

APPROVED

**CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 9, 2017**

The November 9, 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, Marske supported to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2017 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Sullivan moved, Marske supported to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Chief Taylor was read to acknowledging the performance of officers Brandon Jones and Max Agens in a case that had taken place in October. A letter was also read from Cody Riley, a part time patrolman, stepping down from his position due to a busy schedule, not allowing him the time to continue working for Chikaming Township.

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:

Construction update on the entryway of the Chikaming Township Hall was given by Supervisor Bunte. Due to winter approaching the walls will be sealed to prevent further leakage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three proposals for a community communication and alert system were presented and discussed by the board. There is nothing currently in the budget, but we will revisit this in the future.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to allow Chief Taylor to proceed for a grant for security cameras that will coincide with an E-commerce Exchange Zone for the township. The E-Commerce Exchange will be examined further in December. All ayes, motion carried.

A review of an appeal by Mr. Gerald Olson as a representative for the division of parcel ID 11-07-0125-0002-02-9 located at 15860-A Lakeshore Road Union Pier was discussed in detail. The property owners are asking for permission to split the property making the property sellable. A motion to table the appeal until after Chikaming ordinances have been in place and when the owners have a potential buyer

Marske moved, supported by Rettig. All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Marske, supported by Sullivan to approve Supervisor Bunte to sign the contract and make budget amendments in the amount of \$9856.00 for an agreement with Great Lakes Drone Company, LLC for Drone Services which includes lakefront data mapping. . This will be a tool in assisting our Zoning and Building department with the new ordinances.
All ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Charles Foley, who owns property adjacent to Lakeside Cemetery, requested permission to erect a three-rung split rail fence along the easterly property boundary line of the cemetery. Mr. Foley has agreed to pay for all material and labor and also understands insurance, accident or maintenance will be his responsibility for this project. Motion to approved by Dudiak, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

A request from Chief Davidson to hire Ezra Stevens as an on/call firefighter, contingent upon passing the fire department physical. Ezra will be a probationary firefighter until he completes and passes firefighter I & II. Motion was made by Marske, supported by Dudiak to approve Chief Davidson's request.
All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:

Reports from Police, Fire, Building, Park Board, ZBA and 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.

Additional comments from the public:

John Kursel advised the board he is a link for the Pokagon Fund for grants if any help is needed.

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 acknowledged the clerk for a job well done on the Election that was held November 7, 2017 for the Chikaming Township Road Millage which passed.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk