

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

February 20, 2024

Supervisor Mary Harmon called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. She welcomed the eighteen 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 Mullins and Trustee Nedo present. No one was absent.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:20 p.m. Comments were heard from Val Etter, Tom Michaud, Cindy McCuiston, Carolyn Brummund, Scott Moore and Carrie Mullins.

A correction was necessary in the January regular meeting Minutes. Discussion was held under new business to purchase back an unused cemetery plot that was purchased in 1986 and in those minutes, there was no mention that it was a cemetery plot. It is necessary to add that word in to read Beverly Dodge, owner of cemetery plot #278 has requested the return of the plot to the township because it is no longer needed. Motion by Nedo/Mullins to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Special Meeting Minutes held on February 10, 2024 as presented. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for January 2024 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows:

GENERAL FUND \$94,289.27

ROAD MIF balance \$19,218.23

FIRE MIF balance \$89,013.41

CC MIF balance \$32,171.52

Supervisor Harmon requested that the GF moneys available should be minus the designated moneys.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the Financial Report of January as presented. Motion Carried.

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$25,113.42 which included two bills that were written just prior to the meeting with no time to print an updated report. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was present. She gave a short report on what is happening at the County level.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that she had mailed out the assessment notices. The Board of Review meetings for March are scheduled for an Organizational meeting- March 5th and the two protest meetings March 12 & 13. Dennis Hextall will take the position of chairman and Jenny Sweet plans to be present all day.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that MDNR has accepted our REC Plan as submitted. The Planning Commission will continue working on the Zoning Ordinance after their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on March 7th.

Roads & Bridges: ACRC Manager Jesse Campbell attended our special meeting of February 20th. He mentioned that the bridge on Cruzen Road that crosses the East Branch of the Pine River is in need of replacement and a grant from the Federal Government is being requested. He is asking for letters of support from the township and any business in the area that may be affected by the weight limit of the bridge. Now we will hope that the grant is accepted.

Fire Chief: Assistant Fire Chief Tim McDonald was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to thirteen (13) incidents in January. He further mentioned that the department needs 8 uniform shirts for those who do not have them. The cost is \$25.00 each. Consensus of the board is to have the Department purchase these shirts. Hopefully they will be received prior to the open house.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer:

UPDATES:

Supervisor Harmon mentioned that the stove in the kitchen has not been replaced yet.

Hopefully we can get the electricity in the pavilion corrected before the open house.

A short report on the Open House in March was given. Volunteers are needed for the event.

The dangerous trees at the cemetery will be removed by Griff & Son when they are able.

Gustin Township has not received the contract for the next budget period, but Clerk Sands had contacted them with the price.

Plans for the Clerk/Treasurer office are coming along fine. The flooring will soon be done. We are waiting for quotes for the window looking out into the hallway.

Clerk Sands has not decided for sure if she is going to the MTA conference. Registration is due the end of March.

PENDING BUSINESS:

The Administrative Procedures continue to be tabled.

One letter of interest was received for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator. John Moran stood up and introduced himself to the board. He is very interested in being our Officer. After a short discussion, motion by Nedo/Mullins we hire John Moran as OEO/ZA. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gaylynn Brenole, sale consultant for the Iosco County News-Herald/Oscoda Press, representing the Sunrise Side Wedding Directory talked about our putting an ad in this directory for the Civic Center for a possible reception venue. Motion by Mullins/Travis we place a 1/8th ad in this booklet for a cost of \$275.00. Motion carried.

Jason Cussans was present and talked about the need for property to build a remote-control vehicle track for children and adults. He also mentioned the other items needed are a platform for the people to stand on to be able to see the vehicles on the track, a building/shed approximately 10X20 in size and a public restroom. He mentioned he needed about 1/4 of an acre for the track and 1/4 of an acre for parking. He asked us to consider using the property out back behind the basketball court. Jason was thanked for attending and we will do some research on this subject and get back with him.

A schedule was written as the third Tuesday of each month to hold our monthly meetings in the 2024 fiscal year. Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept this schedule as written. Motion carried.

Tim McDonald talked about the need of an AED in the Civic Center. The one that may serve our purpose is approximately \$2000.00. The Goodfellows offered to split the cost for this AED. Motion by Nedo/Mullins to order and install this item. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brummund mentioned that Presque Isle Electric is asking for letters of support for broadband in Alcona County. Motion by Sands/Mullins to have Supervisor Harmon send a letter of support to P.I.E. for broadband in Alcona County. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22115-22150 were presented and paid.

Receipts 250-252,254-265,267-268 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Mary J. Harmon, Supervisor

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