

APPROVED

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

The October 12, 2017, meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 6:30 PM. by Supervisor Bunte, with Rettig, Marske, and Sullivan present. Dudiak absent. 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, Sullivan supported to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2017 Township Board Meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Marske moved, Rettig supported to accept the minutes of the September 28, 2017 election committee. All ayes, motion carried.

Sullivan moved, Marske supported to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Treasurer Rettig advised that 95.48% of the summer taxes have been paid as of October 10, 2017.

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:

The amendment to Ordinance No. 126 now Ordinance 140 was moved by Sullivan, seconded by Marske for approval. All ayes, motion carried.

A review by Supervisor Bunte regarding the upcoming Harbert Drain project and value analysis workshop was discussed. The resolution to file the county drain petition was dated September 11th, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Taylor introduced Paige Holtz as a new police officer hired August 21, 2017 for Chikaming Township. She will be a great addition to our township. The approval was moved by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the Blue Cross healthcare benefit package for 2018 with a slight 1.18% increase in cost and an increase of \$100.00 on the deductible, moved by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the acceptance of the 2018 plan.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve a Resolution to join the Best Practices Committee of the Intermunicipality Committee Act, PA 200 of 1957, by Marske, supported by Sullivan.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Rettig for Trick or Treat in Sawyer, October 28, 2017 4PM-6PM, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made to approve a Local Pavement Asset Management Plan proposal, by Marske, supported by Rettig to approve the plan proposal costing \$10,810.00. Funds to be taken from current budget of \$20,000.00 for miscellaneous repairs. This plan will allow the township to make better management decisions and have a better understanding of our local road needs.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion to approve a request made from Chikaming Open Lands to allow access to Chikaming Park and Preserve for a star gazing event on Friday, November 17th from 6:30 pm – 12:00 am was moved by Sullivan, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sullivan to approve a request for \$1,500.00 to fund a portion of appraisal fees for Cherry Beach. It was noted that the Parkboard budget will be amended to reflex the change, the approval was supported by Marske.
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.

Additional comments from the public:

Gretchen gave update on Bridgman Library.
Report of an odor on Horseshoe Drive was reported.

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:

Sullivan updated everyone on the revenue sharing meeting.
A reminder about the Saturday morning zoning meeting on October 14, 2017 at the township hall.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM, by Rettig, supported by Marske.
All ayes, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paula Dudiak
Chikaming Township Clerk