

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2019

The March 14, 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, Marske supported to approve the Consent Agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Treasurer announced that Chikaming Township finalized the property tax account with the county to the penny. Congratulations for a job well done.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Bunte requested to recess the regular meeting for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting for the Appropriations Act.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to recess the meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

Rettig made a motion to Open the Public Hearing portion of the meeting, Marske supported. The Public Hearing was open.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Appropriations Act for Chikaming Township for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was available to the public for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Marske made a motion to close the Public Hearing, supported by Rettig.

Public Hearing was closed.

All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC MEETING

Supervisor Bunte ask for a motion to open a Public Meeting on Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion. Sullivan moved, Dudiak supported to open the Public Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

This project is the original Cherry Beach Project. The name has been changed for the application process. A resolution was submitted for support of an application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A member of the committee explained the name change was for the State of Michigan's benefit.

A Chikaming resident expressed her concern about the signs used for the Cherry Beach project need to be clearer for the public to understand.

No additional comments, a motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to close the Public Meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to reopen the regular meeting by Dudiak, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

272 Completed Rental Agreements have been turned into the Township.

Zoning Ordinance update was given by Trustee Sullivan. The committee is continuing to tweak the ordinances, it could take 4 to 6 more weeks to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution to apply for an application for Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for acquisition of parcel 11-07-0017-0003-03-6, entitled "Lake Michigan Forest and Public Beach Expansion" also known as "The Cherry Beach Park Project". was approved, including a \$250,000.00 commitment to the project toward matching funds.

By roll call vote,

Ayes: Rettig, Sullivan, Bunte, Dudiak, Marske

Nays: None

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to adopt the Resolution for the 2019-2020 Annual Appropriations Act was presented to board for approval.

By roll call vote,

Ayes, Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Sullivan, Rettig

Nays: None

All ayes, resolution adopted.

A resolution to approve submission of USDA Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) application for Red Arrow Highway and Union Pier Road Redevelopment project was presented.

By roll call vote,

Ayes, Dudiak, Bunte, Marske, Rettig, Sullivan

Nays: None

All ayes, resolution adopted.

Park Board Budget Amendments for a total of \$15,100.00 were presented by Supervisor Bunte. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to change individual line items as needed not to exceed the Park Board Budget.

All ayes, motion carried.

Application Number 19-3-7 for a Farmland Agreement was received from Michael J Jasper (Jasper Trust) for Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The application and supporting documents were available for review.

A motion was made to approve the application by Rettig, supported by Sullivan

All ayes, motion carried.

Application Number 19-3-7A for a Farmland Agreement was received from Michael J Jasper (Jasper Trust) for Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. The application and supporting documents were available for review.

A motion was made to approve the application by Marske, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

A Motion to pay \$30,000.00 was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to resolve a claim made by John Dobberteen, previous Mechanical/Plumbing inspector for funds according to his prior contract with Chikaming Township was approved.

All ayes, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Cherry Beach committee will be reaching out to the previous pledgers as they begin the process. Supervisor Bunte acknowledged the good job the committee has done in continuing the Cherry Beach project again this year, and thanked them for all their hard work.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Chief Davidson will be out of the office for FDIC Annual Conference, April 10, 11, & 12,. The Board will be attending MTA classes the first week in April.

There will be a Public Meeting at Ghost Isle Brewery in New Buffalo regarding the Union Pier project on March 21, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

New Buffalo Savings Bank will be having an Easter Egg Hunt, April 13, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Harbert Park.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**