

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2019

The September 12, 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.

Chief Davidson will be attending a one day Emergency Services Conference through MTA on September 25, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Stevenson suggested to the Township Board and the Park Board to create a monthly electronic newsletter, to better service the community to find facts, particularly the roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance Update was given by Trustee Sullivan.

1. Latest draft of ordinances is available on the township website.
2. A Public Meeting will be held October 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM, for any public input.
3. After the hearing October 2, 2019, the planning commission will be voting to accept the new ordinance, accept with changes, or reject the ordinance, in which case, it will be back to the drawing board.
4. Provided the planning commission accepts the ordinance as presented or with changes, it will then be placed on the agenda of the October 10, 2019 township board meeting for a vote.

An update was given by Supervisor Bunte regarding a Dangerous Building at 15373 Lakeshore Road, Lakeside.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for this meeting, September 12, 2019. We have been notified from the current property owner along with their attorney that they are now under

negotiations. We have given them until October 15th to obtain required permits and to demolish.

Trustee Sullivan presented Public Safety Commission Structure guidelines for approval of the Township Board:

Purpose: To assist with and oversee where needed, the operations of the township police and fire department; and to review and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees of any items that the Fire or Police Department may need to have approved.

Members: Five (5) members appointed to staggered terms of 3 years each. There will be one member of the Township Board assigned to this commission.

Fire and Police departments to be represented at each meeting by the respective Chiefs or their designee.

Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Recording Secretary; to be elected annually by the members.

Meetings: The first Thursday in April, July, and October at 10:00 A.M., with additional meetings to be scheduled as needed.

Open Meetings Act to be followed; Meeting notices, minutes taken and given to clerk no later than 8 days after meeting (Proposed Minutes). Approved minutes within 5 days after approved

Oath of Office: Yes, administered by township clerk. Compensation: To be set by township board annually.

Marske move, Rettig supported to approve the New Public Safety Commission structure. All ayes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2018-2019 Audit Review was given by Hungerford Nichols Pas + Advisors stating that Chikaming Township is in good financial position.

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

Chief Taylor submitted a request for Sergeant Jones to attend the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, 2019 Fall Police Executives and new Chiefs School in November in the amount of \$1,095.00. It was moved by Rettig, supported by Sullivan. All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Davidson submitted a Cadet Firefighter Program booklet to the Public Safety Commission. Trustee Sullivan recommended this program be approved by the board by the

resolution submitted. Carson Taylor was introduced as a cadet candidate, he has already graduated from Fire Fighter I, and Fire Fighter II.

It was approved by Roll Call vote:

Marske Yes

Sullivan Yes

Dudiak Yes

Rettig Yes

Bunte Yes

Resolution Adopted.

Chief Davidson also advised the board on the correspondence received on the Public Protection Classification for Chikaming Township. The ISO's Public Protection Classification Program plays an important role in the underwriting process with insurance companies which determines the premiums that are charged to individual townships. The township scored a 05/5Y rating which was determined by an extensive audit. In this case the Lower the number the better, a 5 rating is considered an above average rating.

A presentation was given by Mark Strauss on behalf of the Chikaming Township Park Board on Disc Golf. The Park Board is asking the Township board to allow the grant process for the Disc Golf which would be located at the Chikaming Park and Preserve on Warren Woods Road to be accepted. David E. Stevenson, Attorney At Law will be assisting the Park Board with the Grant Request. A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to allow the grant process with Supervisor Bunte being the signer.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Taylor gave an update on the multiple burglaries in the Harbert area which began August 16, 2019. All cases have been solved. The armed robbery at The Whistle Stop is currently being worked on through multiple municipalities and is now a federal case due the New Buffalo Savings Bank in Three Oaks also being robbed. Milda's Store is close to being solved, with identification of suspect.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Dudiak to approve as presented and approved by the Planning Commission, the platted Lot Division Application for parcels 11-07-5770-0065-02-1, 11-07-5770-0065-03-0, 11-07-5770-0063-02-9 located at 13916 Rea Avenue. Creating two buildable parcels out of three.

All ayes, motion carried.

A Special Land Use Permit #204 for parcel ID 11-07-0012-0002-01-2, 9935 Townline Road, Union Pier was presented to the board from the Planning Commission with prior approval.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Sullivan to grant the special Land use.

All ayes, motion carried.

DISCUSSION TOPIC – VISIONING CHIKAMING'S COMMUNITY CENTERS

Many ideas were discussed from Union Pier upgrades, to the parks. Many suggestions for improvements for the Centers of our Community were given.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 minute limit)

Dennis Kreps introduced himself, he is the new director of the Bridgman Library. He stated his interested in the Library being part of the community centers as well and working together with Chikaming Township.

Layton Olson from Harbert spoke to the board advising he writes for a local newsletter; it helps to strengthen and creates building blocks in our schools and communities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Cherry Beach is winding down on collecting funds. September 30 commitments need to be in. To reach their goal they need approximately \$130,000.00 additional funds. There will be a give back dinner at Mesa Luna September 19, 2019.

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission will be conducting a meeting and doing a Tour of the GRSD on the September 19, 2019 5:30-7:30.

Bridgman City will be hosting a meeting October 5, 2019 regarding Water Quality.

Treasurer Rettig advised 79.27% of Taxes have been collected as of this date.

Last day is September 16, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske. All ayes, Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**