

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2017**

The August 10, 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 Attorney Charles Hilmer, 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, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2017 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A representative of the Unruh estate wanted more details regarding live music in the annex. He was concerned about the noise level with his home being so close. The topic was further addressed under new business in this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members of the board received a draft of an amendment to Ordinance No. 126 along with policy and procedures for obtaining gate access and a Chikaming Township Gate Access Permit Application. Concern from the board on the length of time to process a request was discussed along with contractors being singled out. Supervisor Bunte informed the board to review what was presented it would then be given to the Park board for their review and returned to Township Board at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2016-17 Audit Review was given by Brian Wisneski of Gerbel & Company. Marske moved and Sullivan supported the 2016-2017 be accepted.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to amend the 2017-18 budget to reflect final payment in the amount of \$21,942.59 from General Fund to Sewer Department for Flynn Road construction project it was moved by Marske, supported by Dudiak.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to amend the 2017-18 budget to include \$1,824.38 in revenue from New Buffalo Township for Townline Beach maintenance and post to Park Board budget maintenance expense. Motion by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to review the amended 2017-18 budget with corrected notations on General Fund and Public Safety Fund, as requested by auditor, motion made by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
All ayes, motion carried.

An introduction of new police hires by Chief Taylor was presented for board approval. Brandon Jones will replace David Duis as a full time officer.
Motion was made by Marske, supported by Bunte to hire Brandon Jones.
All ayes, motion carried.
David Wyman will replace Robert Jason Cleveland as a full time officer.
Motion was made Marske, supported by Rettig to hire David Wyman.

All ayes, motion carried.

A Request by the Chikaming Township zoning administrator to allow a one-time permit for Greenbush to provide outdoor music at their Annex facility on Friday, September 22nd, 2017 for a Harvest Party with donations to Feeding America of West Michigan was presented to the board. A Motion was made to approve a one-time permit for Greenbush to provide outdoor music at the Annex facility with consideration of the sound decibel. Rettig moved, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Reports from Police, Fire, Building, Bridgman & New Buffalo Library, Park Board, ZBA and planning were all presented for approval.

Motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept the reports and place them on file. All voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Additional comments from the public:

BILLS:

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Linda Hannah retired. Barb Anderson was sworn in as Deputy Clerk as her replacement.

The August 5th electronic recycling was well attended. Suggestion for next year by Rettig that a grant be looked into to assist with the cost.

Memorial for Jeanne Dudeck was a huge success, many thanks to the Park board.

Ordinance Reviews are being held every Thursday and are going well.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, moved by Rettig, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk