

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING February 8, 2018

The February 8, 2018 meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Bunte, with Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, and Sullivan present. Also present Attorney Charles Hilmer, John Gooch, of the Harbor Country News and Francesca Sagala of the New Buffalo Times along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marske moved, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2018 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Rettig moved, Marske supported to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Budget Workshop. All ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, Marske supported to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was presented by Supervisor Bunte

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on 2018 Road Improvement Plan was given by Supervisor Bunte. The County Board approved the contract for the asphalt on Union Pier Road. An engineering study for Union Pier commercial district improvements is being reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed whether to continue the Recycling program for 2018-2019. Further discussion will take place at our March 8, 2018 meeting.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to adopt mileage reimbursement rate increase to .545/mile for 2018. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to adopted the resolution regarding poverty rate for 2018, by Roll Call Vote, Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak and Marske, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion to accept the requests from River Valley, Berrien RESA and Lake Michigan College to collect 100% and New Buffalo to collect 50% of summer taxes for local schools was moved by Rettig, supported by Sullivan. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to reduce the fee relating to an amendment to an existing SLUP (Special Land Use Permit) or PUD (Planned Unit Development) to \$500 from \$1000. Change being made to the published Schedule of Fees. All ayes, motion carried.

The Park Board advisory committee presented the board with information and a power point presentation on Cherry Beach preservation and expansion project. A flyer has been posted on Chikaming Township website regarding a Public Meeting Notice for a Special Meeting of the Chikaming Township Park Board for Cherry Beach and will also be posted at the Township Hall. The meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM EST.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve the 2018-2019 increase in the Medic One ambulance contract from \$40,458 per year to \$43,977 per year.
All ayes, motion carried.

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REPORTS:

Police, Fire, Building, Bridgman Library, Park Board, were all presented for approval. Motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to accept the reports as presented place them on file.
All voted aye. Motion carried.

Additional comments from the public:

Ezra Scott, Berrien County Board of Commissioner reported on his upcoming meeting regarding the erosion in New Buffalo.

BILLS:

Bills from the last board meeting were presented by Rettig for approval to be paid, Marske moved, supported by Sullivan, to accept the bills presented to be paid by Chikaming Township.
All voted aye. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte advised the public of an error that was published, that the Chikaming Millage for Road Maintenance was going to be used for Red Arrow Hwy and bike paths, he stated this was incorrect and hoped it would published accordingly.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk