

MIKADO TOWNSHIP NEWS

SUMMER EDITION 2024

With over 150 people attending the Township open house in the Civic Center in March, I hope that everyone got to see all of the upgrades that have been done to the building. The newest being the township offices that are now just inside the entrance on the left hand side. With over 17 vendors participating, township residents had lots of opportunities to visit with local business and non profits that service our area. I hope that everyone got a chance to stop at the Mikado Fire Department table where we had pictures of all of the volunteers for that department on display. We are proud of and appreciate all of their work and commitment put into training. From the churches to Veterans services and the MI DNR along with the USFS there was something for everyone. Even Smokey Bear made an appearance for his 80th Birthday! We had Township historical information and documents on display along with a new brochure on the Township that is available in the new office to anyone who is interested. Thanks to all who planned and participated in this event! Supervisor Harmon



Supervisor Cemetery Notes: We all need to do our part. The township board has taken an aggressive approach in addressing dead & dying trees and limbs on many of the trees in our cemetery. Thanks to the hard work of Griff and Son Tree Service, this is no longer an issue. The issue this year is the grass-particularly mowing the grass. With all the rain we've had this is an endless chore. There are some things that you can do to help. Keep all wreaths, ornaments and potted flowers right next to the headstone. This makes it much easier for the mowers to do their job. Do not plant any trees or shrubs (this is prohibited under the township cemetery ordinance). The full cemetery ordinance can be found on the township website. We all want a beautiful & well kept cemetery. If we all do our part, we can achieve this goal. Clerk Rita Sands is the one who maintains the records for the cemetery and can be reached by calling the township office.



Clerk Cemetery Notes: Cemetery records is one of my jobs that the board has appointed me to do. I can help you find someone buried in the cemetery. Give me a call and I will be glad to help. If you would like to purchase a plot at the cemetery for future needs, you can also contact me. Cremated ashes cannot be buried by the family. It is important for you to know that Mikado Township has contracted with a contractor for all open and closings. This means full burial or the burial of cremated ashes. I will need some sort of paperwork for the deceased and where the remains are going. If I see the ground disturbed and I have not been contacted for a burial, I will be contacting someone in your family. If you are removing old or faded flowers from a grave, please remember that the north end of the cemetery is not a dumping ground. Please take all trash with you. If you remove pine needles or tree branches from your plot, please do not leave them under the nearest tree, those can go to the north end of the cemetery.

**Mikado Library
Branch Hours**

Mon-Thurs 2pm-6pm

**Located in the
Civic Center**

Planning Commission

With the Master Plan completed and the necessary paperwork filed with the Michigan DNR for the Recreation Plan, the Planning Commission is now working on reviewing the Zoning Ordinances. We are reviewing the entire document and making changes to bring the ZO current, correct errors, and enhance it to make it a better fit for Mikado.

Meetings are on a monthly basis and we expect to have completed the review by years end. The following meetings are scheduled for 2024 on the first Thursday starting at 6:00pm:

- June 6th
- July 11th
- August 1st
- September 5th
- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December 5th

All meetings are open to the public. Once completed, all changes will go to the township attorney for review.

Carrie Mullins,
Planning Commission Secretary

All Mikado Township Board of Review meetings will be held at

MIKADO CIVIC CENTER
2291 S. F-41 MIKADO, MI. 48745

The July Board of Review will be held on Wednesday July 17th beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If no appointments have been received by 5:00 p.m. Friday July 12th the meeting will be cancelled.

The purpose of this meeting is for correcting clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact and qualified errors. The Board of Review also has the authority to grant poverty exemptions. Completed applications, affidavits and supporting documentation for the exemption must be filed with the assessor by July 12th. For appointments, questions, or assistance in obtaining the required forms please contact the Assessor (989) 736-7689.

*****PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT*****

The Alcona County Register of Deeds office encourages residents/property owners to sign up for Property Fraud Alert. According to the FBI, property fraud is the fastest growing white-collar crime in the U.S. This "Alert" service helps property owners protect their most valuable asset, their home. Through this service, owners may sign up to be notified via phone, text message, or email when a document is recorded in their name. This can provide an early warning system for property owners by notifying them immediately when a document is recorded, which allows owners to be proactive if fraudulent activity occurs. Property Fraud Alert is a free service offered through the Register of Deeds office and requires no up-front fees or monthly costs. The best way to stay informed is to be proactive, sign up today for peace of mind. To sign up please call 1 (800) 728-3858 or visit <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com>, where you will select Alcona County, MI. For further information or to speak with the Register of Deeds office please call (989) 724-9450.

John Moran
Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator

As the new OEO and Zoning Administrator, it is my pleasure to be working for a township board that is interested in a clean and healthy environment for all its residents. I believe that my past experience as a law enforcement officer, and legal writer in criminal and non-criminal matters lets me see both sides of any issue. It has allowed me to testify in District and Circuit Courts and even before a Federal Judge which was on the Ute Mountain Tribe Reservation in Colorado.

My other experience as a restaurant worker, machine builder, semi driver and many years in/out of construction are also beneficial. I am also Michigan State Certified in turf management and horticultural, which has been for personal use.

I enjoy constructive conversations that achieve positive results which betters the majority, rather than only one individual. Understanding both sides is important and not just listening to someone blow off steam. Let's work together as a community.

I can be reached at: 989.335.1948 or zoning.mikado.twp@gmail.com

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: Message from the Clerk:
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: The 2024 Election Cycle is here with the Primary on August 6th and the General on November 5th. You
: will want to be registered for this and any future election. When you move here and change your ad-
: dress at the Secretary of State office, your registration is forwarded to the County Clerk then passed on
: to the local Clerks. If you don't visit a Secretary of State office, you can call me to set up a time in my
: office to register to vote. You will need your current State pictured ID to regis-
: ter. Do you wish to vote an Absent Voter Ballot? All registered voters can
: vote a one-time absentee, or you can request to be on a "permanent list" that
: would direct the clerk to automatically send you a ballot to vote prior to an up-
: coming election. I should have the ballots for the primary now. The Township
: is responsible for the postage on your return ballot envelope. If you wish to
: save the township some money, there is a drop-off box in front of the Civic
: Center that you can put your ballot in (please see picture here). If you wish to
: have an application to vote absentee, please call the number at the top of this
: article. If you wish to vote in person, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
: at the Civic Center. Early voting is also an option that is done at the County
: Court House in Harrisville 9 days prior to the election.

: Rita Sands
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mikado Township fire department has been busy this year. As of this writing we have responded to a total of 67 incidents. With 99% of the incidents being medical in nature. We have 2 personnel that have completed a Medical first responder training and have their Michigan Medical First Responder license. We have 2 personnel that attended the Michigan Fire fighters academy and have become Firefighter I&II certified. We are currently outfitting a different truck for grass and wild land fires. The fire department currently has 20 members with 8 members being either EMT or Medical first responder licensed.

Please remember that a burning permit is required for outside fires. Burning permits can be obtained by calling 833.922.2876 or online at Michigan.gov/burnpermit.

Have a great summer. Please be careful with fire works and have a happy Independence Day!

Wayne Odell
Fire Chief

MIKADO CIVIC CENTER

Perfect for Receptions, Banquets or Large parties

- Seats 300+
- Licensed Kitchen
- Bar with keg setup available
- Air conditioned

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\$150.00 day rental fee plus \$100 security deposit.

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to rent

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(graduation/reunions/B-day parties/showers)

- Restroom
- Running water
- Refrigerator & freezer
- Picnic tables inside and out
- Grill
- Large doors that open on all 4 sides
- Horseshoes, basket ball court, and play area for kids

\$150 per day + \$100 security deposit

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Rental reservations for 2025 are now available. Call to reserve as dates are already filling up.



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

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