

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2018

The June 14, 2018 meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Bunte, with Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan. Also present Attorney Charles Hilmer, John Gooch, of the Harbor Country News along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the May 10, 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:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several members of the community commented on the rental ordinance. Fran Wersells presented a written letter and Dan Coffey presented a comment sheet to the Board regarding the draft rental ordinance for the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

A Cherry Beach update was presented by Bunte. A public launch event will be held June 30th @10:00 am at the Township hall beginning the rollout of their messaging campaign. In addition to the \$250,000.00 Carls Foundation grant received last month an additional \$50,000.00 Upton grant was awarded. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to amend the General Budget in the amount of \$10,000.00 for promotions and fundraising efforts for the Cherry Beach Committee.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the Rental Ordinance as presented.

By roll call vote:

Yeas: Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig, Marske

Nays: Sullivan

Ordinance passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Davidson presented James Beattie as a candidate for a probationary Fire Fighter position for Chikaming Township Fire Department. Marske moved, Sullivan supported to hire James Beattie.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was presented by Marske, supported by Sullivan to establish a procedure that any Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, or Building Permit be allowed one "no charge" 180 day extension, at the discretion of the Building Official. Any further extensions may be granted at the discretion of the Building Official; subsequent extensions shall be charged at the minimum fee of Seventy Five (\$75.00) Dollars as specified in the Chikaming Township Building Permit Fee Schedule.

All ayes, motion carried.

Upon recommendation from Van Thornton, Chikaming Building Official and Zoning Administrator a motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to change the fee schedule of \$50.00 for a zoning compliance report (accessory building location, fence location) to \$20.00.
All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution for a Speed Study request to be sent to Berrien County Road Department in cooperation with the Michigan State Police was presented to the board for East Road.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig, and Sullivan
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution for a Speed Study request to be sent to Berrien County Road Department in cooperation with the Michigan State Police was presented to the board for Harbert Road.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Sullivan, Rettig, Dudiak, Bunte, and Marske
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve a Fireworks permit for Drew Espenshade of Ace Pyro for Chikaming Country Club for July 7, 2018 was approved.
All ayes, motion carried.

A Resolution to Waive Collection of Penalties for failure to file Property Transfer Affidavit was presented to the board.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Dudiak, Marske, Rettig, Bunte, and Sullivan
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve Supervisor Bunte to sign a letter of Intent regarding the Purchase of the Reed L. Beidler Trust Property engaging The Conservation Fund for purchase of the property was approved.
All ayes, motion carried.

A request for buyback of Lot 415 of Lakeside Cemetery was presented. A motion to accept the buyback was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jill Underhill, Chikaming Township Park board member advised that the Volley Ball Courts are ready for the public to use and that the baseball field is equipped with bases, with a team practicing on the field today. Encouraging the public to use the Parks.

BILLS:

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Code Red, an emergency management system is up and running. This system will alert Chikaming Township residences of office closures, emergency weather conditions and more. A sign up process is now being started.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk