

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 11, 2019**

The July 11, 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, Marske 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.

Fred King resigned from the Public Safety Commission on June 26, 2019, after more than 10 years of service at the age of 94. A letter of appreciation was sent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Deborah Hall-Kayler advised the Harbert Community Park project has changed the scope and is moving forward, Updates will follow.

Motion to adjourn the Public Meeting made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to open a Public Hearing.

All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Sullivan supported to open the Public Hearing.

All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – DANGEROUS BUILDING LOCATED AT 12297 SPRUCE STREET, SAWYER, MICHIGAN

Supervisor opened the hearing asking if the owner, Jason Jurva or any other representative for the owner was present. With no replies from the public and no changes to the property. A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to proceed and allow our Enforcement Officer to begin with the actions to complete the recommended repairs and maintenance at the property, and advising Attorney Hilmer to proceed with the proper lien documents for the cost incurred by Chikaming Township.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to re-open the regular meeting was made by Marske, supported by Bunte.

All ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Skillblenders is requesting information from the board asking who we would like to have attending the Strategic Planning meeting being held in August.

Suggestions from the board were to open it up to at least one person or the chair person of each board we have at Chikaming. Also business owners, Churches, Libraries and interested parties in the community. All agreed a cross section of people would be good idea. Supervisor Bunte will reach out and follow up.

At last months meeting a Land Division was approved with conditions to Peoples/Gintaras Property.

After reviewing forwarding the information to the Building/Zoning department it was discovered that not enough time was given to allow the owners to obtain the proper permits by the deadline date set at the June 13, 2019 meeting. A motion by Rettig, supported by Marske was made to extend the date to obtain the demolition permits to July 21, 2019.

All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A presentation by Lisa Cripps-Downey and Susan Matheny of the Berrien Community Foundation was given.

Chikaming Township was awarded a Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the Cherry Beach project.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan to give permission to Chief Taylor to destroy old uniforms and donate uniforms no longer being worn to other police departments keeping a list of the items for records.

All ayes, motion carried.

A summary of Public Act 263 was given by Supervisor Bunte with a summary of amendments with a complete copy of the act to all board members.

Public Act 263, is an act to permit counties to impose and collect an excise tax on persons engaged in the business of providing rooms for dwelling, lodging, or sleeping purposes to transient guests; to provide for the disposition of the revenue and to prescribe penalties in Michigan. The Best Practice Committee is asking our support by approving a resolution which would amend the Act giving municipalities controls from a 0 to 5 percent for recreational fees that would go into a recreational fund. A Resolution on Recreational Funding was submitted to the board,

By Roll Call vote: Marske
Dudiak
Bunte
Rettig
Sullivan

All ayes, resolution adopted.

Supervisor Bunte reached out to Trustee Sullivan, who is currently on the Public Safety Commission for assistance on re-structuring the Public Safety Commission. They currently meet twice a year. The commission will be looking for a new member also. Sullivan asked the board for recommendations, he will gather the information and present back to the board at the August 8, 2019 meeting.

DISCUSSION TOPIC – OUR PARKS, OUR TRAILS, YOUR HEALTH!

Many comments from the public. Many people have been coming to Chikaming township for the beaches. With the current issues some of our beaches have been closed. The beach is getting smaller and smaller in several areas. Many questions and concerns keeping our parks up and marketing the parks were discussed. Suggestions about promoting the bike trails, and to continue to look into other avenues besides just the beach area. We have great parks and possibly more advertising would help. Because of the lake water rising the beach markers were not put in place on the beaches this year. The Park Board will be reconsidering putting the beach markers in specific areas for safety.

Motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to open a Public Hearing.
All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Sullivan supported to open the Public Hearing.
All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR MONTAIGN PLACE AND WESTERLUND WAY

No Comments.

A resolution was read and approved.

By roll call vote:

Ayes Marske
Dudiak
Bunte
Rettig
Sullivan

All ayes, resolution adopted.

Dudiak Moved to close the Public Hearing, Marske supported.
All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to open the regular Board Meeting.
All ayes, motion carried

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Gretchen from Bridgman Public Library announced they will be closed end of September for remodeling. There are many new objects you may now check out at the library, such as metal detectors, sewing machines, record players, many opportunities for the community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Chikaming Township Fire Department will be having a car wash Saturday, July 13th from 10-3.

Supervisor Bunte, reminded everyone to sign up for CodeRED for safety alerts.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**