

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2016

The February 11, 2016, meeting of the Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Warner with Dudiak, Rettig and Sullivan in attendance, Marske absent at 6:32 PM. Also present were Township Police Chief Todd Taylor, John Gooch, of Harbor Country News and several members of the community.

Supervisor Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Sullivan supported to approve the Township Board minutes of the January 14, 2016, regular meeting, as presented. All ayes, Motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gretchen Evans of the Bridgman Library reminded the public of its 50th year anniversary, inviting everyone to come to their upcoming events such as board game night, a 60's group and other fun activities.

Janet Schrader, Park Board discussed a letter to the board regarding a grant for Ice skates. Letter had been received by the board and will be brought up in new business.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Davidson presented a certificate to Bonnie Christopher for her dedication and service to our community for 40 years as Medical First Responder for Chikaming Township.

Shelly Taylor was presented by the Park Board to be appointed as a new Park Board member. A motion was made by Rettig for appointment, supported by Sullivan, all ayes, motion was carried. Shelly was presented to the public and sworn in by Clerk, Dudiak, as a new Chikaming Township Park Board member effective immediately.

A motion was made by Sullivan, supported by Rettig to approve the request from River Valley, Berrien RESA and Lake Michigan College to collect 100% and New Buffalo to collect 50% summer taxes for our local schools. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer Rettig reported that 97.75% of the summer taxes have been collected and 80.80% of the winter taxes had been collected to date with February 16, 2016 being the last day for Winter taxes without penalty.

An approval of the Federal Guidelines for Poverty was presented, approved and accepted, moved by Dudiak, supported by Sullivan, All ayes, motion carried.

An approval of the new Federal Mileage rate of .54 cents per mile was moved by Rettig, supported by Sullivan, All ayes, motion carried.

A letter was submitted to the board by Enrico, chairman of the Park Board, requesting Board approval for a Heart of Cook grant. The grant is money for ice skates for kids, park board members have been working with our elementary school on this grant. The grant paperwork is due on Monday of the upcoming week. Rettig moved, Sullivan supported. All ayes, motion carried.

A slide show presentation was given by Chief Taylor of 2015 glimpse of what the department accomplished throughout the year. Showing statistics followed by the police department vision and mission statements created collectively by his staff.

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

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Showalter thanked the board members for the work they do and expressed his views on the difficult decisions that have to be made. He inquired about information in the office on code of conduct and any training that was available to assist the members. Dudiak along with Rettig advised him there are guides and documents in the Chikaming office available to all.

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 7:15, Rettig moved, Marske supported, All voted ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak

Chikaming Township Clerk