APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING April 8, 2021

Due to a State of Emergency Order enacted by the Berrien County Board of Commissioners, this meeting will be held virtually

The April 8, 2021 meeting of the Township Board was called to order electronically at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan present. Also Attorney Hilmer and Rob Anderson present.

By roll call vote:

Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A request was made by Supervisor Bunte to amend the Agenda under new business to add item #8 regarding Covid -19 procedures.

Motion was made by Dudiak, Supported by Marske.

The Consent Agenda was given to the board, Marske moved, Rettig supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Marske, Rettig

All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter to the board with a Sandbag/Geotube Permit Application was added to correspondence and shared with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. & Mrs. Donley thanked the board for submitting their letter under correspondence and shared their views on the application process with the board.

Kelly Largent introduced herself to the Board. She is the new Zoning Administrator who is replacing Van Thornton after his retirement.

OLD BUSINESS:

MDNRTF Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion Project update:

Both appraisals are in and will be reviewed hopefully within 30 to 45 days, the typical time frame is 90 days. After the Trust Fund does their review we will be advised on how to proceed.

Union Pier/Red Arrow Improvements Project Update:

The concrete and sidewalks are being poured. The landscaping will start directly after and weather permitting hope to be completed by end of May. Again MDOT has restrictions that must be adhered to regarding the height and distance of each light. After the landscaping continues it will begin to blend in. Please be patient.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske, to increase fees in the building department. Zoning Permit from \$50.00 to \$75.00. Demo Permit from \$50.00 to \$200.00. These increases will cover administrative cost and added inspections.

By roll call vote:

Rettig, Marske, Sullivan, Bunte, Dudiak

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the Sandbag/Geotube Permit Application excluding the word Imminent from the Appendix A.

By roll call vote: Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to remove bullet point number two from the Evaluation Criteria of the Permitted Installation sheet, was then amended by Rettig after discussion to only exclude under bullet point number two the section

*Evidence of either prior criteria, particularly in conjunction with evidence that lake levels are climbing or likely to stay relatively high from the foreseeable future, would be reason to order the removal of the bags (i.e., they are now fully functioning like hardened shoreline armoring, in contravention of the purpose of the ordinance.

Motion was supported by Marske.

By roll call vote: Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve the Permitting Steps as presented.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Marske, Sullivan, Rettig, Dudiak.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to contract with Wightman for Engineering services and include the fees for Initial application - \$400.00 and Annual inspection - \$300.00 + any review necessary over initial two hours billed at \$125./hr (billed post inspection).

Motion by Marske, supported by Rettig.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Marske, Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to move forward allowing the Supervisor to proceed with the Grant application for the LIAA Coastal Community Resiliency Grand was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Marske to approve the appeal for a Land Division for 11-07-0025-0001-02-6 at 5692 W Warren Woods Rd.

By roll call vote:

Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Marske, ayes motion carried

Rettig Abstained due to ZBA affiliation.

A resolution was presented for the Red Arrow Linear Park Pathway USDA Project Local Match Commitment. A motion was made to accept the resolution by Marske, supported by Sullivan.

By roll call vote:

Bunte, Rettig, Sullivan, Marske, Dudiak

All ayes, Resolution Adopted.

Fire Chief Davidson presented Emily Frazier to the board as a new hire for on-call MFR/Water Rescue member of the Fire Department. With her background and education of Masters in Public Administration, License MFR, continuing to EMT license, Berrien County 911 Dispatcher, currently Berrien County Trial Court Admin Assistant, Civil/Criminal Division she will be a huge asset to the department. Motion to approve by Bunte, supported by Sullivan.

By roll call vote:

Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte, Marske, Sullivan.

All ayes, motion carried.

With the annual appointments, we would like to welcome Paul Rook to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Cam Mammina to the Planning Commission. They have been sworn in and began their duties in April of 2021.

By the consensus of the Board, we will continue to comply with State and Federal regulations for Covid-19 requirements in the office.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dennis from Bridgman Public Library updated everyone and advised they are offering in building operations with no appointments necessary and are also offering virtual programs. Encouraging everyone to continue to stay updated on the website and Facebook.

ACKNOWLEGEMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Rettig, supported by Marske, to adjourn the meeting at 8.28 PM. By Roll Call Vote:
Marske, Sullivan, Dudiak, Rettig, Bunte
All ayes, Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Paula Dudiak Chikaming Township Clerk