

**APPROVED**

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
December 14, 2017**

The December 14, 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 November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 distributed to the board and will be put on record that they were received.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dan Coffey presented the board with pages of remarks regarding the Moratorium on building on the lakefront until new zoning ordinance is approved. Mr. Coffey requested that this presentation be put on record as part of the minutes.

Other comments from the public regarding concerns on the new zoning ordinances were heard.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Bunte presented the board with documentation regarding the Court Order reversing Zoning Board of Appeals Denial of Application of Variance from Steven and Michele Chudik. Order of Dismissal for Non Service of case no. 15-000149-AA, Paul Sydrys and Chikaming Township.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve a Resolution from River Valley School District affirming Chikaming Township as Collector of summer tax levy for 2018.

All ayes, motion carried.

The Township's current Assessor Jeanine Gropp' s contract will term as of December 15, 2017, she has resigned due to health reasons. The approval of the contract from McGrew Assessing, LLC. was moved by Rettig, supported by Marske pending Attorney Hilmer' s review.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the recommendation of the park board to appointment Arthur Anderson to fill the vacant seat.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig for recommendation by the Planning Commission to extend the green corridor moratorium until March 31, 2018.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig, supported by Marske for a recommendation by the Planning Commission to enact a moratorium on waterfront construction until the adoption of the new zoning ordinances.  
Motion was tabled until January Board Meeting.

A motion to approve the 2018 Chikaming Township Calendar was moved by Dudiak, supported by Marske.  
All ayes, motion carried

A motion to approve termination of ownership of 2 Lakeside Cemetery lots by Roy Thomspson and reimburse him at 75% which is a total of \$225.00 was approved by Marske, supported by Rettig.  
All ayes, motion carried

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan that Chikaming Township would pay the portion of Blue Cross Blue Shield Health insurance at \$168.68 per month and the contribution of \$250.00 per month for Health Savings Plan for Officer David Wyman, who was injured on the job for a six month period. This is not a policy change and would be evaluated on a case by case basis.  
All ayes, motion carried

**REPORTS:**

Police, Fire, Building, New Buffalo Library, Bridgman Library, Park Board, Three Oaks Public Library, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission were all presented for approval. Motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to accept the reports with exception of the Fire report and place them on file. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
A review of the Fire report will be conducted regarding the department vehicle Tahoe and, MFR mileage.

**Additional comments from the public:**

Dan Coffey advised the board of a court decision regarding Principal Residence exceptions changing the number of days for renting.

**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:**

Supervisor Bunte began by thanking Jeanine Gropp for her 36 years of service as our township Assessor. He also welcomed Arthur Anderson to the park board. Last to remind everyone about the Public Hearing which will take place at the Township Hall on December 20, 2017 regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinances.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.  
All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak  
Chikaming Township Clerk