

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2017**

The January 12, 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, along with several members of the community.

Supervisor Bunte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rettig moved, Marske supported to accept the Township Board December 8, 2016 minutes as amended changing under old business the January dates to 2017 from 2016. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Treasurer Rettig advised that 46 1/2% of the winter taxes have been collected to date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Jewell, Attila Real Estate addressed the board with the issue of the property for sale for the Dollar General. Discussion of an appeal was presented with documentation. They are asking for the board to reconsider. Supervisor Bunte assured a response to their request would be given.

Janet Schrader, Park board member reminded the board and public to attend a ribbon cutting at Harbert Community Park for ice skating rink storage area for donated skates. Saturday January 14, 2017 at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sidrys vs Chikaming Township status report. Supervisor Bunte and Trustee Sullivan will be attending the hearing on January 13, 2017.

February 8, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, a public open house will be held at Chikaming Township with McKenna Associates to initiate the upcoming zoning ordinance review process.

Supervisor Bunte advised that approximately 90% of the staff is now on Chikaming township email.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion regarding a request from Chikaming Township Park Board to name Chikaming Township Park Board as Stewards of Ordinance 126 and as the local level Governing Body to oversee and be stewards of all Lake Michigan (Bottomlands) shoreline located in Chikaming Township. The board agreed new policies and procedures need to be in place, and with the documentation presented. It will be reviewed with our legal counsel with more discussion to follow.

Our local Libraries gave a presentation to further explain the need for more funds from Chikaming Township.

Supervisor Bunte asked Rich Sullivan to sit on the board of the LRSB as a representative to represent Chikaming Township. Motion was moved by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Reports from Police, Fire, MFR, 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.

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:

A letter was read by Dennis Weisenritter to urge the Township to re-assess their stance on previous decisions before the board and other boards.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, Rettig moved, Marske supported. All ayes, Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk