

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

March 19, 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 thirteen 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.

With Commissioner Brummund being gone this meeting, we placed Sherrif Stephenson in her place. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the agenda as adjusted. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:04 p.m. Comments were heard from Kay Lovelace and Carrie Mullins.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2024. Motion carried.

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

In the AAACU account;

*GENERAL FUND \$102,499.08 minus the designated funds of \$14,791.77 equals \$87,707.31

*ROAD MIF balance \$19,218.86

*FIRE MIF balance \$89,016.33

*CC MIF balance \$32,174.78

In the HCB account in the General Fund;

\$884.97 with two outstanding checks yet. \$50.00 was left there to keep the account open.

Supervisor Harmon made a request that the Financial Report be written to go in the packets each month. It is important for the board to see the figures prior to the meeting.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. An addition to the Civic Center Cost Center and the Planning Commission Cost Center is needed to cover money spent in those departments. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Budget Amendment #2023-2024.6 regarding the transfer of money (4520.00) from the Election Cost Center to the Civic Center Cost Center (\$3520.00) and to the Planning Commission Cost Center (\$1000.00) to cover bills for those areas. Motion carried. Budget Amendment was declared adopted.

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$25,881.40. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was absent. She left a written report for the board members. Sherrif Stephenson was present and gave some very interesting info of what has been happening at the Sherrif Department.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was not present. Supervisor Harmon mentioned that the March Board of Review meetings held on Organizational meeting-March 5th and the two protest meetings March 12 & 13 were very quiet.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that we can now apply for grants regarding the acceptance of our REC Plan. The Planning Commission will continue working on the Zoning Ordinance on April 4.

Roads & Bridges: ACRC Manager Jesse Campbell received several letters of support from the township and businesses in the area that may be affected by the weight limit of the bridge on Cruzen Road that crosses the East Branch of the Pine River. It appears like we have a good chance of the grant being accepted for that replacement.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to fifteen (15) incidents in February. He further mentioned that the department needs to build a storage closet at the Fire Hall to hold extra gear. If the township would supply the material, the department will build the closet. Cost \$400 to \$500. The lettering on the doors of truck #1 needs to be done (never completed after repair of the door). Cost \$200.00. Would like to have training for the 1st responders on glucose checks (training & machine). The cost for two years license is \$180. Would like to purchase two lift straps to assist on the 1st responder calls. Cost \$300. Motion by Nedo/Mullins to allow our Fire Chief to purchase these necessary items not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion carried. Wayne mentioned that one truck has been completed on the motor overhaul repair. Wayne also mentioned that all the grant items have been purchased and are waiting now for the copies of the canceled checks to come back from the financial institution for all checks written to Dinges Fire Company.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran mentioned he has been working on three different addresses that he had been contacted for.

UPDATES:

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to pay Griff & Son \$2350.00 for the needed removal of the trees at the cemetery. Motion carried.

Jent Electric has been contacted to look at the electrical problem at the pavilion and replace the lights to LED's.

We are ready for the Open House being held this Saturday, March 23rd.

The Clerk has been moved out of the Conference Room and into the space available in and at the left of the main entrance of the building. Estimates had been received from Northeastern Window & Door for a window to be placed looking out into the hallway. Motion by Nedo/Travis to have this window installed for the cost of \$477.06. Motion carried.

Clerk Sands will be going to the MTA conference in April over in Traverse City. The registration was included in the bills.

The remote-controlled car demonstration we saw last month had us leaving the meeting to do research on the possibility of having this on township property. Mr. Cussans decided to move the possibility and plans to Nedo's Market so he could be close to F-41. Our research on the subject was canceled.

The AED that was ordered for the Civic Center has not arrived yet. FC Wayne will check on this for us.

PENDING BUSINESS:

The Administrative Procedures continue to be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Sands/Mullins to recess the regular meeting to go into the Budget Hearing. Motion

carried.

The budget hearing was opened for public comment at 8:16 p.m. with Supervisor Harmon, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Travis, Trustee Nedo and Trustee Mullins present with thirteen guests. The ad for this Public Hearing was published in the Alcona County Review on March 6, 2024. It was mentioned that we should raise our mileage reimbursement from 0.45 to 0.55 per mile. With no other comments being made motion by Sands/Travis to return to regular session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Sands/Travis that the Township of Mikado levy the maximum authorized millage rate allowed for the tax year 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Sands/Mullins we raise our mileage rate reimbursement to 55 cents per mile. Motion carried.

Motion by Sands/Mullins to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #24.05 regarding the Mikado Township General Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Motion by Sands/Mullins to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #24.06 regarding the Mikado Township Road Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Mullins-yes, Travis-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #24.07 regarding the Mikado Township Fire Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #24.08 regarding the Mikado Township Civic Center Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Travis-yes, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Rob Clink was present and asked for permission for the Alcona Youth Softball & Baseball League/Alcona Youth 4H Club to use both of our ballfields this year. We have no plans to change the contract this year. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to have Supervisor Harmon sign the contract with the Youth League. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Sands to send a contract to Everett Leeseburg pertaining to our Opening and Closing of Graves at the Cemetery. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Sands to place an ad in the Alcona County Review and the Oscoda Press pertaining to the In-Town Mowing and Cemetery Mowing. Motion carried.

Consensus of the board agreed that we will place a Fire Millage Renewal Request on the August ballot. The verbiage will be presented at the April meeting.

A resignation was received from Carrie Mullins resigning from the position of Deputy Clerk for personal reasons. Motion by Sands/Nedo to accept this resignation for March 19, 2024, for personal reasons. Motion carried. Clerk Sands mentioned the appointment of Anne Harmon as Deputy Clerk. The clerk further mentioned that Anne has done some volunteer work in the clerk's office recently and would like to publicly thank her for her time.

The topic of Saturday Memorial Dinners was up for discussion. The township is trying to rent the civic center to assist in the expenses to keep the civic center in operation. It was noted that if a memorial is scheduled for a future date that would lock the day for no rental. Mikado township receives an income from rentals but not memorial dinners. Pros and cons were heard from several in attendance. Supervisor Harmon declared this discussion tabled to the April meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Mullins mentioned that a web-site company would like to come in for a demonstration for a possible change in web-site provider. Supervisor Harmon mentioned we have Mike Sutor coming to our April Meeting for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22151-22190 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: _____