

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 13, 2011**

The October 13, 2011 meeting of the Chikaming Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Dudeck with members Bohac, Rettig, Warner, Marske present. Attorney Charles Hilmer, Attorney Sally Taylor, and Rob Andrew, Merritt Engineering were also present.

Marske moved, Warner supported to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 regular meeting and September 27, 2011 special meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Rettig for the month of September 2011 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$1,273,577.60; Trust & Agency cash- \$1,471.00; Summer Tax Fund - \$3,078,631.67; Winter Tax Fund - \$70.65. Marske moved, Warner supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried.

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

Dudeck reported that Shembarger Asphalt Sealing has completed seal coating the parking lot at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Dudeck supplied members with information regarding Public Act 152 of 2011, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act that was signed into law September 28, 2011. She asked the Board to study the material and it will be discussed at the November regular meeting.

Six month review of the 2011-2012 fiscal year General Fund budget showed that all expenses are in line and department heads were doing a good job.

Attorney Sally Taylor was present to discuss her clients, William & Frederica Hawkinson, request for Special Land Use Permit No. 185 to allow the existing single family residence located at 14921 Lakeside Road, Lakeside, Property Code No. 11-07-8580-0003-00-1 to be a permitted use in a Commercial District, per Section 9.03.1 of Chikaming Township Zoning Ordinance No. 87, as amended. The home was built in 1930, prior to zoning and is served by municipal water and sanitary sewer. At the October 5, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, the request was recommended for approval. Bohac stated she would like to attach a condition if approved; that if the existing home were destroyed more than 50% it could be rebuilt on the same footprint, but not any larger or taller than it is currently; and if the home were torn down, it would have to be built per the district regulations in effect at the time of the building permit application, due to the fact this is a non-conforming lot and the structure does not meet required setbacks. Taylor and Board members agreed. Marske moved to approve the SLU with the condition that Bohac added, Bohac seconded. Motion carried.

Bohac explained that due to the fact that the Township has less than 2,999 registered voters, we could abolish Precinct 2 and rearrange Precinct 1 to include all the voters within the Township. All voters currently vote in the Fire Station located at the Township Center, so there would be no change in location. It would be a savings to the Township by not having to have 2 precincts of election inspectors and duplication of equipment and supplies. All felt it was a good idea. Rettig moved, Marske supported to adopt Resolution 11-10-13, A Resolution to Abolish/Rearrange Election Precincts as recommended by the Election Commission. Roll call vote: Rettig- Yes; Marske – Yes; Warner – Yes; Dudeck – Yes; Bohac – Yes. Motion carried. Bohac stated this change would be effective immediately, but the first election for the single precinct will be the August Primary on August 7, 2012 due to the changes required on the Qualified Voter File and other State & County updates. Upon notification from the Michigan Bureau of Elections, new voter ID cards will be mailed.

Supervisor Dudeck informed the Board that the annual meeting with the Berrien County Road Commission has been scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., with Bohac & Dudeck attending.

Warner moved, Rettig supported to establish Sunday, October 30, 2011 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. as Trick or Treat hours for the Township. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Marske supported to authorize registration of \$250 and related expenses to allow any Township Board member to attend the annual MTA Conference in Detroit, January 25-27, 2012. Motion carried.

Dudeck informed the Board that after meeting with Public Safety Department heads, the work performed by MFR Edgecomb would be shared within the departments until further information is received.

There were no comments from the public.

Bohac informed the Board that the building department report that showed a value of construction amount of \$8,463,297 for the 9 months of activity will be reduced by \$3,500,000 due to the fact that the building permit issued for this construction has been closed and the residence will not be built. Warner moved, Marske supported to accept the September 2011 reports from the First Responder, Fire, Police, and Zoning Administrator and place them on file. Motion carried.

After reviewing the bills paid September 15, 2011 thru October 13, 2011, Marske moved, Rettig supported, to authorize the amount of \$257,654.55. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rettig moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Elizabeth Bohac  
Township Clerk  
October 14, 2011