakeside Drain work that would exceed the allowed \$2,500.00 cost. The issue will be placed on the December agenda.

Larry Frankle was present to request preliminary site plan approval for Walter & Brian Kissell's Harbert Hills Site Condominium project which was withdrawn at the October 11, 2007 meeting. The 10.24 acre parcel located on Red Arrow Hwy. in Harbert, Property Code No. 11-07-0010-0031-03-2 will consist of 12 single family home sites, a private road, common area and be connected to municipal water and sanitary sewer. The property is zoned R-1 Single Family Residential and all proposed lots meet R-1 District requirements. A level 3 Wetland Assessment has been conducted by the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality and DEQ permits have been issued for the private road, municipal water and sanitary sewer. The DEQ permits for the municipal water and sanitary sewer extensions will need to be amended after a decision at the Utility Board meeting. Frankle explained the plan reflected the conditions placed on it by the Planning Commission at their October 3, 2007 meeting. Construction on Lots 1, 12 could not be located beyond the 622/624 ft. elevation so as not to impact the slopes. Also, the building envelopes on Lots 6 & 7 were shown with the 25 ft. setback from the regulated wetland

as required by the Zoning Ordinance. Frankle read the sections in the proposed Master Deed and By-laws that addresses these conditions. He presented a copy of the Master Deed & By-Laws to Zoning Administrator Bohac for her review. Frankle stated the road name requested is “Vineyard Drive”, but Bohac explained that there was already a “Vineyard Lane” and road names cannot be similar, so they would have to choose something else. Marske moved, Van Ginhoven supported to approve the preliminary site plan by Merritt Engineering, Inc., dated October 5, 2007, Project #20668 with the conditions stated above as recommended by the Planning Commission on October 3, 2007. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Simmons seconded to renew the Supplemental Agreement between Chikaming Township and Berrien County for summer tax collection for the three year period commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating December 31, 2010. Bohac amended the motion to include “and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township.” Motion carried.

Marske moved, Van Ginhoven supported to approve a maximum of \$300.00 for expenses for Electrical Inspector Pinkston to attend a I.A.E.I. seminar in Rochester, Michigan on December 6 and 7, 2007. It was stated that the State of Michigan is no longer offering this type of education due to budget cuts.

The Safety Commission reported that the publication on the beach marker program has been sent to various media publications. The article has already appeared in the Herald-Palladium.

Simmons moved, Van Ginhoven supported to approve the amount of \$3,429.61 for repairs to fire trucks 732 and 721. Motion carried.

During the public comment part of the meeting, Chris Siebenmark, representative for Senator Ron Jelinek, presented a dismal outlook for the state budget, the rate of unemployment and problem with term limits in the legislature.

Jeff Holstrom was present to discuss drain issues for the Harbert Road project for Thaddeus Wong. He stated he had hoped to piggyback with Drain Commissioner Zilke but since he was not present he would hold off his discussion. He did state he had met with Zilke and discussed the existence of a drain in the vicinity of the proposed development but a drain district would have to be petitioned. Holstrom wanted the Township to petition for the improvement. Supervisor Dudeck stated that the Township would not petition. To get the petition process started, Holstrom only needed 5 property owners to sign the petition and then present it to the Drain Commission.

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 October 2007. Motion carried.

After reviewing the monthly bills, Van Ginhoven moved, Marske supported to authorize the amount of \$75,990.67. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Simmons moved, Marske supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P. M.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.