

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2016

The November 10, 2016, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 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.

Supervisor Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Marske supported to accept the Township Board October 13, 2016 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, Marske supported to approve the Township Board October 27, 2016 Special Meeting minutes. Warner abstained, not being in attendance at the meeting. Dudiak, Rettig, Marske and Sullivan in favor, motion carried.

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

Treasurer Rettig advised that 97% of the Summer taxes have been collected as of November 10, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and emails from the community were distributed to the board and will be put on record that they were received. Correspondence via email was given to the board to discuss a recommendation from the planning commission from their meeting of November 2, 2016.

Bill Marske advised he talked to Andy Brown chairperson of the planning commission regarding this email. He agreed that waiting until December meeting to reply to this email would be fine due to the fact that no one had time to research the necessary materials needed for a decision. The board would like the Building/Zoning administrator to look into it also. A follow-up next month will be presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joseph Reed, planning commission member gave the board a clear definition of the intent of the Planning Commission asking to place a 12 month moratorium to be placed on all newly proposed commercial developments requiring a site plan review in the Red Arrow Hwy. green corridor. Discussion was heard from the public. The purpose is to protect our township, and to blend the masterplan with the corridor and ordinances. This would not affect anything that is going on now. It was suggested that the length of time be reduced.

A motion was made to approve Grace Rappe recommendation to the township that a moratorium be place on all newly proposed commercial developments requiring a site plan review in the Red Arrow Hwy green corridor for one month not 12 months as recommended. With it being relooked at the next meeting with

the new supervisor being present. It was moved by Sullivan, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

The ribbon cutting for the Red Arrow Highway culvert took place November 9, 2016. Job was completed a week ahead of time taking 4088 man hours to complete. Great turn out from the Township and the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk Report:

Information was given regarding the zoning ordinance deficiencies regarding the Family Dollar from an email the board had received last month before the meeting. A timeline and descriptions of all inspections that have taken place at the Family Dollar were presented. Many questions as to whether or not an occupancy permit would be issued or not was discussed. Sullivan ask the board individually to commit to not issuing a permit until each item on the email had been addressed to the people on the email. The board agreed that our new Building/Zoning administrator would be advised and we would have him with our legal counsel follow through with this matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan to renew the contract with Gerbel & Company, P.C. as our township auditors for another three years. (Years ending March 31, 2017, 2018 and 2019.)

All ayes, motion carried.

Sally Taylor from Passaro, Kahne & Taylor Law Offices, P.L.L.C. presented the board with information that was presented to the Chikaming township planning commission on the 4th of October 2016, requesting a Site plan Review of Condominium – Conversion of a Coop to Condominium of parcel #11-07-4600-0009-00-5, address: 15810 Center Avenue, Union Pier, Michigan it was moved by Sullivan, supported by Rettig to approve the conversion.

All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on library funding was ask to be delayed to include the newly elected Supervisor to be in attendance. A meeting date will follow.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Reports from Police, Fire, MFR, Park Board , Bridgman Library and New Buffalo 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 from the last board meeting were presented by Rettig for approval to be paid, Marske moved, supported by Sullivan, to accept the bills presented to be paid by Chikaming Township. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Additional comments from the public:

Gary Wood, Planning Commission member invited the board to a work session for consultants to be hired for the revision of the ordinances to the master plan. Possibly November 29, 30th or December 1st. A special meeting would need to be scheduled. Gary will contact the board when a date is set.

Sara Doty advised that she has not had any contact with the DEQ regarding Cherry Beach at this time. She wanted to remind the board that this maybe something coming to board and it is very critical to preserve our public beaches.

Many thank you' s from the public and board to Wayne Warner for his years of service at Chikaming Township as Supervisor.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM, Warner moved, Marske supported. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk