

## Mikado Township Planning Commission Meeting

September 7, 2023

6:00 pm

Mikado Civic Center

### MINUTES

**Present:** Steve Stevens, Carrie Mullins, Steve Sanderson, Bill Spunar

**Absent:** James Ostby

**Guests:** Supervisor Mary Harmon, Zoning Administrator Craig Ostby

**Call to Order:** 6:01 PM

Pledge

**Public Comment:** None

#### **Topics of Discussion:**

- Mikado Zoning Ordinance Contract with NEMCOG (Northeast Michigan Council of Governments) Supervisor Harmon spoke to the contract with Denise Cline and NEMCOG in regards to the Mikado Township Zoning Ordinance from October of 2022 that was inappropriately approved by the previous administration (it was only signed by previous Clerk Leisa Sutton). This contract was not on file and no monetary amount was put into the budget for \$18,400 for Denise Cline of NEMCOG to redo the Mikado Township Zoning Ordinance, plus \$720 for NEMCOG dues. After speaking with the Township Board members, NEMCOG and Denise Cline, Supervisor Harmon was able to get out of the contract, saving the township nearly \$20,000. This, however, leaves the task of reworking the Zoning Ordinance to better suit Mikado Township to the Planning Commission.

- Craig Ostby has been researching Unsafe/Abandoned Building Ordinances and has found several examples for the Planning Commission to review, edit and consider for adoption. Due to the needs of the community it was suggested that this ordinance be adopted separately from the full zoning ordinance and that it should be worked and adopted prior to the reworking of the Zoning Ordinance.

- It was decided by the Planning Commission to hold off on the Zoning Ordinance until 2024 whereupon we (at home and during regular quarterly meetings) will have plenty of time to read and rework the various sections to better suit Mikado. It was further noted that we would first focus on sections that were unnecessary noting the importance of identifying areas in the zoning ordinance that don't fit the Mikado area.

#### **Business:**

- Public Hearing for 2023 Mikado Township Master Plan

MOTION: Carrie Mullins **motions** for the Mikado Township Planning Commission to set the Public Hearing for the Mikado Township Master Plan for December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Township Hall, and that notice of said hearing will be published in the Alcona County Review newspaper. The motion is seconded by Steve Sanderson. The Ayes have it, **motion passes**.

MOTION: Carrie Mullins motions to adjourn. Steve Sanderson seconds the motion. The Ayes have it, motion passes

**Adjournment:** 6:59 PM

**Next Meeting:** December 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Mikado Civic Center