

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 2017**

The June 8, 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, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2017 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Dudiak 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:

A final proposed ordinance establishing a township parking violations bureau and schedule of violations and fines was given to the board.

A Motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan, to establish an ordinance establishing a parking violations bureau for the township of Chikaming.

Motion was made by Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to Approve the 2017 Tax Rate Millage (L-4029) was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan to sign and send to Anthony Meyaard at Berrien County. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Request of the Zoning Administrator to increase fee for Special Land Use permit from \$400 to \$750.00 due to increase in costs for publications and preparation was moved by Marske, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Motion to Amend the 2017-2018 budget to include \$1500.00 grant to Park Board for bike trail signage from Southwest Michigan Association of Realtors was moved by Rettig, supported by Marske. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion to Amend the 2017-2018 budget to include \$3000.00 grant from The Pokagon Fund for Celebrate Chikaming event on July 22, 2017 was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion to Amend the 2017-2018 budget to include revenue of \$2800.00 for power line maintenance tree removal (28 trees) of property adjacent to Township Hall was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Review of suggested consolidation of insurance policies for board members and change from Lincoln Financial to Kansas City Life for all employees was moved by Rettig, supported by Dudiak. All ayes, motion carried.

7. A presentation by River Valley School District students and Staff regarding a street signage proposal was given and discussed. After reviewing the material, it was suggested that before any commitments could be made by Chikaming Township that the Berrien County Road Commission would need be contacted for more clarification on what could or could not be done. Supervisor and Clerk advised they would assist with a meeting with both parties to obtain more information.
8. Motion to Approve filing for a grant in the amount of \$7500.00 from the Berrien Community Foundation for township recycling program was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Reports from Police, Fire, Building, Bridgman Library, and 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: NONE

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:

None

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM, moved by Dudiak supported by Marske.

All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk