

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2017**

The May 11, 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, Marske supported to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Dudiak moved, Marske 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:

A comment stating how nice our new improved website is was made.

A question regarding the Family Dollar Store having its landscaping and signs completed as stated within the 6 months given. Supervisor Bunte advised that he has been in contact but due to the weather they were behind, but the plans have been approved and the sign question has been addressed, they are approved and within our requirements.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion on a proposed ordinance establishing a township parking violations bureau and schedule of violations and fines was discussed.

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

After discussion by the board it was agreed that we would like our attorney to revise the ordinance and bring it back to the board at the June 8, 2017 meeting.

Motion withdrew.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request of the Park Board to apply for a \$1500 grant from the Southwest Michigan Association of Realtors for bike trail signage for Chikaming Park and Preserve was presented to the board. After the check was received from the Southwest Michigan Association of Realtors it was determined and discussed with Janet Schrader that this was a grant not a donation and should have been presented to the board for approval before the action had taken place. Therefore at this time the board had considered to accept the grant application and funds and also would request the Treasurer to make the now necessary adjustments of the funds in the proper bank. The Park Board at the meeting gave copies of the grant to Treasurer Rettig. Marske moved, Rettig supported to approve the grant and accept the funds from Southwest Michigan Association of Realtors.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Rettig to establish a fee in the amount of \$1000 for a Planned Unit Development application.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve the purchase of new patrol vehicle for Police Department in the amount of \$39,117.28 which was budgeted.

All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to allow funds for “Welcome to Chikaming Township” sign maintenance estimated at \$1500.00.
All ayes, motion carried.

A resolution to Approve Library Contract for 2017 – 2020 was submitted to the board prepared by Attorney Hilmer, Marske moved, supported by Sullivan to approve the Library Contract for 2017-2020.

By Roll Call Vote:	Marske	Aye
	Dudiak	Aye
	Bunte	Aye
	Rettig	Aye
	Sullivan	Aye

A resolution authorizing application for special license by Chikaming Township to serve beer and wine in Harbert Park for Celebrate Chikaming event on Saturday, July 22nd 2017 was moved by Dudiak, supported by Marske.

By Roll Call Vote:	Marske	Aye
	Rettig	Aye
	Dudiak	Aye
	Sullivan	Aye
	Bunte	Aye

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve expenditure of \$1,042.00 to Boelcke Heating for township hall air conditioner maintenance, leak search and system re-charge.
All ayes, motion carried.

A Resolution to apply to the Secretary of State of Michigan for a grant to purchase new voting system equipment was presented to the board. Marske moved, Sullivan supported.

By Roll Call Vote:	Marske	Aye
	Dudiak	Aye
	Bunte	Aye
	Rettig	Aye
	Sullivan	Aye

A motion was made by Dudiak, supported by Marske to approve application from Night Magic Displays for firework display for Woodlawn Beach Association, Sawyer, Michigan on July 3rd, 2017 with rain date of July 8th, 2017 at 10:20 pm.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve application from Ace Pyro LLC for firework display for Chikaming Country Club, Lakeside, Michigan on July 2nd, 2017 with rain date of July 3rd, 2017.
All ayes, motion carried.

A presentation by Park Board chair EnRico Heirman regarding a possible millage in August of 2017 for a parks development program was presented. After a special meeting that took place with the Park Board commission on May 10, 2017 the Park Board made a decision to rescind their request. The request was withdrawn.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to have Chikaming Township Treasurer, Rettig respond to a letter received from the County of Berrien, office of the Treasurer, Bret Witkowski advising that Chikaming Township is not interested in purchasing any of the six listed properties that have been foreclosed on by the county and that we would not like any of the properties that have buildings on them torn down under the foreclosure fund.

REPORTS:

Reports from Police, Fire, Building, New Buffalo Library, Bridgman Library, Three Oaks Library, and Park Board, were all presented for approval. Zoning Board of appeals, Planning Commission synopsis was presented to the board.

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:

Gretchen Evans, Bridgman Library thanked Sullivan and reported on funds from New Buffalo and Three Oaks.

Angela Reichert advised Saturday May 20th River Valley Garden Club annual plant and bake sale 10:00 to 1:00.

Comment from Leo Krusack that the Focus groups have been very good for the community.

Underhill wanted to know if anyone knew where the old Chikaming Township green signs were that had been taken down years ago, to the best of everyone’s recollection the signs were taken down by road commission.

Janet Schrader invited everyone June 3, 2017 to the ribbon cutting for the new Bike Trails at 10:00 am at the Chikaming Township Park and Preserve.

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:

Chikaming Township is looking for someone to be on a personnel committee and also need a member for the Board of Review. Please call Supervisor Bunte if interested.

Supervisor Bunte thanked the Park Board for their hard work and consideration of the Township.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM, moved by Rettig supported by Marske

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk