

APPROVED

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

The September 08, 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.

Supervisor Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to accept the Township Board August 11, 2016 minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to accept the September 6, 2016 special Meeting minutes. Sullivan abstained due to not being at September 6, 2016 meeting. Warner, Dudiak, Rettig and Marske aye, motion carried.

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

Treasurer Rettig advised that 53.61% of the Summer Taxes have been collected as of 9-8-16 with 9-14-16 being the deadline to pay without penalty.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and emails from the community were distributed to the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bridgman Public Library, Gretchen Evans reminded the public of their upcoming event. October 12th Berrien County Sheriff Department employee and author of the book Killing in Al Capone Playground will be speaking and selling her book at Tapestry.

Enrico, chairperson for Chikaming Township Park board, advised that the planter at the entrance to the dog park was donated by Jill Underhill.

Tom Hackley inquired as to how and where the Chikaming Township funds are kept, and questioned are we making the most out of our money we can. Information was given. Treasurer Rettig offered him to come in to the township on Tuesdays or Thursdays and she would be happy to get him all information he needs.

Trustee Sullivan wanted to do something about our Chikaming township website. Possible subcommittee to assist with volunteers and employee. Clerk responded that we will work with our webmaster closer and in the near future get other people trained to make quicker changes to the website and welcomed any volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Clerk Report:

A letter was sent to Midwest V, LLC (Dollar General) regarding the board motion at the August 11, 2016 Township Board meeting that the applicant must now decide their next steps. As of this date nothing has been sent to the township. A thank you letter was sent to Officer Hahn.

Current information regarding Cherry Beach was presented via email from Sarah Doty. No new information had been sent or received as of this date. Therefore it was not included on the September agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian Wisneski, CPA from Gerbel & Company, P.C. gave an audit presentation in detail presenting for the 2015-2016 Audit.

Lake Michigan College presentation was given by Barb Craig. Information was also given by Sally Gelddoft explained the college is looking for a 10 year capital millage to assist the college with the upcoming cost described in presentation. Information booklets and flyers were distributed.

At the August Park Board meeting Jill Underhill was nominated to fill Chris Thompson's position vacancy on the Park Board. Supervisor Warner informed the board, motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to appoint Jill Underhill to fill the vacancy for the two months before the election in November 2016.

All ayes, motion carried

A Quit Claim Deed regarding swift lane was prepared by Attorney Hilmer was submitted to the board along with a resolution regarding the assessor to do land divisions. Rettig moved, supported by Sullivan to allow the signing and completion of the deed and resolution.

All ayes, motion carried.

A Letter from community libraries was given to the board for future discussion. Warner, Rettig and Sullivan to set up a meeting date to discuss negotiations of reopening of contact.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Chief Taylor presented the board with copies of 2016 Grant Application to The Pokagon Fund/Replacement of MDTs. In 2012 Chikaming Township Police Department purchased the Mobile Data Terminals (Laptops for patrol cars). These computers are now becoming ineffective and repairs are beginning to become costly.

A motion was moved by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve this grant to the Pokagon Fund at the September Board Meeting so it can be turned in before October 1, 2016 deadline.

All ayes, motion carried.

Chief advised the public of current break in of cars in our area with cars that are being left unlocked. He advised to lock vehicles at all time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Supervisor Warner gave an update on the Red Arrow culvert. A crane was brought in to build another crane, progress is going along very good, and next week they may be ready to set some of the concrete pieces.

Supervisor Warner informed that there will be a follow up at court on September 19, 2016 at 3:00 for the (pool) court case of 8-17-16. Also there would be a hearing today September 8, 2016 regarding Merriweather Shores, non-conforming lot.

Reports from Police, Fire, MFR, 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, Marske 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 8:15 PM, Rettig moved, Marske supported. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk

9/16/16