

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2018

The December 13, 2018 meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan. Also present Attorney Charles Hilmer, John Gooch, of the Harbor Country News and Francesca Sagala, 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, Marske moved, Sullivan supported to approve the Consent Agenda.
All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter of resignation from Gary Wood was read. Gary has moved to New Buffalo and will be resigning from the Chikaming Township Planning Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gretchen Evans from Bridgman Public Library advised they will be starting pop up libraries going to the schools. Remodeling has begun on the library.

David Schulteis, president of Straw Hat, Inc. introduced himself as an interested party for growing or operating within Chikaming Township resulting from the November 6, 2018 yes vote on legalizing recreational Marijuana. Sullivan advised we also need to respect and listen to the people that were both in favor of and opposed to the new referendum. Supervisor Bunte replied the board will get feedback from all the people and thanked David for his trust in the Board making decisions.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion made by Sullivan and supported by Marske to approve the new 2019 Employee Handbook was approved to be effective January 1, 2019.
All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Bunte gave an update on the Zoning ordinances. After 20 months of hard work a draft has been posted on the website for the public and staff to review until the January 10, 2019 meeting of the Township Board of Trustees.

The speed studies requested by Chikaming Township were received.

Lakeshore Road- Township of New Buffalo and Chikaming

A speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour from (south) Red Arrow to Pier Street and a speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour from Pier Street to (north) Red Arrow Highway.

Harbert Road

A speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour from west terminus to Three Oaks Road.

East Road

A speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour from Red Arrow Highway to a point six hundred (650) feet east of Brown Road.

Holloway Drive

A speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour from Lakeland avenue to Red Arrow Highway.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request from Transient Artisan Ales LLC for local government approval to send an application to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Liquor Control Commission was approved. Moved by Marske, supported by Bunte to approve the resolution.

By Roll Call vote:

Rettig, Marske, Bunte, Dudiak, Sullivan

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig, to renew the 2 year terms of the Board of Review members: Ed Gramberg, Lee Strohl and Tim Hawkins.

All ayes, motion carried.

After the resignation of Gary Wood from the Planning Commission, Supervisor Bunte appointed John Chipman for the position. Motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to accept the 2019 Township Calendar as presented was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

The board was presented an ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Chikaming Township pursuant to initiated law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, ET SEQ., as may be amended; to provide penalties for violation of this ordinance; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date. Motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the resolution.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the Union Pier Road and Red Arrow Highway Redevelopment Proposal dated November 2, 2018 from Antero Group.

All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution approving submission of Coastal Grant Application for Red Arrow Highway Improvements was moved by Dudiak, supported by Marske.

By roll call vote:

Sullivan, Rettig, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske.

All ayes, resolution adopted.

The Township Board determined by motion from Rettig, supported by Dudiak to affirm the decision on the Special Land Use #200, which was denied at the Chikaming Township Planning Commission Meeting on November 7, 2018.

Marske abstained, being a member of the Planning Commission and had voted.

Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig and Sullivan ayes, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mark Smith, The Green Door Medical Marijuana Dispensary and PM Growers, presented the board with a Three-Year Outlook on his dispensary in Bangor Michigan. He offered to share his knowledge and work with the township if needed and would like the opportunity to talk to the township leaders about operating in our township as well.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte was disappointed to report that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MDNRTF) will not fund the Cherry Beach Project for its 2018 grant cycle. The funds available this year were considerably less than in previous years, and although our project scored high in all the relevant categories, this project was expensive and simply fell below the available funding line.

Chikaming Township has been encouraged by MDNRTF to reapply for the 2019 grant cycle. We will review that possibility along with other options after the holidays.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**