

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

November 21, 2023

Supervisor Mary Harmon called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. She welcomed the eleven (11) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag.

Roll call showed Supervisor Harmon, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Travis, Trustee Nedo and Trustee Mullins present. No one was absent.

Supervisor requested we move item #11B up the agenda between #4 and #5. Motion by Sands/Mullins to accept the agenda as adjusted. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:11 p.m. Comments were heard from residents Janet Spunar, Tom Michaud and Carrie Mullins.

Attorney Tim Freel was introduced and gave a background of his experience as an attorney. He had reviewed our Book of Ordinances that was the purpose of attending this meeting and wanted to meet the board members. He mentioned that there are changes to be made to our Civil Infraction Ordinance & some of the policing ordinances because of how they are enforced.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 25 as presented. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for October 2023 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows:

GENERAL FUND balance \$126,024.41 minus designated funds of \$14,791.77 equals working capital available of \$111,232.64 plus CD of \$20,000.00 equals \$131,232.64.

ROAD MIF balance \$39,202.26

CC MIF balance \$32,163.41

FIRE MIF balance \$98,908.66

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the Financial Report of October as presented. Motion Carried. Supervisor Harmon wished to give a thank you in public to Anne Harmon for the assistance she gave the Treasurer and Clerk in balancing the accounts. Applause, Applause!

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. Motion by Sands/Mullins to adopt Budget Amendment #2023-2024.04 regarding \$34,900.00 added to the Election Cost Center in the General Fund, \$1490.00 to cover for this past November 7 election and \$2000.00 for the February Presidential Primary, to allow for a balanced budget. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Travis-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes. Budget Amendment adopted.

Motion by Nedo/Travis to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$14,628.58. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was present. She gave an update on what is happening at the county level. Carolyn believes that 25% of the 50% of the PILT moneys that was taken away a few years back will be returned to the townships.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that the State gave the Assessors the authority to grant Disabled Veteran Exemptions this year. Notices have been posted about the

December Board of Review. Phone calls need to be made to the Assessor for appointments for this meeting because there are only certain items to be handled at the December Board of Review. If these certain items are not scheduled with appointments by December 8th for the December 13th meeting, the meeting will be canceled.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins was present and reported on the Public Hearing of the Master Plan Draft that will be presented on December 7th then the PC will go into their regular scheduled meeting to approve the Master Plan 2023. They will discuss the Zoning Ordinance, possibly including Abandoned Buildings in our Blite Ordinance and set meeting dates for 2024.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Harmon mentioned that all contracts for road work with the Road Commission are completed.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to sixteen (16) incidents in October. He further mentioned that we have 2 members taking the FFI & II classes. Another comment made is that most of the Michigan Fire equipment grant items have been ordered which includes coats, pants, boots, gloves and flashlights. There were problems at an incident where the Jaws of Life were not working properly, and a company came in to inspect and repair to get them back in working order. It was further mentioned that the hydraulic hoses have leaks and need replacement. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to replace these hoses at an approximate cost of \$1740.00. Motion carried. The furnace at the FH has been repaired by Goyette. No bill has been received yet.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO Craig Ostby has resigned from his position and his resignation was accepted at the special meeting held on October 25th. Clerk Sands has been appointed temporary ZA to issue Land Use Permits until a person is hired for the OEO/ZA position.

Civic Center: Supervisor Harmon mentioned that it is quiet at the Civic Center & Pavilion. There are requests of interest in renting the Pavilion by 3 people and the Civic Center by 2 people.

UPDATES:

The November 7th Alcona School Election had 8 voters attend and the vote tallied at 4 yes and 4 no. There were 37 Oscoda School Taxpayers that came in to vote and were turned away. An invoice of \$1547.40 is being mailed to the Alcona School for reimbursement.

Consensus of the board is to have the Open House for the Civic Center & Pavilion on March 23rd. The committee will now start the planning of this event. The LED Sign has been installed and looks nice. Suggested is to have a roof like top on it which could be a project for next summer.

The County Chapter of the MTA was held here on October 24th. There were few in attendance but was very educational for those who attended. Thanks to those who attended from our township and thanks to those who donated snacks and beverages for the attendees.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Trustee Mullins mentioned that a copy of the Administrative Procedures that we are working on was given to Attorney Freel for review. She passed out an updated version to all the board members.

Trustee Mullins started discussion on other issues concerning the Planning Commission after a question from the audience.

Motion by Sands/Mullins we add the topic of Pavilion Play-ground equipment to the agenda. Motion carried.

Supervisor Harmon asked for feedback on the play equipment at the pavilion. We have money designated for the equipment and if needed, we could apply for a grant to add to this money. Motion

by Mullins/Travis to allow the supervisor to search for play equipment to upgrade or add to what is there. Motion carried. We can use the designated funds in the General Fund and pursue a grant for this equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mullins/Travis to adopt resolution Number 2023-13 regarding the adoption of the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test for the Board of Review. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes, Nedo-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept the 2024 Mikado Civic Center Bingo Rental Agreement and the 2024 User Property Agreement for Funeral Dinners as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Discussion on Water system fees from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Because we are an entity that serves the public and we have a privately owned water well, our water system must be checked by the local health department. This annual fee gives the health department the order for inspection.

Trustee Mullins mentioned that the Township FB account is up and running. The new account has the same look with a "NEW" posted on it. We are asking everyone to go to that site and like it. A short discussion was held on the Web Site. A gentleman named Kyle wants to attend a meeting and show us what they have to offer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Travis to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22008-22040 were presented and paid.

Receipts 223,224 + 227,228 + 231,232 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Mary J Harmon, Supervisor

Motion to accept by: _____ Seconded by : _____ Date: _____