

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2016

The March 10, 2016, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Warner with Dudiak, Rettig, Marske present, Sullivan absent. Also present John Gooch, of the Harbor country News, Township Fire Chief Mike Davidson along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Warner supported to approve the Township Board Minutes of February 11, 2016, regular meeting, as presented. All ayes, Marske abstained. Motion carried.

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

Rettig reported that all monies have been disbursed and reconciled with the county. 97.44% of Chikaming Township property taxes have been collected to date.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A request was presented for three people to attend a Zoning Board of Appeals workshop April 28th, 2016 in Jackson, Michigan. Motion was made, moved by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

An addendum to the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget was approved. The General Administration budget was increased by \$12,000.00. The Building Department was increased by \$3,000.00. Also, the Public Safety budget was adjusted for a \$44,000.00 increase. Motion made to accept the budget amendments, moved by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

March 31, 2016 at 6:00 was selected for a Special Meeting to adopt the budget; it was moved by Dudiak, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

Chief Davidson gave a presentation on Emergency Detour routing during the Red Arrow Culvert project. Chief Davidson updated the board and public that our fire and police departments are doing everything they can to make it safe for everyone. Chikaming Township is determined to help businesses to continue to make money with additional signs and information on detouring. The Public was given assurance that we have been and will continue to work out plans to make the road closing as easy as possible. Our police department will always have coverage; response times will be affected as little as possible. The fire

department has worked with surrounding communities, with plans in place to be able to dispatch from both ends of the cut. Further discussion on the Step Process was given to explain why the entire road will be closed.

Comments were given and replied to by both the Township Board and Chief Davidson. Businesses were also represented at the meeting asking if the Chikaming Township Board would back them if they approached Berrien County Road Commission about pushing the dates back.

September was suggested by Theresa Espino representing Capozio's restaurant instead of May 1st thru August 15, 2016. Supervisor Warner assured the public that we would support them the best we could. But explained this is a federal grant and gets complicated with contracts which are still not confirmed.

A request from Janet Schrader to find out about the staging area, as to who owns that park. Berrien County Road Commission or Berrien County Parks? What will be the condition of the area after the culvert is complete.

A Request to attend FDIC Conference in Indianapolis on April 20-23 was presented by Supervisor Warner for two people to attend this conference. Approval was given with it being noted part of this time will be on their own time because of this being a weekend. It was moved by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM, Rettig moved, Dudiak supported. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk

3/11/16