

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2018

The September 13, 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, New Buffalo Times along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske to have Supervisor Bunte sign a letter to support the invasive species initiative as put forth by the collaborative efforts of the SW x SW Corner Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area.
All ayes, motion carried.

All remaining correspondence was read and will be placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Cherry Beach project committee advised they need \$97,000.00 with two and half weeks remaining to accept pledges.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the Road Asset Management Plan as presented.
All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution dedicating two Lakeside parcels deeded from Berrien County to Chikaming Township Park Board was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
By Roll Call Vote: Sullivan, Marske, Dudiak, Bunte, Rettig

A grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 was awarded to Chikaming Township by the Pokagon Fund for support of an E Commerce Camera Surveillance project, which Chief Taylor applied for on 5/14/2018.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Taylor presented an Educational Internship Program Policy which was created by Officer Jones with the assistance of Chief to the Board for approval. Dudiak moved, Sullivan supported to approve the Internship Program.
All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Taylor recommended the hire of Kaili Johnson for full time employment as a police officer for Chikaming Township. Kaili was presented with a Chikaming Township badge, Marske moved, Sullivan supported the hire.
All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Davidson recommended the hire of Maggie Oldenburg as a probationary fire fighter for the Chikaming Township Fire Department. She is also currently completing her MFR program. Motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to hire Maggie Oldenburg.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept a request from the Zoning Administrator to raise minor amendment for Special Land use permit to \$280.00.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to appoint Tom Gold to fill Doreen Bartoni position on the Zoning Board of Appeals after she resigned, and to complete her term until March 31st, 2021.
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 Harbert Road.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Marske, Dudiak, Sullivan, Bunte, Rettig
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 Browntown Road.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Rettig, Bunte, Sullivan, Dudiak, Marske
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution in Support of Regional Non-Motorized Land & Water Infrastructure was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, Sullivan, Bunte
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution in Support of Regional Transportation was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
By roll call vote:
Yeas: Bunte, Sullivan, Marske, Rettig, Dudiak
Nays: None
Resolution declared adopted.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Annual report was given by Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Public Library.
Rich Sullivan ask all to consider pledges to the Cherry Beach project.
Jill Underhill, Park board member thanked Gretchen for the little library at the park.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Supervisor Bunte announced up coming meeting and events:
9/17 – Q&A for Chikaming Business Community 6:00 pm – Twp Meeting Room
9/24 – The Pokagon Fund Community Meeting on the future of our area – 6:30 pm NB Library
9/26 – Berrien County Parks Department – Linear Park and Master Plan – noon – 4 pm Chikaming Township Mtg Room – 6:00 pm Meeting Chikaming Township Fire House
10/3 – Planning Commission Public Hearing on draft Zoning Ordinance – 6:45 pm Chikaming Township Center
10/6 – Celebrate Chikaming – 11:00 am – 3:00 pm - Chikaming Township Center

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM, by Dudiak, supported by Rettig.
All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk**