

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING August 11, 2016

The August 11, 2016, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:35 PM. by Supervisor Warner, with Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, and Sullivan present. Also present John Gooch, of the Harbor Country News, along with several members of the community.

A moment of silence for Chikaming Township former Clerk/Supervisor Jeanne Dudeck who passed away August 1, 2016 was observed.

Supervisor Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Marske supported to accept the Township Board July 14, 2016 and July 29, 2016 Special Meeting minutes.

All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Dudiak supported to accept the Treasurers report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE –

Multiple letters and emails from the community regarding the Dollar General were received and distributed to the board, along with a letter from Attorney Dienes. A copy of job description for Receptionist and Account's Receivable Clerk original and a working copy were included in the correspondence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bridgman Public Library, Gretchen Evans informed the public of their upcoming events through the rest of this year. Book Club date changed October 12, 2006 to Tapestry and hike in Oct, story contest for kids, Christmas sing along in December. Flyers will be given to the township to distribute at the office.

An update was presented by Enrico, chairperson for Chikaming Township Park board, the tree that was purchased was planted in memory of Christopher Thompson along with naming a trail in his honor was completed.

Commented on how proud he was of our Chikaming Township Police and Fire department for the tribute to our former Clerk/Supervisor during the funeral with our trucks leading the way.

Trustee Sullivan inquired about the content of the August 1st letter referring to June 22, 2016 letter regarding the pool equipment. This case is in litigation with a hearing to be next Wednesday.

Letter was read by property owner Weisenriter in support of Dollar General and presented the board with petitions. Additional comments in support and opposition to the Dollar General were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dudiak presented requested Information from the July meeting to the public.

Clerk Report:

Current information regarding Cherry Beach was presented via email from Sarah Doty. The deadline for comments and information to the DEQ for Cherry Beach was August 15 and now looks like it may get extended. A suggestion was made to schedule a Cherry Beach Town Hall meeting for September, or put it on the agenda for September.

Email was received from Marcy Hamilton from the Southwest Michigan Planning giving the email addresses for all to have. Contact information was emailed to Enrico and Janet Schrader of the Parks department and Supervisor and Clerk of the Township. If anyone wants this information, the clerk will have this available.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made that based upon the record and Section 21.09 of our Ordinance, the board believes that we do not have the jurisdiction to hear the appeal from Midwest V, LLC of June 1, 2016 because the Planning Commission has made no final decision to approve or disapprove the final site plans. Applicant must now decide his next step. Rettig moved, supported by Dudiak.

Roll Call vote, Rettig yes, Warner yes, Dudiak yes, Sullivan yes, Marske abstained. Motion carried.

After reviewing a letter from Chikaming Township Building Inspector, Christopher Miller, the board made a motion for the new owner of 6884 West Warren Woods Road to be able to keep the garage from demolition contingent upon the owner take the steps to repair the existing garage as Miller has outlined. Moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan. All ayes, motion carried. A question from Anderson regarding how an accessory structure is allowed without a primary. Warner advised it is in an AG zoning and allowed.

A motion to approve and have the Supervisor sign the contract for the Comcast franchise renewal for a 10 year contract at the current 3% rate was moved by Rettig, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion for a resolution to designate the assessor as the appointed official to approve land divisions and rescind the zoning administrator was moved by Marske, supported by Rettig with note when new Zoning administrator is appointed it will be reviewed to resume roll. Roll call vote Warner yes, Dudiak yes, Rettig yes, Sullivan yes, Marske yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Taylor announced the resignation of Officer Hahn after 4 years of service he has resigned his fulltime position to take a position with the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. Officer Hahn will remain with Chikaming Township as a part time officer, his last day of full time being August 21, 2016. Officer Jason Cleveland, a three year part time officer, currently working full time with Bridgman City, will become a fulltime officer for Chikaming Township.

Marske moved, supported by Sullivan. All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Davidson announced the Josh Knuth has stepped down from his position as Captain, but fortunately will remain with the department. Dave Abele and Ryan Sullivan have been appointed to the positions of Lieutenant.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Warner gave an update on the Red Arrow culvert, that Monday August 15, 2016 is the closing date for the road. Berrien County Road Commission will have pictures on their website to keep the public up to date. Advised we have detour maps in the office and suggested we put on website for additional information to the community.

Reports from Police, Fire, MFR, Building Department, Park Board and Bridgman Library were all presented for approval motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to accept the reports and place them on file, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Bills were presented by Rettig for approval to be paid, Dudiak moved, supported by Sullivan, to accept the bills presented to be paid by Chikaming Township. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, Dudiak moved, Marske supported. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk

8/14/16