

*Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting*

*August 20, 2024*

Supervisor Anne Harmon called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. She welcomed the thirteen 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.

It is necessary to move Line item #7 to New Business 12B as the third topic Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept the agenda as adjusted. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:06 p.m. Comments were heard from three (3) individuals.

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

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

In the AAACU account.

GENERAL FUND Regular Shares- \$5.00, Preferred shares- \$82,024.16 minus \$10,988.86 in designated funds equals \$71,040.30. Checking-\$5,454.96. There are two (2) \$10,000 CDs for one (1) year at 5% interest.

\*ROAD MIF balance \$93,844.55 and one (1) #20,000.00 CD for one (1) year at 5%.

\*FIRE MIF balance \$123,346.03 and one \$10,000.00 CD for one (1) year at 5%.

\*CC MIF balance \$67,127.96

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to accept the Financial Report of July as presented. Motion Carried.

An Amendment to the Budget was moved to 12B.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$12,104.84. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 arrived later in the meeting and passed out a written report.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present and gave an update on what is happening in this department. The L4029 report will be prepared for the next meeting which will give us time to submit by the due date.

Roads & Bridges: The possibility of receiving the Cruzen Road Bridge grant is good. Our Road Agreement work has been done. We have not received the bills yet for those projects. Comments were made that the Road Commission is not mowing the shoulder of the road like they have in the past.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to nine (9) incidents in July. He further mentioned that he is working on a grant through the Michigan Township Participating Plan. A resolution is needed for this application and will be taken care of later in the meeting. Wayne is also looking into a \$10,000.00 grant through State Farm Insurance Co. and National Volunteer Fire Council

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran commented on different cases that he had been working on.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that the Planning Commission continued reviewing the Zoning Ordinance on August 1st. They will start Article 8 on September 5th at 6:00.

UPDATES:

The MTA picnic held on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, hosted by Millen Township was attended by 5 Townships. Clerk Sands represented our township.

The new Website is up & running.

The Primary Election was held with no serious issues. We had 191 voters. Receiving the most votes to be placed on the November ballot are all republicans and they are Supervisor-Craig Ostby, Clerk-Rita Sands, Treasurer-Anne Harmon, Trustee’s - Wayne Nedo and Carrie Mullins. The fire millage proposal was passed 116 yes votes to 38 no votes.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Two proposals were received for work in the Conference Room. From Cole’s Appliance for the flooring the same as what has been placed throughout the full building. #3550.03. From Proline Painting for the painting of the Conference Room, stalls in the bathrooms, back side of the file room door and the wall at the entrance of the civic center where the pop machine was for \$1525.00. Motion by Mullins/Harmon we accept both bids. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resignation letter was received from James Ostby for personal reasons. He was a member of the Planning Commission. Motion by Mullins/Sands to regretfully accept this resignation. Motion carried. Discussion was held on finding a replacement for Jim. Motion by Mullins/Travis we advertise in the Review asking for a letter of interest and those interested, plan to attend our September meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisor Harmon had a discussion with Attorney Freel about the Zoning Board of Appeals. He recommended the members of the ZBA and Planning Commission get training. Supervisor Harmon came across a training coming up on hot topics in township planning and zoning that she planned on attending. After the suggestion was heard from the attorney, she asked the chair of the PC Steve Stevens and the ZA John Moran to carpool with her. Reservations were sent in for the three of them for August 28<sup>th</sup> in Cadillac. Supervisor Harmon paid for her own registration and the township will pay for the employee’s registration.

Discussion was held on the training packages that MTA offers. The Premium Pass for \$1900.00 is what Supervisor Harmon suggests we get. Motion by Sands/Mullins we purchase the Premium Pass. Motion carried.

A budget amendment was necessary. Money is needed in the Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Planning Commission and Township Board cost centers. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Budget Amendment #2024-2025.01 regarding the placement of \$2000.00 in the OEO cost center for attorney, \$3000.00 in the PC cost center for attorney, and \$1900.00 in the Township Board cost center for MTA online training. Roll call vote, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Travis-yes, Sands-yes. The Budget Amendment was declared adopted.

Motion by Sands/Mullins to approve any board member to attend the MTA regional meeting in Gaylord on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried. So far the supervisor and clerk wish to attend and the others will let Rita know by the 3rd of September if they wish to attend.

The leaders of the 4H baseball program received a grant to paint dugouts in the area. They wish to paint the dugouts at the MAR Site navy blue. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to allow these dugouts to be painted. Motion carried.

We were asked to put information on our website about Materials Management Planning. That is a better way to manage your trash.

Motion by Mullins/Sands to place an ad in the Alcona and Oscoda papers regarding bids for winter plowing. It will also be placed on the website. We will ask for the bids to be received one week prior to the September meeting so they can be put in the packets.

A resolution is required to be able to apply for a FD Grant through the Michigan Township Participating Plan. Motion by Mullins/Travis to adopt resolution #24.11 regarding the resolution of support for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application. Roll call vote, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Travis-yes, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes. Resolution adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Mullins commented on the Michigan Housing & Urban Development Commission regarding their conference call meeting she attended. It was more for housing and not something we would be interested in for drainage.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22365-22402 were presented and paid. Check 22403 was approved to be paid after meeting.. Receipts 118-134 were received and recorded.

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Rita D. Sands, Clerk

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Anne Harmon, Supervisor

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