

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2017**

The April 13, 2017, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Bunte, with Dudiak, Rettig, Marske, and Sullivan present. Also present John Gooch, of the Harbor Country News and Francesca Sagala of the New Buffalo Times, along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Marske supported to accept the minutes of the Township Board March 23, 2017 Special Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the March 30, 2017 General Appropriations Act meeting. Rettig abstained. All ayes, motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters and emails from the community were distributed to the board and will be put on record that they were received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve a Road Advisory Committee for collecting information on Township roads and improvement plans. Supervisor Bunte announced the appointment of Gary Wood, Tim Brychta, Larry Anderson, and Jerry Kohn as citizens and Paula Dudiak as Trustee representative. All members were sworn in with the exception of Jerry Kohn. After discussion the board approved a staggering 1-2 year term for this committee. Sullivan advised as a representative from the board he would assist Paula Dudiak when and if needed. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to establish a township parking violations bureau and schedule of violations and fines. Supervisor Bunte presented the board with a draft ordinance along with a schedule of violations descriptions and cost. After discussion the motion died for lack of no vote, the motion was not approved. The board agreed more time is needed before a motion could be made. Sullivan inquired about how or why a sign been put up at the Post Office in downtown Sawyer regarding parking. Bunte advised he would look into the situation. A meeting with the downtown Sawyer businesses has been requested for April by the Supervisor to discuss issues that may arise.

A request to approve the appointment of Doreen Bartoni to the Zoning Board of Appeals was presented by Supervisor Bunte, motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve the appointment of Doreen Bartoni.

All ayes, motion carried.

A request to approve the appointment of Doug Dow to the Planning Commission to replace Brad Ytterberg appointment, motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve Doug Dow.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to have Doug Dow as the Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of appeals.

All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Additional comments from the public:

Gretchen Evans of the Bridgman Library invited the public and the board to share in the community gardens that are now available, and other actives that are scheduled for the upcoming month.

Jill Underhill inquired about the sign at the Sawyer Post Office.

Angela Reichert commented on the focus groups for the ordinance reviews that have taken place at the Township Hall and encouraged people to attend the upcoming sessions.

Gary Wood thanked the board for the support of the Road Advisory Committee.

BILLS:

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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A big thank you for getting the new Chikaming Township website up and running along with the new Point and Pay system was given to Pete Plikaitis. The website will be launched on Monday, April 17, 2017.

A thank you was given to the past members of the Planning commission and the zoning Board of Appeals for their support and help during their years of service on these commission. Carol Sizer, Dr. Lee Strohl, Mario Zarantenello and Joseph Reed.

Park board cleanup will start at Harbert park this Saturday April 22, 2017 at 9:30 if anyone would like to join them.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM, Rettig moved, Marske supported. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk