

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting
January 9, 2022

7:00 pm The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Trustee Mullins motioned to have Clerk Sutton Chair the meeting in the absence of the Superintendent. Seconded by Travis. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

Roll Call showed Treasurer Travis, Clerk Sutton, Trustee Mullins, Trustee Nedo were present

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Mullins moved, Travis seconded to approve agenda as amended. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. Michaud 4505 S F-41 – Asked if we are going to spend 3-5,000.00, why did the circuit melt, has anyone investigated any of it. Clerk Sutton indicated that she is waiting on a message from the Omega electric regarding the repair. Do we have any new quotes on the trees for the cemetery. Clerk Sutton stated that this topic is on the agenda.

Bill Spunar 1212 E F30 – Has been going through the website and there is a lot of stuff missing from there. Why are our minutes not posted in the newspaper like everyone else's. Clerk Sutton stated she would contact the paper to find out the cost of printing the minutes in the paper and have it available at the next meeting. Where can he find the information on the business aspect of how the Township Business is supposed to run. Mr. Nedo directed him to MTA

Mr. Nedo requested a copy of the bills vs the check register. Clerk Sutton indicated she would make copies for him.

Mr. Weber from Tait Road – Would like to know how does he find out how long it takes to get paperwork done to get our EMS/First responders back to the community. He stated that he has heart problems and did not realize that we had no service for 6 months. Clerk Sutton replied that his information was not totally correct, we have shared services. Mr. Weber indicated that he gets services off of 72 faster than anyone else can reach here. Clerk Sutton reiterated what was stated at the last meeting and that she does not know how long it takes but that it is submitted, but in the mean time, Mikado Fire can be there to assist. Treasurer Travis indicated that her daughter has Parkinson's and when she called 911 and no one could come. No first responders.

Mr Spunar stated that we have a problem beyond "gee I made a mistake"

TJ Griffin 356 west F30 – stated that he was on the fire dept and township board and that the information on shared response is incorrect. Unless something has changed, and he doesn't believe that it has, mutual aid agreements are set between other townships and the county for fire services only. Medical is not included. There are no mutual aid agreements between any townships for medical.

Clerk Sutton reiterated that she is going off of the information she was given, but does know that the paperwork has been submitted and that right now we are at the mercy of the state.

Mrs. Spunar 1212 E F30 – Stated a rumor that the state offered to help and was basically told where to go. The point is, this township is in danger. Any of us doing anything outside on our places. This was negligence. Saying that the paperwork is in doesn't do anything and doesn't relieve any nerves. We need information. Why wasn't it put in on time, why is it taking this long to get it, why is a rumor going around that the state was basically told to shove it instead of helping. There are some answers that need to be given.

Clerk Sutton stated that she would make sure that she got the answers.

Bonnie Baker S. Maple – Was told about the situation, her husband is a Vietnam veteran with multiple medical conditions. What happens if something happens to him. There will be no one to come help him. It's a shame. There are 20 senior citizens on their block, 2 have MS, She didn't know anything about this. What happens if

anything happens to her husband, who is responsible for it. The county road commission took their road off the road for plowing. She informed them that if an ambulance couldn't get down there, she would sue their asses off there. Her husband is a vet and if it wasn't for him, their street wouldn't get plowed. They spent \$8,000 last year to get a plow because no one would plow their road. It's a shame that her husband cannot get any service. She informed us that if something happens to her husband, she's coming after us too. It must have been negligence that this wasn't put into play. She doesn't know whose fault it is, but it's sad. She stated that they no longer pay taxes, but it's a shame that he can't get help and it's horrible. He fought for this country

Valarie Etter 4621 F 41 – Regina stated at the last meeting that she got this paperwork back in July, but that she gets 100's of emails a day and she never got around to it.

John Baker 1665 S Maple – Who dropped the ball and what other things are we not being told about. Snow removal, grass cutting, is there money allocated for this and has it been sent out to people or is it sitting in a slush fund.

Clerk Sutton stated that if we have a slush fund, she is unaware of it. We have contracts for all of the services and when services are rendered, invoices are submitted and they are paid on a monthly basis.

Mr. Baker asked if all the first responders are certified in the county, to which Clerk Sutton indicated that she believed so, but as for Mikado, yes they are. Mr. Baker asked how much time they need to give us to come back with some good information. Clerk Sutton indicated the next meeting.

Mrs. Harmon – E f-30 – Had a conversation with the Gustin Twp board member and that she is aware of a contract that Mikado has with Gustin Twp for fire services. She informed us that we are in derelict of contract by not having first responders. She indicated that Gustin Twp is aware of it because Regina and Mike attended a Gustin Twp Meeting. Clerk Sutton stated that she would look into it. She said that someone had better get on the ball here or there were going to be some problems. She stated that the Fire Chief is the number one safety officer for the township, fire protection, houses burn, but can be replaced. If a life is lost we cannot replace that. Someone had better get on the ball. She stated that we pay a millage that supports the fire department.

Mr. Weber – Tait road – Indicated that maybe the fire chief has too many jobs, cutting grass and everything else and maybe that's why she doesn't have time to get the paperwork. He indicated that it was a rumor.

Mr. Michaud – indicated that since there is a \$100 = \$150 fine for not submitting this paperwork on time, is there a check that has been sent to them since the last meeting? Clerk Sutton informed him that no invoice has been received, thus nothing has been paid. He stated that through Lansing, a check must be sent in with the paperwork.

Mr. Baker – When is the last time we had an audit. Clerk Sutton indicated last year. Mr. Baker indicated that he would like a copy of it. Clerk Sutton said she would make a copy for him.

Mr. Michaud – Asked if Mr. Baker would have to pay the same cost as is indicated in a FOIA request. Clerk Sutton informed him that the information he requested would have taken hours of the assessors time to locate and copy and a fee was required. Due to the accessibility of the information Mr. Baker requested, there would be no charge.

Minutes: Mullins moved, Travis seconded to approve the November 14, 2022 and December 12, 2022 minutes as presented. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

The Financial Report for **December 2022** was given by Treasurer Travis as follows: The General Fund balance brought forward was **\$216,976.01** with receipts of **\$407.50**, less disbursements of **\$8,048.50** leaves a balance in the General Fund of **\$209,335.01** plus CD's of **\$20,000.00** (\$10,000.00 being Stabilization CD) leaves an overall balance in the General Fund of **\$229,335.01**. The Road MIF balance brought forward was **\$35,430.00**, with receipts of **\$12.12**, less disbursements of **\$0.00**, leaves a balance in the Road MIF of **\$35,442.12** plus CD's of **\$20,000.00** leaves an overall balance in the Road MIF of **\$55,442.12** The Fire MIF balance brought forward was **\$56,143.15**, with receipts of **\$9.54**, leaves a balance in the Fire MIF of **\$56,143.69**, with disbursements of **\$0.00**, leaves a balance of **\$56,143.69**, plus a CD in the amount of **\$10,000.00**, leaving an overall balance in the Fire Fund of **\$66,143.69**. Motion by Mullins, second by Travis to accept the Financial Report of **September 2022** as presented. Roll call: Corn- yes; Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

Motion by Sutton, Second by Mullins to approve the Bills as presented. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

County Commissioner:

Assessor:

Planning Commission:

Roads & Bridges: No updates

Fire Department: No updates

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No updates

Civic Center/Township Property Issues: No updates

UPDATES:

PENDING BUSINESS:

- A. Fire Department – Trustee Nedo submitted a written letter requesting the dismissal of Fire Chief Regina Waskiewicz. Motion by Mullins, Second by Nedo to dismiss Fire Chief Regina Waskiewicz as the Fire Chief. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-no Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.
- B. Motion by Mullins, seconded by Nedo to appoint Wayne Odell as Mikado Township Fire Chief. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Clerk: Motion made by Mullins, seconded by Travis to appoint Leisa Sutton as Clerk for the remainder of the term. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

Roofing Quote – Trustee Nedo requested two more quotes for repair.

Cemetery Trees – Mullins moved, Nedo seconded to approve Griffin Sons tree removal to remove the cemetery

trees.

Hall Cleaning: Mullins moved, Travis seconded to approve placing ads in the Alcona Review and Oscoda Press to hire a cleaner for the civic center. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

Board of Review Appointments: Mullins moved, Sutton seconded to appoint Jennifer Sweet, Randy Mallory and Dennis Hextell to the Board of Review. Roll call: Mullins-yes. Sutton-yes Travis-yes Nedo – yes Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Website should be updated.

Facebook page is active

ADJOURNMENT:

Nedo moved/Mullins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54. All in favor: Ayes – Unanimous Nays - None Motion carried.

Michael Corn, Supervisor

Leisa Sutton, Clerk,976.01