

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

November 19, 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 fifteen (15) 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/Mullins to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:10 p.m. Comments were heard from three (3) individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2024. Motion carried.

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

*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares- \$5.00, Preferred shares- \$68,038.05 minus \$4,126.33 in designated funds equals \$63,916.72. Checking-\$3,102.43. There are two (2) \$10,125.67 CDs

*ROAD MIF balance \$884.33 and one (1) 20,251.34 CD

*FIRE MIF balance \$123,407.94 and one \$10,125.67 CD

*CC MIF balance \$67,161.72

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

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. In the General Fund Budget money is needed in the Election Cost Center to cover unexpected increases in Supplies and in the Cemetery Cost Center, money is needed to cover the open and closing of graves. Motion by Mullins/Travis to adopt Budget Amendment #2024-2025.03 regarding the transfer of \$2,600.00 from contingency to \$2,300.00 to Election Supplies and \$300.00 to Cemetery O&C. Roll call vote, Sands-yes, Travis-yes, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes. Budget Amendment adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$12,414.18. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

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

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that the recent residential sales study is up 8.6%. She further mentioned that the December 11th Board of Review meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm. If no appointments are made by December 6th, this meeting will be cancelled. The posting is in the Alcona County Review for the November 20 & 27 issues. She is also sending the notice to Carrie to post on the website. She also has a posting for the CC door.

Roads & Bridges No new news on the bridge update.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded

to seventeen incidents in October. He further mentioned that he picked up the Truck 5-4 tailboard at Front Line Services in Freeland MI and installed it. The stand-by generator has been serviced. The Par-Plan Grant has been denied because our request did not meet their criteria. Chief Odell requested to purchase two pairs of Boots for the two new FF's, batteries for 10 pagers, and to fix the dusk to dawn light in front of the fire hall. Motion by Harmon/Nedo to purchase these items needed not to exceed \$1200.00. Motion carried. The FF Assistance Grant is opening and Wayne would like to apply for an addition to the fire hall.

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 held a Public Hearing on October 17th on the updates applied to the Solar Energy Ordinance. They voted to accept the Ordinance as printed and recommended to the Township Board to adopt this Ordinance. The township board held a special meeting on October 29th and adopted the Ordinance as requested. Changes were made for the storage units being built on F-41, accepted and they continued to build the units. Carrie mentioned their next meeting will be December 5th at 6:00. They will continue working on the Zoning Ordinance. Hopefully they will finish the review and send it to our attorney by January/February to plan for a Public Hearing in May.

UPDATES:

The General Election of November 5, 2024, has been completed. On that day we had 846 registered voters. There were 96 Early Voters at the Court House, 117 absentee voters and 475 Election Day Voters for a total of 688 voters. Elected and appointed to serve as our Board of Trustee's are Supervisor-Craig Ostby, Clerk-Rita Sands, Treasurer-Anne Harmon, Trustee-Wayne Nedo, Trustee-Carrie Mullins, Deputy Clerk-Deann Adkins and Deputy Treasurer-Kay Lovelace.

For our banking purposes at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, the signatures to be removed from the account will be Ruth Travis and Carrie Mullins. The four People to be able to sign our checks are Anne Harmon-Treasurer, Kay Lovelace-Deputy Treasurer, Rita Sands-Clerk and Deann Adkins-Deputy Clerk.

The County Chapter of the MTA was attended by Anne, Rita and Deann. It was very informative. The new 911 director was present and introduced.

The pavilion has been winterized by Wolverine Well Repair. There was no charge for this service.

PENDING BUSINESS:

The Painting should be done in the Conference room and the Bathrooms soon. We are now down to a \$1,703.83 balance on our ARPA account.

Gaylynn Brenoel from Iosco County News-Herald/Oscoda Press was present and had several different pictures to view for a new ad in the Wedding and Event Directory they wish to publish in early 2025. An eighth-page ad would cost \$275.00, and a quarter-page ad would cost \$525.00. We will take a month to think about this and decide next month.

The title search has been done on Parcell #092-500-007-005-00 and we received the results just about an hour prior to our meeting. There are some items in the report that need to be checked on so no decision will be made this month on the purchase of this parcel. Research has been started into grants to help with the cost to demolish the building.

We have been concerned about the cost of protection once solar panels are installed in our fire coverage area. It is possible that Gustin could have several areas with these solar panels. A special meeting of our board with Fire Chief Odell will be held at 5:30 on December 17 to discuss possible

charges for this coverage. It was mentioned that Gustin is having a Public Hearing on December 2, 2024, at 7:00 pm for variances on several properties in their township.

NEW BUSINESS:

We received a flier on “New Official Training” from MTA. Hale would be the closest for us to attend on December 18th at 8:30 am. Currently we have the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer attending. The Deputy Clerk will attend but the township will not pay for her registration.

The Goodfellows Bingo Contract for 2025 is due to be renewed. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the contract as printed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Treasurer Harmon will be in the Township Office, here at the Civic Center, on Monday December 30 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22492-22527 were presented and paid.

Receipts 155-166 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Craig Ostby, Supervisor

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