

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

January 21, 2025

Supervisor Craig Ostby called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. He welcomed the nine (9) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag.

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

Had to add to New Business the Civic Center Water Issue. Motion by Harmon/Mullins to accept the agenda as adjusted. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon/ to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for month end 12-31-24 was given by Treasurer Harmon as follows:

*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares- \$5.00, Preferred shares- \$69,277.96, Checking-\$3,446.25. Reserved funds for playground equipment of \$1,660.00, leaving a working capital total of \$71,069.21 There are two (2) CDs for a total of \$20,505.80

*ROAD MIF balance \$884.33 and one CD Interest earned of \$254.26, Total of \$20,505.90

*FIRE MIF balance \$123,407.94 and one CD Interest earned of \$127.23, Total of \$10,252.90

*CC MIF balance \$67,161.72

Motion by Mullins/Sands to accept the Financial Report of December as presented. Motion Carried.

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. Money is needed in the General Fund Budget because of more unexpected price increases for the November Election, Treasurer Postage, Fire Department Pay Roll and Consumers charges for Street Lights. Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adopt Budget Amendment #2024-2025.04 regarding \$1800.00 to go to the Election Supplies, \$800.00 to Treasurer Postage, \$2500.00 to Fire Department Pay for Fire and First Responder Calls and #1500.00 to Street Light Energy totaling \$6600.00. Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes, Harmon-yes. Nedo absent. Budget Amendment Adopted.

After discussion, motion by Mullins/Harmon to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$16,405.04 plus \$226.00 for a bill received today. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

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

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that she had sent our papers to the Disabled Veterans.

Roads & Bridges Nothing to report.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to eleven incidents in December. He further mentioned that Candace Thuss and Scott McLeod will be attending FF I & II training in South Branch starting January 14th. He further mentioned that he had applied for the assistance to firefighters grant for \$75,000.00 for Self-Contained Breathing apparatus with the township match, if awarded, will be \$3,750.00. Chief Odell received notification on 1/7 that we were awarded a Volunteer fire assistance grant in the amount of \$9,998.00 which is a 50/50 match. He will use this grant for wildland turnout gear. He also mentioned that the department ran 161 calls in 2024. 34% of those calls were to 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 met on January 2nd and continued working on the Zoning Ordinance Updates.

UPDATES:

The ARPA funds have been spent and we will soon do the reporting to the federal government that is due by April 30..

The Clerk had not received the proofs for our ad in the Sunrise Side Ad Booklet.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Our attorney is looking at our fire agreement with Gustin Township. In the letter included with the agreement, we need to mention that if the Fire Chief or other personal put time in the solar matter, additional costs could be charged at the end of the fiscal year. We will also need to charge an additional cost if the runs to Gustin Township cost more than the charge allows.

The 100-year title search has been done on Parcell #092-500-007-005-00 and the results had just been received on this meeting day. A month will be given to the board to study the results of the search before any decision is made on obtaining the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2025 Budget Work bee is scheduled for March 1st at 9:00 a.m.

The quarterly meeting of the Alcona County Chapter of the MTA is scheduled for January 28 at 7:00 p.m. with Hawes Township being the host. It appears like Craig and Rita will be attending.

The Civic Center water froze and burnt out the motor to the well pump. Supervisor Ostby called Wolverine Well & Pump Repair to fix and an estimate of \$1,987.50 was received. Motion by Mullins/Harmon to allow this repair to be done with a cost up to \$2,500.00 which includes repair and testing. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes, Sands-yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Comments made from communications were received notice that our attorney raised his rate, we received a dividend check of \$459.15 from Accident Fund Insurance Company. Discussion and decision were made to get all past newsletters to Carrie to have them on our website. A resident made a comment that they are not happy with the work our snow removal guy is doing at the Civic Center or Fire Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mullins/Sands we adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22588-22623 were presented and paid. Additional checks this month will be 22624-22626.

Receipts 176-179 and 183 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Craig Ostby, Supervisor

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

