

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting
July 12, 2021

Supervisor Michael Corn called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00pm. He welcomed the seven (7) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showed Supervisor Corn, Clerk McDonald, Treasurer Travis, Trustee Mullins, and Trustee Nedo were present. No one was absent.

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: No adjustments made. Motion by Travis/Nedo to approve the agenda. Roll call: Travis-yes; McDonald- yes; Corn- yes; Nedo- yes; Mullins-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:07pm and closed at 7:12pm. Trustee Carrie Mullins made comments regarding the Alcona Co. Republican Party.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021 as presented. Roll call: McDonald- yes, Corn- yes; Travis- yes, Nedo- yes; Mullins- yes, . Motion carried.

The Financial Report for June 2021 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows: The General Fund balance brought forward was \$131,880.68, with receipts of \$52,126.52, less disbursements of \$61,135.78, leaves a balance in the General Fund of \$ 122,871.42 plus CD's of \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 being Stabilization CD) leaves an overall balance in the General Fund of \$142,871.42. The Road MIF balance brought forward was \$168,601.25, with receipts of \$28.36, less disbursements of \$0.00, leaves a balance in the Road MIF of \$168,629.61 plus CD's of \$20,000.00 leaves an overall balance in the Road MIF of \$188,629.61. The Fire MIF balance brought forward was \$80,569.26, with receipts of \$13.69, leaves a balance in the Fire MIF of \$80,582.95, with disbursements of \$45,841.00, leaves a balance of \$34,741.95 plus a CD in the amount of \$10,000.00, leaving an overall balance in the Fire Fund of \$44,741.95. Motion by Mullins/McDonald to accept the Financial Report of June 2021 as presented. Roll call: Travis- yes; Nedo- yes; ; Corn- yes; McDonald- yes, Mullins- yes. Motion carried.

Clerk McDonald stated that no Budget Amendments were necessary.

Motion by Corn/Travis to approve the Bills except for the reimbursement to the Mikado American Legion for the Cemetery flags (Deputy Clerk Sands advised that the receipt from the Mikado American Legion for the flags must first be sent to Alcona County Clerk and then the County Clerk would advise on how much to reimburse the American Legion.) Check #21135 to the American Legion for \$262.50 was voided. Roll call: McDonald- yes, Travis- yes, Nedo- yes, Mullins- yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

County Commissioner Carolyn Brummond was present and gave report from the County level. Comments were made regarding the county report; the Eagles' ride on Mon. Aug 5 and the upcoming Harrisville summer concert series. Pamphlets and handouts were given for the following: the Harrisville Summer Concert Series, the Annie E. Casey report on Michigan, information on ARPA funds application; and the Forgotten Eagles ride.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present and said that the next Board of Review meeting would be held on July 21, 2021, 5:30pm at the Mikado Civic Center.

Planning Commission: Carrie Mullins was present and said the next meeting will be September 8, 2021, at 6pm.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Corn commented that the Alcona County Road Commission had done a good job with the new work done for this year's road agreements thus far completed.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Regina Waskiewicz was present and gave report for June. Total calls were twelve (12); Mikado Twp. three (2) fires and eight (10) medical; zero (0) fires and one (0) medical for Gustin Twp. Two mutual aid, Personal Injury Accidents (1 Greenbush, 1 Oscoda) were also reported. Updates: DNR grant handheld radios ordered. Fire Chief Waskiewicz provided a quote (\$706.00) asked the board for permission to purchase refurbished mobile radios and accessories for each fire truck. Mullins/Travis motion to allow Chief Waskiewicz to purchase mobile radios and accessories for the fire trucks. Roll call: Mullins-yes; Nedo- yes; Corn-yes; Travis- yes; McDonald- yes. Motion Carried. Chief Waskiewicz also commented that four fire department members completed Emergency Drivers Training and five fire department members completed Swift Water Rescue.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Two signed complaints have been submitted. One land use permit was sold. The board confirmed for Officer Waskiewicz that her duty includes enforcement of all ordinances.

Civic Center/Township Property Issues:

Supervisor Corn advised that the Ostby family provided the contract and security deposit for the family reunion/baseball game scheduled for July 24, 2021.

ZA/OEO Officer Waskiewicz expressed concern over the state of disrepair of the benches at Bruce Park.

UPDATES:

- A. Clerk McDonald advised that the township was successfully enrolled in the online subscription for Cryptkeeper software.
- B. Clerk McDonald asked to table the Quickbooks payroll software until the next meeting.
- C. Hall rentals: No further paid rentals than from previous meeting.
- D. Village signs: the signs seem to have been already removed.

PENDING BUSINESS:

A. Township Credit Card: Treasurer Travis advised that she and Supervisor Corn reapplied for the card because of a problem at the bank.

B. Proposed Hunting Ordinance: Clerk McDonald shall add the Firehouse and its properties to Section V and bring the revised ordinance for vote on adoption at the next board meeting.

C. Planning Commission Presentation: Lary Holland introduced Lindsey Miller (Michigan Economic Development Committee (MEDC) via online meeting platform. Ms. Miller gave a presentation about how the economic development readiness program operates, helps to plan and fund projects, and how Mikado Township could potentially participate. Carrie Mullins and Lary Holland are participating in training regarding this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Township Maintenance:

1. Supervisor Corn asked for brainstorming on maintenance projects. The poles at the ball diamond and painting dugouts; tree trimming at the hall; cemetery tree maintenance and clean-up; Bruce Park bench repair and grill removal were discussed.
2. Ways to find workers and volunteers were discussed- Assessor Schwickert commented on the jail inmate program. Clerk McDonald suggested a service project day. Supervisor Corn suggested offering fire department workers an hourly rate for performing maintenance work.
3. Supervisor Corn asked the board and guests to brainstorm how to pay workers and coordinate volunteers.
4. Supervisor Corn advised that Northeast Window and Door said they may be willing to donate some paint and materials for projects.

B. Clerk McDonald handed out information regarding the American Rescue Plan Act and advised of the application process, and the status of accruing the proper information and setting up the correct accounts on the websites as specified in the application process. Clerk McDonald advised that she aims to have the process completed by the end of the week (Friday, July 19).

COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Mullins said plans to restructure the website to be more user friendly and to add information regarding upcoming events and local schedules is underway; Mikado Goodfellows Bingo was added. Ms. Mullins also mentioned that the Township Facebook page had more Likes and 115 Followers, and may be accruing an average of 20 new people per month. (Great job, Carrie!!) Ms. Mullins also advised that she would like to experiment with Facebook advertising because of its low expense.

ADJOURNMENT:

Travis/Nedo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm. Roll Call: Travis- yes; Nedo- yes; McDonald- yes; Corn- yes; Mullins- yes. Motion Carried.

Orders 21125-21151 were presented and paid, except for the Mikado American Legion Flag reimbursement, Check #21135 for \$262.50, which was voided. Receipts 5020-0003

 Michael Corn, Supervisor
 Motion to Accept by: _____

 Mandi McDonald, Clerk
 Seconded by: _____ Date: _____