

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2018

The May 10, 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 and Francesca Sagala of the New Buffalo Times along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Marske supported to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2018 Township Board Meeting. Sullivan abstained, Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig and Marske ayes, motion carried.

Rettig moved, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the special meeting of April 19th, Marske abstained, Bunte, Dudiak, Rettig and Sullivan ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, Marske supported to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and emails from the community were read and distributed to the board and will be put on file that they were received.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments concerning the draft rental ordinance was presented by several members of the community.

Dan Coffey presented a list of comments to the Board regarding the draft rental ordinance that he wanted to place on file with the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dudiak gave an update from the Road Advisory Committee meeting of May 3, 2018. The 2018 schedule that is on the Chikaming website is still up to date. The next meeting will take place at the office of the Southwest Michigan planning building in St. Joseph, Michigan on May 24, 2018. The committee will be discussing which local roads will be started on this year and continue the planning process with the funds that have been collected from the road millage to date.

Work is beginning almost everywhere, be alert. Berrien County Road Department advised that Red Arrow will begin as stated after Labor Day starting at the BP gas station continuing south to Browntown Rd. The road will be 4 lanes with 12'wide lanes and 2- 4' paved shoulders on each side.

Sullivan presented an update from the Zoning Ordinance steering committee. The revised draft was edited by the committee May 10, 2018. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to hire Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC, Attorneys to review the zoning ordinances at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

All ayes, motion carried.

Cherry Beach update was presented by Bunte on behalf of the committee. Bunte advised the board and community that the Cherry Beach Committee was awarded the \$250,000.00 Carls Foundation grant. A motion to accept the firm of Dragonfly to provide strategic consulting services for the Cherry Beach project and authorizing Supervisor Bunte to sign the proposal was made by Marske, supported by Rettig.

All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The presentation from David Stevenson regarding a Grant Application for Harbert Community Park project for Adult Exercise Equipment was postponed by presenter until next year.

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve D. Layman Construction proposal for rework and repairs on Chikaming Township Hall main entry.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve Abonmarche for project design and grant administration services recommended from Park Board relating to the Harbert Park Path and viewing platform project. Motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to have Chikaming Treasurer, Rettig reply to the County on two foreclosed properties after our Building Inspector, Van Thornton reviewed 11-07-0020-0056-19-9 and 11-07-0002-0045-00-8 to be vacant properties. Treasurer Rettig will reply to the County that Chikaming Township does not want to purchase the parcels.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to authorize Chief Taylor to apply for a Pokagon Fund Grant for E-Commerce transaction surveillance area in the amount of \$6,000.00, was moved by Marske, supported by Dudiak.
All ayes, motion carried.

Comments and questions were addressed regarding the draft Rental Ordinance Supervisor Bunte requested the Board review the ordinances for further discussion if necessary at our June 14, 2018 Board meeting.

REPORTS:

Police, Fire, Building, and Park Board, 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:

Additional comments regarding the draft Rental Ordinance was taken.

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 voted aye. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Trustee Marske reported and thanked the board for allowing members of the planning commission to attend an informational seminar in Berrien Springs.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM, by Rettig, supported by Bunte.
All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk