

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

April 18, 2023

Supervisor Harmon Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She welcomed 43 guests that were present, all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed Supervisor Harmon, Clerk Deb Odell, Treasurer Ruth Travis, and Trustees Nedo and Mullins Were all present.

Approval/Adjustment of the Agenda: Trustee Mullins needed to add in New Business, Administrative Procedures / Bylaws. Mullins/Nedo made the motion to accept the agenda as changed. All in favor, agenda approved.

Public Comment: Deanna asked about Andrews Rd. It is a seasonal road, and it needs work. Supervisor will bring it up to the Road Commission when she meets with them.

Acceptance of Minutes: Trustee Mullins stated that the Alcona County Republicans have a meeting on Monday at the EMS building at 7 PM. Calendar of events is on the website. Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept the Minutes as amended. All in favor, Motion carried.

Financial Report for March 2023: Treasurer Travis gave report as follows: The General Fund balance brought forward was \$212,625.38 with receipts of \$52,992.39, less disbursements of \$19,861.96, leaving a balance in the General Fund of \$245,755.81 plus CD's of \$20,000.00 leaves an overall balance in the General Fund of \$265,755.81 The Road MIF balance brought forward was \$35,454.16 with receipts of \$65,819.96, leaving a balance in the Road MIF of \$101,274.12 plus CD's of \$20,000.00, leaves an overall balance in the Road MIF of \$121,274.12. New account for Civic Center, Opening Balance is \$28,633.02 with receipts of \$4,269.00 leaving a balance of \$32,902.02. The Fire MIF balance brought forward was \$56,182.03 with receipts of \$32,432.21, leaves a balance in the Fire MIF of \$88,614.24 plus a CD in the amount of \$10,000.00, leaving an overall balance in Fire Fund of \$98,614.24. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the Financial Report of March as presented. Motion Carried.

Presentation of Bills: Questions on amount of bills, Supervisor stated that we are still catching up on a few unpaid bills from the previous year, some as far back as February of 2022. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to pay the bills. Roll Call Vote: Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes, Odell-Yes. Motion Carried.

County Commissioner: Carolyn Brummond was excused this month.

Assessor: Nancy stated that our Township had previously opted not to contract with the Equalization Department on Land Division Splits. The easiest way was to do it ourselves because their way did not always comply with our zoning, putting us in violation of our own ordinance.

Board of Review had six (6) petitions, five (5) were disabled veterans, one (1) was 5 days late, a letter was sent stating missed deadline. They were notified it was received past due.

Paperwork for Truth and Taxation hearing date and our compliance need to put on this and it's

to be signed by Clerk or Supervisor.

Form 29, clerks will now do these forms, Nancy stated that she can fill these out for us as she has all these numbers and has done this for the last 27 years in Oscoda. We agreed she can do this for us.

Planning Commission: May 4th is next meeting and quarterly meeting on June 8th, both at 6 PM. May meeting is a special meeting for the Master Plan.

Roads & Bridges: They will be getting together in the next week or so. Resealing of F-41 from Bridge to Mikado that didn't get done last year.

Fire Chief: March had 13 Calls, 11 Medical in Mikado and 2 in Gustin. Received 2 new applications this month, Matt Benedict is a trained firefighter 1&2 and a trained EMT. Jesse Smith is a new hire and lives here in town. Fire Chief recommends both. Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept these new firemen. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Harmon thanked Fire Chief Wayne Odell for all the work he has done to build the Department back up. Board agreed.

Breathing Air Trailor has not been maintained since January 2017, so it can't be used without being serviced. Contacted Breathing Air Systems the annual contract will be \$1,525.85 to service it and will be done in October of this year, the costs of travel is split with surrounding Fire Dept, to save all of them some money. If they were to come now and not split the cost of travel it would be \$1,080.00 just for mileage. It was asked what would be done if they needed air, FC stated he was sure they could get it from Greenbush. Motion Carrie/Nedo to contract with Breathing Air Systems to maintain trailer. Roll Call Vote: Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Odell-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes. Motion carried.

They are now short on Pagers for new Fire Fighters. A 50/50 grant was received last December for communications and never used. Got a quote from DigiCom Global on March 27th with a special to buy 10 & get 1 free, spoke with Supervisor Harmon about this. Total cost of pagers is \$8,962.90 if bought by the end of March. They will come over and train on the pagers and bring our others up to speed. Question on a \$3,000.00 bill which we received; FC stated this was for the two way radios from McComb. They had to be reprogramed & installed. Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve these two items. Roll Call Vote: Mullins-yes, Travis-yes, Odell-yes, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Harmon stated we knew we would have to make a large investment to build this fire dept back to its former state. Investing in the Fire Dept is one of the best investments we can make in this twp.

New turn out gear is needed for some of the new personnel. Most have satisfactory gear, but some is outdated and will need replacing before they attend any state training. The goal is to have 20 firefighters.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Craig Ostby stated he had nothing to turn in this month. He had one land use permit. He received a petition with 75 signatures that they want Dollar General.

Updates: Griff & Sons has cleaned up the big tree and all the large limbs from the white pines.

Local chapter of MTA Meeting is a week from tonight, if anyone from board would like to go, let Mary know.

Questions concerning the new Dollar General are coming in. There is no stopping them from coming in, the land does not need to be rezoned, nor do we need any special meeting concerning this because it is already zoned commercial. Supervisor Harmon read an article explaining at the above, explaining that ~~only~~ the west side of Mikado is zoned commercial.

Pending Business: FOIA Updated information, we are now compliant and it is all on the website.

New Business: Civic Center Roof Bids, we received 5 bids. All were reviewed in advance and again tonight. Steel is very expensive, and we agreed on the asphalt shingles. Motion by Travis/Nedo to go with Hartman Roofing. Roll Call Vote: Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes, Odell-yes.

Mowing bids received from Stouts Lawn Service and Ken's Janitorial. Ken's did not quote for the cemetery, he was present at the meeting and stated he could not do the cemetery. After some discussion we decided to go with Stouts Lawn Service. Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept Stouts Lawn Service. Roll Call Vote: Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Odell-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes. Motion Carried.

Advisory Committee for Civic Center: People appointed are Mary Harmon, Kay Lovelace, Delynn Lovelace, Denise Lee, Craig Ostby & Deanne. Kay will be the chairman. Discussion on this resulted in when. *Adkins*

Township Attorney: After some discussion, a Motion by Mullins/Travis to go with Balcman Sparks. Roll Call Vote: Mullins-yes, Travis-yes, Odell-yes, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes. Motion Carried.

Rob Clink – Ball Teams: He would like permission to use the ball fields for the kid's games. Some work needs to be done on the fields; games may start this week. They have insurance through 4-H for the kids. They will maintain the field behind the cemetery, we have the sign that Carrie did for the field. Motion by Mullins/Odell to allow them to use the fields. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Admin Procedures – By Laws: Carrie made a tentative draft for us to look over.

Communications:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM by Nedo/Mullins. All in Favor. Motion Carried.