

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
September 8, 2011**

The September 8, 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, Police Chief Stormont, Sergeant Knoll, Bruce McKamey and Rob Andrew, Merritt Engineering were also present.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2011 regular meeting and August 30, 2011 special meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Rettig for the month of August 2011 with balances as follows: General Fund cash - \$1,380,159.15; Trust & Agency cash- \$0; Summer Tax Fund - \$151,238.54; Winter Tax Fund - \$77.54. Warner moved, Bohac supported, to approve the report as submitted. Motion carried. Rettig also presented information from the Berrien County Treasurers meeting detailing the State's plan to remove personal property taxes. Chikaming Township will lose approximately \$86,284.00 in revenue.

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

Supervisor Dudeck informed the Board that the Lakeside Drain Project and the day of review of apportionment have been postponed because all the bids were rejected by Drain Commissioner Zielke because they were too high. A new date will be announced later.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to approve payment of \$11,358.15 less \$5,950.00 (retainer) for a balance of \$5,408.15 for the conceptual study by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber from the Turners Shores Special Assessment District funds. Motion carried.

Bohac moved, Rettig supported to approve the repurchase of grave sites 1 and 2, Lot 561, Block 16, Riverside Cemetery from Clarence and Virginia Johnson under the current policy of 75% of the current selling price or \$225.00. Motion carried.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to approve the bid from Shembarger Asphalt Sealing in the amount of \$4,490.00 to seal coat the parking lot at the Township Hall. Motion carried.

Public Safety issues:

- a. Dudeck informed the Board that the cell phone service for the Police and Fire Dept. will change from Nextel to Verizon under the Michigan State Contract and the Federal Government Contract for savings and better reception. Also, since Citgo in Sawyer has now changed over to Marathon, new gas credit cards have been issued. The new cards can be used at Marathon, Speedway, Pilot and others.
- b. Dudeck informed the Board there will be an "After Action Review" by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 from 10 am to 12 noon at Michigan Works in Benton Harbor, regarding the hazmat incident at the TA Truck Stop on Thursday, July 12, 2011.
- c. Marske moved, Warner supported to hire Bruce McKamey as a part time police officer subject to acceptable background and physical checks. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

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

After reviewing the bills paid August 18, 2011 thru September 8, 2011, Warner moved, Marske supported, to authorize the amount of \$155,389.45. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Rettig moved, Bohac supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Chikaming Township Board will be held on **Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chikaming Township Center meeting room.