

*Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting*

*May 21, 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 seventeen 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 Nedo/Travis to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:03 p.m. Comments were heard from two (2) individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024. Motion carried.

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

In the AAACU account.

\*GENERAL FUND \$131,760.54 minus the designated funds of \$14,554.14 equals \$117,206.40

\*ROAD MIF balance \$89,050.29

\*FIRE MIF balance \$123,445.86

\*CC MIF balance \$67,094.91

In the HCB account in the General Fund the matured CD was cashed out at 1% interest of \$8.14 and deposited into a \$10,000.00 CD in the AAACU GF account at 5% for one year.

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to accept the Financial Report of April as presented. Motion Carried. Supervisor Harmon asked about the CD's at HCB. She mentioned that it might be beneficial to us to close the CDs at HCB and take a penalty and open them at AAACU at the larger interest rate.

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$18,114.06. Motion carried. Comments/Questions made were that Jent Electric completed the lighting in the Pavilion and the cost is less than what they bid because they did not install the dimmer switch to the lighting. The cost for the cutting of the trees at the cemetery was larger than expected because a large cottonwood was dead and needed to be removed. It would save some money while Griff was there. It was mentioned one more time that the 2-year audit is planned for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was not present.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was not present.

Roads & Bridges: Word on the replacement of the bridge on Cruzen will probably not be heard until August. No word has been given on what roads we will have worked on this year. The Road Commission may not have time this year for Mikado Road work. There are water back-up issues in town regarding the drainage ditches. Eventually we will need to clean out those ditches.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to thirteen (13) incidents in April. He further mentioned that our firefighter trainees will be

completing their training and testing on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Also, Mikado now has possession of the DNR Truck from Greenbush. Wayne further mentioned that there are repairs needed on the gas struts for the trucks. The department also needs 10 more badges for personnel at a cost of \$25.00 each. The forest service occasionally puts out a request for interest in equipment or vehicles. Chief Odell would like permission to place requests that are needed in a timely manner. A vehicle could possibly cost \$10,000.00. Consensus of the board is to allow our Fire Chief to place interest requests when needed. Motion by Nedo/Mullins to allow the fire department to purchase the items needed for the repairs and to order the 10 badges needed for the personnel at a cost of \$350.00. Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran mentioned he continues to work on three different addresses that he had been contacted for. He received another signed complaint on Zoning. He received a call from the owner of 4105 Cruzen Road asking for advice on splitting her property. She was referred to our Assessor. Comment on Kahn's store and property; we may need to put up a fence or other barrier on the West end of Bruce Park when and if the owner starts the demolition process on the Kahn store building. As ZA, John mentioned that the Building Department is telling people that Mikado Township does not require Land Use Permits on certain building projects.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that the Planning Commission continued reviewing the Zoning Ordinance. They got through Article 3 and 4. At the May 2nd meeting Huron Engineering Storage was present and did a presentation on a building project. They wish to build storage units on the commercial property they purchased located at 2160 S. F-41. They will remove the home that sits on the property to build these units. The Planning Commission suggested adding some solar lighting to the project. Carrie further mentioned that the Planning Commission approved this special land use and recommends the township board approve this proposed request. The Planning Commission will continue working on the Zoning Ordinance on June 6th.

Tom Maxwell representing Huron Engineering Storage gave a presentation on the plans he has for the building of the storage units at 2160 S. F-41. He mentioned that he does have plans to add solar lighting and has plans to demolish the house on the property. After the presentation and with the recommendation of the P.C., motion by Mullins/Nedo, we approve this special land use project. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

Clerk Sands mentioned that the Fire Millage resolution passed last month did not have the proper wording. The county has been accepting the wrong wording from all townships on this matter for several years. Clerk Sands, after hearing this news and close to the deadline for turning the wording into the county to be on the August Ballot, the wording was properly changed for the ballot. At this time the motion by Sands/Mullins to rescind resolution 24.09 (20.09) adopted in April. Motion carried.

Motion by Sands/Mullins to adopt Resolution 24.10 regarding the Fire Millage proposal to be placed on the August Primary Ballot as follows; Title-Fire Millage. Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Mikado Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value), reduced to .9855 mill (\$.9855 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value), and levied for the period of four (4) years, 2024 through 2027 inclusive, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Township Fire Department, raising an estimated \$39,100.00 in the first year the millage is levied. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Travis-yes. Resolution adopted.

Clerk Sands mentioned that the Oscoda School Election held on May 7<sup>th</sup> went smooth. We had a total of 81 votes tabulated with 42 of those being absentee ballots.

The articles are due for the Summer Newsletter. Please email them to Anne.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the Web Site demonstration that was given last month from Mike Sutor. The consensus of the board is that we need to change the site to have it user friendly. One suggestion is that we have two people responsible for the updates to the site. Motion by Mullins/Sands we approve the website with Mike Sutor effective ASAP. Motion carried. Mullins will be responsible for contacting Shumaker for the drop of their website and hopefully get a refund on what we had paid. The first step with Mike is to have Clerk Sands meet with him for our own URL which will be next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on pay for the Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The ZA was invited to the Planning Commission Meetings while they are working on the updating of the Zoning Ordinance. It was mentioned that the budget for planning commission wage has enough to pay the ZA for a regular member stipend. For OEO, attending court cases is over and above his duties that he is paid for. It was suggested that we pay that officer a stipend of \$35.00 or less for an appearance at court and pay mileage. After discussion, motion by Sands/Mullins we pay the ZA a \$35.00 stipend for each Planning Commission Meeting he attends with no mileage and pay the OEO \$35.00 for each court appearance for a case and mileage of 20 miles round trip. Motion carried.

Waste Management picks up our trash at the Civic Center once a month and with rental season here now, it is important to have the dumpster emptied two times a month. Motion by Mullins/Nedo we increase this pick-up to two times a month. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the cleaning of the Civic Center. It is time to renew a contract with a cleaning company. Motion by Nedo/Travis to continue with Doug Travis Custodial Service with the same contract as last year removing two items that are obsolete for this year (changing a short-term rental from 6 hours to 8 hours and removing a special note of kitchen renovations and painting being done). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

It was mentioned that the “out of order” pop machine has been removed from the hallway.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22237-22272 were presented and paid.

Receipts 285 - 294 were received and recorded.

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Rita D. Sands, Clerk

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Mary J. Harmon, Supervisor

Motion to accept by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

