

*Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting*

*September 17, 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 add 11E, L-4029 Form to the agenda. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the agenda as adjusted. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:04 p.m. Comments were heard from three (3) individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2024. Motion carried.

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

In the AAACU account.

GENERAL FUND Regular Shares- \$5.00, Preferred shares- \$90,858.03 minus \$10,988.86 in designated funds equals \$79,874.17. Checking-\$3,550.12. There are two (2) \$10,000 CDs for one (1) year at 5% interest.

\*ROAD MIF balance \$93,844.55 and one (1) #20,251.34 CD for one (1) year at 5%.

\*FIRE MIF balance \$123,346.03 and one \$10,125.67 CD for one (1) year at 5%.

\*CC MIF balance \$67,127.96

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

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. In the Road Fund Budget, additional money is needed in the expenditures under Road Repairs. In the General Fund Budget, a line item is needed for Road Repair Payments. Motion by Mullins/Travis we adopt Budget Amendment #2024-2025.02 regarding in the Road Fund, adding from RF Contingency to RF Expenditures under Road Repairs \$33,000.00 and adding repairs in the Township Board Cost Center for road repair payments. \$93,000.00 from Road Fund Budget and \$6,000.00 from GF Contingency to Road Repairs in the Township Board Cost Center. Roll call vote, Sands-yes, Travis-yes, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes. Budget Amendment adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$118,020.48. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was not present but provided a written report for the board members.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was not present. She did provide the completed form L-4029 for our approval.

Roads & Bridges: The possibility of receiving the Cruzen Road Bridge grant is good. Hopefully we will know by October.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to thirteen incidents in August. He further mentioned that the Michigan Township Participating Plan grant has been submitted and it will probably be December before we will hear about it. He further requested the purchase of a 12volt Suction Unit for \$400.00 and some lighting upgrades at the FH for \$150.00. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to allow the expenditure requested up to \$550.00. Motion carried. Chief Odell also mentioned that he and Supervisor Harmon attended a meeting at Gustin Township to discuss the possible changes in the Solar Ordinance and items that may cause our charges to increase to cover our expenses with Gustin Township.

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 could not review the Zoning Ordinance on September 5<sup>th</sup> because of the Solar Ordinance issues that came before the Commission. Our Solar Ordinance (01-2022) needs review for amendments. This will be discussed later in the agenda. They will discuss more on the solar ordinance and start Article 8 on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00.

#### UPDATES:

The MTA Reginal Meeting will be attended by Supervisor Harmon and Clerk Sands on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Gaylord.

MAR Site Dugouts have not been painted yet because of time & weather but should be done before winter.

#### PENDING BUSINESS:

It was found that the quote for the flooring for the conference room did not cover the removal of the carpeting or the moving of the board table. A requote was given with an increase of \$255.00 to the quote totaling \$3805.03. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the new price of \$3805.03 for the flooring in the conference room. Motion carried. Cole's appliance is doing the work.

After proper advertisement motion by Mullins/Nedo to appoint James Deller to the Planning Commission to replace the resignation of James Ostby. Motion carried.

Members have not heard from MTA yet for the training on their website. Clerk Sands will check into this.

Notice has been in the newspapers for the request for plowing bids. They are to be received by October 8<sup>th</sup> to be included in the board packets.

Assessor Schwickert prepared the L-4029 Tax Rate Request. Motion by Mullins/Travis to have the Supervisor and Clerk sign this form and have it distributed to the proper departments at the county. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Election Commission will meet on October 15 at 6:40 p.m. to appoint the workers for the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election.

The PC took our Solar Energy Ordinance #01-2022, key points from Montrose's SEO, PA 233 and instructions from MTA to put together a Workable Solar Energy Ordinance. For Utility Scale/Commercial Solar Facilities, we added Escrow and Fee, Applicant Information, we changed our setbacks to meet PA 233, Lot Coverage, Site Plan Requirements, Special Land Use Criteria, Signage, and we enhanced our Lighting criteria to include dark sky-friendly lighting. We expanded the section on Wiring to include electrical systems within the facility. We discussed Noise levels and

enhanced our Battery Storage section. We added a section for Local, State and Federal Permits, Site Access, Emergency Shutdown Procedures and potential electromagnetic Interference. We added a Maintenance Plan requirement, Insurance, Emergency Services, Complaint Resolution, and Transfer or Sale of the facility. We also included a Continuing Compliance and Enforcement Escrow Deposit plan and added a Host Community Agreement to help ensure that our fire department and emergency response team can respond to the emergency needs of a large scale solar or battery facility. We also added a few definitions to further enhance our SEO.

A quote was received from Larry's Electric to replace the 4 outside yard lights with LED fixtures. \$190 for each light, \$275 for lift rental and \$560 for labor with a total of \$1595.00. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept this quote and to take the money from the ARPA fund. Motion carried.

Supervisor Harmon and Fire Chief Odell attended the Gustin Township Meeting held last night, September 16<sup>th</sup>. After learning about this Solar Ordinance update, it was realized that costs for the township would be raised for items needed for the protection of the residents in our fire cover area. Gustin Township was given a heads-up on the fact that with our increased costs, the cost would need to be an additional fee to them as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Mullins commented that our Master Plan 2023 has been loaded on the website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22404-22456 were presented and paid.

Receipts 137-148 and 150 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: \_\_\_\_\_