

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING April 12, 2018

The April 12, 2018 meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Bunte, with Dudiak, Rettig, and Marske present, Sullivan absent. 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, Rettig supported to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2018 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and emails from the community were read and distributed to the board and will be put on file that they were received.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Public Library director advised that the library will be doing a new service for wi-fi called Hot Spot. Mendel Center, Saturday June 9th will be a Pop Culture event. Also, in June the library will be partnering for the disc golf with Lake township every Wednesday in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dudiak gave an update from the Road Advisory Committee. Nine roads are currently on the 2018 schedule, which is also on the Chikaming Township website.

Work will begin by the Berrien County Road Department on Red Arrow after Labor Day starting at the BP gas station continuing south to Browntown Rd.

Red Arrow highway is not included in the Chikaming Millage. The Road Asset Management Plan is in the finalizing status.

Bunte presented an update from the Zoning Ordinance steering committee. A revised draft came in from McKenna in March. The last 4 weeks the committee has been editing, it has now been sent back to them. We anticipate another draft to be completed by the end of April or early May.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Taylor presented Officer David Wyman a Purple Heart for his bravery after his injuries incurred in the accident, November of 2017, after 6 months, he is still working hard in physical therapy to be able to return back to work.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to appoint Susan Phelan to be the liaison between the Cherry Beach Committee and Township Board for the Creation of the Cherry Beach Expansion Project in a fundraising advisory role.

All ayes, motion carried.

A recommendation to the Park Board to search for a Project Manager for the Cherry Beach Expansion Project and report back to the Township Board by the May 10, 2018 meeting was moved by Marske, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made Rettig, supported by Marske to retain the Berrien Community Foundation as fiduciary for Cherry Beach Expansion Project based upon the charges and the scope of work presented in the Initial Project summary submitted to the board. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to authorize Supervisor Bunte to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Chikaming Open Lands and Chikaming Township concerning the Cherry Beach Expansion property. All ayes, motion carried.

Two bids were reviewed for purchasing the recycling roll-off bin, Lakeshore was awarded the bid at \$750.00. Motion to accept by Rettig, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

Three bids were received and reviewed for repairs and resurfacing of the Township center parking lot. Wendorf Ashphaslt Driveways was awarded the bid at a cost of \$9595.00. Motion to accept the bid by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

A Notice of Necessity was received from the Berrien County Drain Commissioner regarding the Sawyer Drain #448. Supervisor Bunte read the Board of Determination Decision. The notice has been posted at the Chikaming Township Center for the public.

A motion to appoint by resolution Paula Dudiak, Chikaming Township Clerk to serve as a Member Representative for Michigan Par Plan, was moved Bunte, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to accept the purchase offer for the retired 1992 Pierce Fire Truck in the amount of \$12,000.00 from the Lake Gogebic Volunteer Fire Department in Marenisco, Michigan. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, moved by Rettig to request to the Park Board, for a decision as to whether they would want to pursue the deed transfer of 2 Lakeside parcels to be deeded to the township, managed by Park Board, and be maintained by Lakeside Association as they have been in the past, then reporting back to Supervisor Bunte. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Police, Fire, Building, New Buffalo and Bridgman Library, Park Board, were all presented for approval. Motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to accept the reports as presented and place them on file. All ayes, motion carried.

Additional comments from the public:

Additional comments regarding the motion for the roll off bin, Red Arrow Hwy and volunteers for fund raising for the Cherry Beach Expansion were heard and responded to. Lakeside Association representatives also stated they would like to do a history on the Lakeside parks. A thank you to the board for the joint efforts to acquire the additional land was also heard. Item #12 was removed from the Agenda

BILLS:

Bills from the last board meeting were presented by Rettig for approval to be paid, Marske moved, supported by Bunte, to accept the bills presented to be paid by Chikaming Township.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte announced that May 1, 2018 the township staff will be cleaning the stretch of road on Red Arrow Highway from Youngren north to Sawyer. All are welcome to help.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM, by Rettig, supported by Bunte. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk