

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

July 16, 2024

Clerk Rita Sands called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. She welcomed the eleven guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag. Clerk Sands mentioned that the board will decide who will run this meeting. Motion by Mullins/Travis to have clerk Sands be the moderator of this meeting. Motion carried.

Roll call showed Clerk Sands, Treasurer Travis, Trustee Mullins and Trustee Nedo present. Supervisor Harmon was absent.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:12 p.m. Comments were heard from four (4) individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2024. Motion carried.

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

In the AAACU account.

GENERAL FUND Regular Shares- \$5.00, Preferred shares- \$109,189.92, minus \$10,988.86 in designated funds equals \$98,206.06. Checking-\$5,622.72. There are two (2) \$10,000 CDs for one (1) year at 5% interest.

*ROAD MIF balance \$89,052.97 and one (1) #20,000.00 CD for one (1) year at 5%.

*FIRE MIF balance \$123,284.99 and one \$10,000.00 CD for one (1) year at 5%.

*CC MIF balance \$67,094.91

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to accept the Financial Report of June as presented. Motion Carried. Clerk Sands mentioned that we have received a credit voucher from an over payment from CarQuest because that is where the former Fire Chief purchased supplies for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Odell mentioned that he does not use CarQuest for his supplies so CarQuest will issue us a check reimbursement.

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$57,467.76. Motion carried. Discussion on assorted issues was held.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was present and updated us on what is happening at the county level.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. People are asking why their tax bills have gone up. The July 17 Board of Review meeting was cancelled because of no appointments. All required postings have been made

Roads & Bridges: The Road Commission started putting supplies behind the cemetery for storage for when they work on our roads. Curtis Township did sign the agreement with the Road Commission for their share of Kimberlin Road. There is no new information on the Cruzen Road Bridge. The Road Commissioners meet tomorrow, July 17, to discuss our contracts and work schedule.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to fourteen (14) incidents in June. He further mentioned that the 2025 Fire capacity grant has been applied for and we will not know until the end of the year if we will receive it. MIOSHA is doing inspections for high hazard industries. Chief Odell asked the board if we wanted to invite them for an inspection or wait to see if we are visited. Consensus of the board is to wait to see if they come for the inspection.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran commented on six (6) different addresses that he had been working on. Two (2) of these cases are closed this month.

The Clouse Road property may be filing for a variance to allow for multiple homes on a property. Because the Zoning Board of Appeals has not met in several years, they will need to have an organizational meeting to appoint a chairperson and secretary, Rita found a variance form that was used in 2007 and asked the board if we could use that form with the updates that would be needed. Nancy gave an overview of the ZBA duties. She also provided forms and fees from Oscoda Township that they have on file when needed. The board discussed the form & fee for a variance. We will use the form on hand with the needed updates. Motion Nedo/Mullins to set the fee for a variance at \$500.00 to be paid when the variance form is filed with the Township Clerk, Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that the Planning Commission continued reviewing the Zoning Ordinance. They will start Article 6 on August 1st and 6:00. She further mentioned that the planning commission minutes are now up to date on the web site.

UPDATES:

Clerk Sands mentioned that the 2-year audit report has been received and placed on the table for each board member. If anyone has any questions after reviewing, please let the clerk know & she will send in all questions at once.

Carrie and Anne received some good training from Michael Suitor on the website. They both believe it is a very well spent investment for the township. All training videos will be placed on the clerk's computer.

The Election Commission met this evening at 6:40 to appoint the workers for the August 6 Primary.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Clerk Sands mentioned she did not have time to get quotes for the updates of the conference room. She asked if we could include the painting of the stalls in the bathroom on the painting quote. Motion by Mullins/Travis to include the bathroom stalls in the painting quote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resignation letter was received from Supervisor Mary Harmon due to health issues. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the resignation of Mary Harmon from the Supervisors position on this day July 16, at midnight tonight. Motion carried. Clerk Sands mentioned that Anne Harmon has been working in the clerk's office as deputy and has been observing issues with Mary as her daughter-in-law, so Clerk Sands took it upon herself to ask Anne if she would be interested in filling in with the supervisor position to finish the term. Mrs. Harmon agreed. The board was given the option to appoint Anne to the board as supervisor or we could advertise and appoint someone in September. Motion by Mullins/Travis to appoint Anne Harmon as supervisor for the remainder of the term. Roll call vote, Sands-yes, Travis-yes, Mullins-yes, Nedo-yes. Motion carried. Clerk Sands then thanked Anne for agreeing to this appointment. The oath of office will be given to Anne after the closing of this meeting. With Anne being appointed to the supervisor's position, she is now removed as Deputy

Clerk. Clerk Sands announced that she is appointing Deann Adkins to fill the Deputy Clerk position. She will be sworn in tomorrow in the office. Both appointments will start at midnight tonight, July 16. Anne had previously committed to covering the Clerk's Office on the Saturday prior to the election and will continue to do so.

The annual picnic for the Alcona County Chapter of the MTA will be held on July 30 at the Millen Township Pavilion. Please call the designated phone number for reservations.

COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Mullins mentioned a virtual info session will be held on 7/25 at 10:00 am regarding the CDBG Funds. She asked if the board would have a problem with her listening to this information in case it may have something to do with blight situations. The board gave their consensus, and she will report back to the board.

Commissioner Brummund thanked Clerk Sands and Jr Past Supervisor, Mary Harmon for their continued service to the community and congratulated and thanked Anne Harmon for stepping up to fill the supervisor position until the end of the current term.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22321-22364 were presented and paid.

Receipts 108-117 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Mary J. Harmon, Supervisor

Motion to accept by: _____ Seconded by : _____ Date: _____