

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**August 8, 2019**

The August 8, 2019 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, Francesca Sagala, of the New Buffalo Times, along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

All ayes, motion carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence was given to the board and placed on file as read.

Letter from Weesaw Township thanking us for rebuilding Carpenter Road, which is now in their jurisdiction. Going forward they are aware it is their responsibility.

Letter from River Valley School District explaining the school resource officer position was removed from the 2019/20120 budget to reduce expenses.

Letters from NutriGro Environmental Solutions Inc. regarding applications of biosolids in our community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Public Library announced upcoming events, August 21, 2019 Free Hearing test and August 27, 2019 author of A Thousand Mile walk around Lake Michigan.

The Library will be closed for renovations September 23 thru October 5, 2019.

Dennis Kreps will be the new director in Bridgman, Gretchen will be moving to Paw Paw to be their new director.

Janet Schrader, Park board member announced they are looking for a volunteer to help with the beach steps and access points for safety. A committee has been formed to date with Todd and Shelly Taylor, and Janet Schrader. Meeting will take at the Police Department on Wednesday August 14, 2019 at 10:30 AM. Anyone wanting to help please be there.

Steve Siddall inquired about paving Cherry Beach Road to keep dust down.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to adopt a "LEP" or Limited English Proficient Policy moved by Dudiak, supported by Rettig with name corrections.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Taylor acknowledged Mr. Jim Wiseley. He was recognized for being an outstanding supporter of our community, namely in the River Valley Schools, where he served as Vice-principal/athletic director and served as a reserve officer for Chikaming township. He has brought forth a lot of positive change and ideas. We thank him for his investment in our community and wish him luck on his future endeavors. Chief presented him with a plaque to show our appreciation.

Chikaming Township Code enforcement officer, Greg Nelson submitted a letter regarding the outcome of a dangerous Building hearing concerning a residence at 15373 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside, Michigan.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to continue the process, requesting a Public Hearing at the September 12, 2019 Chikaming Township Board of Trustees Meeting. All ayes, motion carried

Chikaming Township, Assessor Toni Swisher submitted to the board documents and information requesting additional help with field services. After discussion by the board, a motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept the Service Proposal presented from SW MI Assessing LLC to provide staffing for 52 weeks in the amount of \$31,250, with bimonthly status reports to be given to the supervisor for approval. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Rettig to approve the Vacant Land Buy & Sell Agreement on the vacant land on Three Road, Parcel 11-07-0014-0015-02-1. With the contingency of a perk test to be paid by Chikaming Township of approximately \$500.00. All ayes, Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC** – Attracting year-round residents to our community.

Several comments from the public, additional or better internet/cable TV service, Transportation and affordable housing were topics of discussion. Discussion with responses for 10 minutes.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** (3 minute limit)  
NONE

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Chikaming Fire Department car wash this Saturday August 10, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Treasurer Rettig, advised 18.03% of taxes has been collected. Slow start anticipate September to be busier.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak**  
**Chikaming Township Clerk**