

**APPROVED**

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

The July 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.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, Sullivan supported to approve the Treasurers 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: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A presentation was given by Jerry Kohn and Chris Quattrin, Berrien County Drain Commissioner regarding the Sawyer Drain #448. After facts and paperwork were presented Chris Quattrin advised that after the township submits a resolution to the Drain office, a board of determination will review, then present the results to see if there is a need, they will design, after a review it would be given to the assessor. The next steps would then be recommendations from the Drain office to expand the size and possible redistricting if necessary. A motion was made by Rettig, Moved by Marske to complete the resolution and submit to document to Berrien County Drain Office. By Roll Call vote:  
Sullivan, Aye, Rettig, Aye, Bunte, Aye, Dudiak, Aye, Marske, Aye  
Motion carried.  
Paul Rook of Shorewood Hills, presented the board with their findings after testing Deer creek, they are very concerned about the high numbers that were presented. Supervisor advised to contact Marcy Hamilton for further information.
2. Supervisor Bunte informed the board of the office new hires. Kimberly Swartz for the Front Desk and Sabina Kotov for Deputy Treasurer. Pete Plikaitis will continue to help with IT on a part time basis. Resumes were given to board members for review.
3. A resolution for road millage of 1.00 to be placed on the November 7, 2017 ballot was presented. It was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the resolution that Chikaming Township impose an increase of up to one mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for six years, 2017 through 2022 inclusive, for the maintenance, upkeep and construction of roads within Chikaming Township, which one mill will raise an estimated \$614,524 in the first year the millage is Levied?  
By Roll Call Vote: Marske, Aye, Dudiak, Aye, Bunte, Aye, Rettig, Aye, Sullivan, Aye. Motion carried.
4. Motion to approve Melissa Flick as administrator for the Parking Bureau was moved by Rettig, supported by Dudiak.  
All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion to approve payment of \$21,942.59 to the Chikaming Township Sewer Department for the balance due on Flynn Road Reconstruction Loan which was not paid in 2015, 2016-2017 and not in our current budget. We were made aware of this by our auditors that the final payment had not been paid. It was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the payment.  
All ayes, motion carried.
6. Motion to approve special land use permit application #195, approved by the Planning Commission, 14950 Red Arrow Highway, Union Pier, property owner Joe Sundberg was moved by Dudiak, supported by Marske.  
All ayes, motion carried.
7. Motion to approve special land use permit application #196, 15412 Red Arrow Highway, Lakeside, property owner Sandra Thompson was moved by Marske, supported by Bunte.  
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:**

Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Public Library advised the public of upcoming events. The library is getting ready to do their strategic planning soon and may need our assistance.

Mike Koch-Weser presented the board with a letter regarding his concerns about properties being rentals and the overall wording of ordinance #87. A copy was given for correspondence and a copy for our Building/Zoning administrator.

Enrico Heirman, Park board chairperson, ask the board for support by sending a letter to Congressman Upton for continued funding for Great Lakes. Give a book – Take a book program will be at the Harbert Community Park thanks to Bridgman Library for their donation. The new Volleyball courts are finished at the park , a possible Tuesday night league is in process.

**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 reminder that next Saturday July 22, 2017 is our Chikaming Township event Celebrate Chikaming at Harbert Community Park and will start at 12pm-6pm. Hope all will attend. August 5<sup>th</sup> 9-1 electronic recycling will be here at Chikaming Township.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM, moved by Rettig, supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak  
Chikaming Township Clerk