Mikado Township Meeting
February 13, 2023
MINUTES – As recalled by Carrie Mullins

Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Pledge
Present: Mike Corn, Leisa Sutton, Ruth Travis, Wayne Nedo, Carrie Mullins

Agenda Approved unanimously as Amended

Welcome to Mikado Township Board Meeting

Alcona County Michigan
Monday, February 13, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

ACR March 27

we should get away from the tabulators due to fiscal factors For well less than 1,000 voters who participate we should hand count through the night We're already paying staff

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Welcome of Guests/Pledge to U.S. Flag .....Supervisor Corn
2. Roll Call.....Clerk Sutton
3. Approval/Adjustments to Agenda.....Supervisor Corn
4. Public Comments-**Please Identify**-Max 3 Minutes.....Supervisor Corn
5. Acceptance of Minutes. January 9, 2023., Jan. 12, 2023.....Clerk Sutton
6. Financial Report of July.....Treasurer Travis
7. Budget Amendment.....Clerk Sutton

BUDGET AMENDMENT #2022-2023.01
BUDGET AMENDMENT #2022-2023.02

8. Presentation of Bills.....Clerk Sutton
9. Miscellaneous Reports_____County Commissioner.....Carolyn Brummund
   Rec. Survey 1st 5 chapters
   Assessor.....Nancy Schwickert
   Planning Commission....March 9 Rick Dietz.....Carrie Mullins
   Roads & Bridges.....Supervisor Corn
   Fire Chief.....Regina Waszkiewicz
   Ordinance Enforcement Officer .....Regina Waszkiewicz
   Civic Center/Twp Property Issues .....Full Board
10. Updates:
    A. Upcoming Hall Rentals — Fuse panel repaired the internet
11. Pending Business:
    A.
12. New Business:
    A. Township Attorney
    B. Budget Meeting – 9am Sat. Feb. 25 Post on Website
    C. QuickBooks Upgrade
    D. Training on QuickBooks
    E. Cleaning Bids
    F. Roofing Bids Update
    G. Letter from ~~Trustee~~ Mullins — Community Concerns ~~Citizens~~ Presentation by Carrie Mullins, Mikado twp. Resident
    H. Possible Closed Session
    I. Meetings to Tuesday
13. Communications:
    A. Website – ~~Sent~~ Bill due March 31 –
    B. Facebook Page
14. Adjournment:

Public Comment – there was some, but I don't recall who.

Minutes from Jan. 9, 2023 and Jan. 12, 2023 were approved unanimously.

Financial Report was approved unanimously.

Monthly
Treasurers Report for
January 2023

General Fund

	Balance brought forward from last mtg:	209,335.01
	Receipts:	18,493.84
		227,828.85
10,000 matures 7/5/23	Disbursements:	16,551.34
	Balance:	211,277.51
CD 10,000 matures 5/27/23		20,000.00
	Total general Funds:	231,277.51

Road M.I.F.

	Balance brought forward from last meeting:	35,442.12
	Receipts:	6.02
	Balance:	35,448.14
10,000.00 mat. 7/16/23	Disbursements:	
10,000.00 matures 7/14/23		
	CD,s	20,000.00
	Total Road funds	55,448.14

Fire M.I.F.

	Balance brought forward from last meeting:	56,152.92
	Receipts:	17.02
	Balance:	56,169.94
CD 10,000.00 matures 1/26/24	Disbursements:	
	Bal.	
	CD	10,000.00
	Total fire funds:	66,169.94

Used since last report: Receipt #'s 0133-0137
Check #'s 21650-21676

The two Budget Amendments were approved unanimously.

MIKADO TOWNSHIP
ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BUDGET AMENDMENT #2022-2023.01

February 13, 2023

WHEREAS budget(s) were duly adopted by the Mikado Township Board in March, 2022 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; on the recommendation of the Township Clerk the following modification becomes necessary:

EXPLANATION:
This Amendment allows the Clerk to adjust the General Fund Budget in the Election cost center to allow for expenses for election equipment and testing.
Tabulators

Adjust budget to allow for a balanced budget:

AMOUNT:	FROM:	$2000.00	TO: $3135.00
$1135.00	101191 Elections		

MIKADO TOWNSHIP
ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BUDGET AMENDMENT #2022-2023.02

February 13, 2023

WHEREAS budget(s) were duly adopted by the Mikado Township Board in March, 2022 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; on the recommendation of the Township Clerk the following modification becomes necessary:

EXPLANATION:
This Amendment allows the Clerk to adjust the General Fund Budget in the Election cost center to allow for expenses for election equipment and testing.
Laptop

Adjust budget to allow for a balanced budget:

AMOUNT:	FROM:	$12,210.00	TO: $12,710.00
$500.00	101215 Clerk		

The Bills were presented, discussed and approved unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports:
Commissioner Brummund gave her report.

MIKADO – GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY NEWS LETTER
February 2023

Happy Valentine Day to all !

Things are moving along as the year takes hold.
Veterans building details are progressing.
ACCOA elections will take place

Currently they are working on getting a temporary new location for the Veterans. It will be next to the Building Department, in the area that used to house the Sheriff and his wife. (Many years ago)
For the permanent construction in Lincoln, they have chosen Tom Jacobs as the contractor for the new building.

We have had a request from Michigan State Facilities Administration requesting an extension on the lease agreement for DHHS housed at Harbortown. There is an increase with rental payment with the additional clause in the lease agreement. I am pleased that this will allow our folks not to have to go out of the county for DHHS services as they did about five years ago.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Nancy wasn't here for the Assessor's report

Planning Commission Report – Next meeting will be March 9th and Rick Duell will be doing a presentation on the Master Plan.

Roads and Bridges – I don't recall.

Fire Report:

Mikado Twp Fire Dept

PO Box 55 Mikado, MI 48745

Monthly Report

Month: January 2023

Total Calls: 6

Mikado Twp: 2 Fires 4 Medical
Gustin Twp: ___ Fires ___ Medical
Mutual Aid:
Search/Rescue:

Old Business:

- DNR Grant: County departments are collaborating to make sure we cover everyones needs for 800 paging.

New Business:

- Wildland Refresher
- DNR & USFS Mutual Aid agreements

Comments:

Submitted: 02/07/2023

Regina Waszkiewicz
Fire Chief

Ordinance Enforcement – Regina had nothing to report.

Civic Center – The fuse panel was repaired.

Hall Rentals – seemed like Mike Corn said there was one coming up in March.

New Business:

A. The township attorney, Keith Moir made a statement to the board.
B. The Budget Bee is set for Saturday, February 25th at 9am at the Civic Center.
C. Leisa Sutton asked for Quickbooks to be switched over to the internet only version so as to have better access to payroll. She made a motion to approve the switch, it was seconded and approval was unanimous.
D. Quickbooks training was approved at $30/hour.
E. There were 2 cleaning bids (Tonya Zepeda and Ken's Janitorial). No decisions were made.
F. There was one roofing bids (Hartman Roof). No decisions were made

G. Community Concerns Presentation by Carrie Mullins, Mikado Twp. Resident
The following letter was read:

January 31, 2023

From Concerned Citizens of Mikado Township

To the Mikado Township Board,

We hereby ask the Mikado Township Board to consider a vote of No Confidence in Regina Waszkiewicz in her capacity as Fire Chief of Mikado Township. Furthermore, we ask for the Board to request her resignation. We do this for the following reasons.

Firstly, recently, Mikado Township and by extension, Gustin Township was without medical first responders for neatly seven (7) weeks. Gustin Township has a contract with Mikado to provide first responder services, and as such there was a breach of contract for said period of time. While first response fire fighting was available, medical was not. We understand that townships are not required to provide first responder services, however, Mikado Township has voted on and agreed to provide these services, and that is what we, the community, expect. If that weren't the case, we wouldn't have a fire millage.

As the Fire Chief of Mikado Township, Regina Waszkiewicz was responsible for the renewal of the license for our first responders. While we appreciate that she allegedly submitted paperwork on her end in July of 2022, there was admittedly no follow-up.

From what we have gathered, the license for medical first responders lapsed on December 1, 2022. Paperwork to have the license reinstated was submitted to Medical Control at Mid Michigan Hospital in Alpena on December 15, 2022; and in turn Medical Control, which trains our first responders, signed off on the paperwork and sent it to the state for approval on December 29, 2022. As is procedure, the state has to inspect the fire truck in order to approve the license. This was scheduled on January 17, 2023, the fire department passed, and we had our first responder capabilities restored.

Secondly, Regina Waszkiewicz was appointed Fire Chief in 2019. At that time the fire department had 19 volunteer fire/medical first responders. Without Regina, her husband Mike Corn, and her two sons, Mikado's volunteer first responder list goes down to six. We have spoken with several of these past volunteers and they have all pointed to Regina's managerial skills as their reason for leaving.

Thirdly, we feel that Regina Waszkiewicz has too many jobs, and that may have contributed to the admitted failure made in the first point. Not only does she wear the hat of Fire Chief, she is the Zoning Administrator, Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and besides that, she runs her own business, Cut & Trim Lawncare. She also holds the contract for mowing, plowing and maintaining the various Mikado Township properties. As well, she is a first responder with Mikado, and other townships. While we appreciate her dedication, that's a lot.

We, as residents of Mikado Township feel that the best way to prevent these problems moving forward would be to replace Regina Waszkiewicz as Fire Chief. We have a replacement for her position as Fire Chief in Wayne O'Dell. We request a vote of no confidence from the Board. Furthermore, we ask that if Regina Waszkiewicz does resign, that the Board accept such resignation.

With the main community concerns being addressed, please understand that Regina is a valued member of the community. She was born and raised here, went to school here, and stayed here. You cannot deny her love for this community and we want her to stay on in other capacities. But, no one person can do it all.

Signed,
Concerned Citizens of Mikado Township

Carrie Mullins then read a letter from Joe Maher. Joe stated he left the Fire Department because of Regina's managerial attitude.

The meeting was suspended and went into **Closed Session**:

Upon the end of the Closed Session, the audience was invited back in.

Wayne Nedo made a motion to remove Regina as Fire Chief and replace her with Wayne O'Dell. Ruth Travis seconded the motion.
Mike Corn had to recuse himself.
Leisa Sutton voted No
Ruth Travis voted Yes
Wayne Nedo voted Yes

Carrie Mullins tendered her resignation, handed a few things to Mike Corn and left the meeting.

The Yes's have it and the motion passes. Regina is officially fired from her position as Fire Chief, and Wayne O'Dell replaces her.

All other portions of the Agenda were suspended. Apparently the following happened:

Mike Corn tendered his resignation

Leisa Sutton tendered her resignation

Regina Waskiewicz tendered her resignations as Zoning Administrator, Ordinance Enforcement Officer and gave 2 weeks notice for Cut & Trim Lawncare service for plowing.

Attorney Keith Moir also resigned.

With only Wayne Nedo and Ruth Travis at the table, the meeting was ended. It had to have been between 8:15pm and 8:30pm.