

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
November 8, 2018

The November 8, 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, Sullivan moved, Marske supported to approve the Consent Agenda.  
All ayes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

All correspondence was read and will be placed on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Bunte ask the board if there were any questions regarding the Draft Employee Handbook that had been presented to them at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. No one had any questions or concerns. The draft will then be brought to the December board meeting for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget changes were presented by Supervisor Bunte for the current 2018-2019 budget year, as follows:

The addition to expenditures in General of \$7,500.00 BC Drains.

Capital Expenditure	\$37,000.00 to \$20,000.00		
Miscellaneous expenses	\$33,000.00 to \$50,000.00		
Assessor's Office Salaries	-0-	to	\$42,000.00
Contract	\$51,000.00	to	\$12,600.00
FICA Tax	\$800.00	to	\$2,800.00
Medicare	\$200.00	to	\$800.00
MESC	0	to	\$375.00
Pension	\$2,400.00	to	\$12,000.00
Life & Health insurance	\$6,732.00	to	\$23,000.00
Zoning Department			
Legal Fees	\$20,000.00	to	\$10,000.00
Master plan	\$15,000.00	to	\$25,000.00
Building Department			
Printing and Publishing	\$5,000.00	to	\$7,000.00
Utilities and Rent	\$9,000.00	to	\$13,000.00

A motion was made to approve the amendments to the budget as presented by Marske, supported by Dudiak.  
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to approve a request from Chief Taylor asking for approval to have the 2014 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle sent to auction.  
All ayes, motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Gretchen Evans, Bridgman public library informed all of the new service that has been added to the library from a federal grant acquisition. There will a social worker intern present every Friday from 3-5 to assist anyone, anywhere from filling out forms to gathering information.

David Schulties, president of Straw Hat, Inc. introduced himself to the board and inquired on position on the current marijuana law that was passed. At this time nothing has been decided.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**

Supervisor Bunte thanked the clerk for a successful election. 690 Absentee ballots along with 978 ballots cast in the precinct leaving Chikaming township with over 60% voter turnout.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM, by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Paula Dudiak  
Chikaming Township Clerk**