

*Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting*

*February 18, 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 ten (10) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag.

Roll call showed Supervisor Ostby, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Harmon, Trustee Nedo and Trustee Mullins present. No one was absent

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

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:12 p.m. Comments were heard from four individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for month end 1-31-25 was given by Treasurer Harmon as follows:

\*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares- \$5.00, Preferred shares- \$54,713.49, Checking-\$1,642.73. Reserved funds for playground equipment of \$1,660.00, leaving a working capital total of \$54,701.22 There are two (2) CDs for a total of \$20,505.80

\*ROAD MIF balance \$884.79 and one CD Total of \$20,505.90

\*FIRE MIF balance \$123,469.94 and one CD Total of \$10,252.90

\*CC MIF balance \$67,195.48

Treasurer Harmon further mentioned that Tax Day was February 14<sup>th</sup>. Uncollected taxes from Mikado Taxpayers is \$149,085.41. Out of that total, \$27,361.51 is due for the Township.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. Money is needed in the General Fund Budget in the Election Cost Center to cover a machine-maintained bill. Motion by Mullins/Sands to adopt Budget Amendment #2024-2025.05 regarding \$400.00 to go from Clerk Cost Center to the Election Supplies, Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes, Ostby-yes. Budget Amendment Adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$11,652.14. 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 not present.

Roads & Bridges Nothing to report.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to eleven incidents in January. He further mentioned that our cost for the DNR grant will be more than planned because Wayne is looking to purchase a better quality outfit for the department to wear.

Assistant Fire Chief McDonald mentioned that the department has started to check the personals drivers license to be assured they are following state law to be driving.

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

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that the Planning Commission met on February 6th and continued working on the Zoning Ordinance Updates. On March 6<sup>th</sup> they will continue with Article 12, move

on to Article 1 then on to the definition section of the zoning ordinance. She further mentioned for a future agenda for the Township we will need to discuss permit forms and fees and fees for Land use and Special Land use.

#### UPDATES:

Our Budget Work-bee is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.

The County Chapter of the MTA was attended by Supervisor Ostby, Clerk Sands and Treasurer Harmon on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The main topic was high speed internet for the whole county. The next meeting is scheduled for April 22 at Caldonia Township.

Alcona Schools is having a special election proposal on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Mikado Township will handle the election for those residents in our township that pay Alcona School Taxes.

#### PENDING BUSINESS:

The Contract and bill are ready to send to Gustin Township for the 2025 budget year. Clerk Sands has written a cover letter explaining the possible extra charge if our fire chief does any investigation or work on “Solar Energy”. Motion by Sands/Mullins we pay \$15.00 an hour for any additional work that is conducted for the “Solar Energy”. Motion carried. This amount will be included in the letter for a possible extra charge if needed.

The 100-year title search has been done on Parcell #092-500-007-005-00 and we are ready to decide if we wish to file the quit claim deed written to us. Motion by Mullins/Sands we adopt Resolution #25.01 regarding the Acquisition of Real Property of parcel #092-500-007-005-00. Comments during discussion held was if we decide to obtain ownership of this property we will need to post no trespass signs, call insurance for liability and possibly form a committee to have a 5- or 10-year plan for the property and building. We will also need to pay the back taxes owed by February 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid the property to go to tax forfeiture. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Ostby-yes, Mullins-yes, Nedo-no. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Motion by Sands/Harmon we pay the County \$398.20 for taxes on this parcel from 2023 before February 28<sup>th</sup> to avoid property forfeiture and \$299.14 for 2024 taxes (total \$697.34). Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-no, Harmon-yes. Motion carried.

Two picture proofs were given to us for approval for the Sunrise Side Ad Booklet. One had a lady wearing a wedding dress and the other had flower petals. We agreed on the picture with the wedding dress but would like the wording the same as the one with the petals. Mikado Civic Center, “We Do” Weddings & Events, Up to 300 people!, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado, MI 48745, (989) 736-7721. The clerk will take charge of the correction and get this ad ordered and paid.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #25.02 regarding the Supervisors salary of \$8,004.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Sands-yes, Ostby-yes, Mullins-yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #25.03 regarding the Clerks salary of \$10,074.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Ostby-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #25.04 regarding the Treasurers salary of \$9,636.00 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Ostby-yes, Nedo-yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #25.05 regarding the Trustees pay of \$110.00 per meeting attended with an additional minimum wage per hour paid for additional duties, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted

Motion by Mullins/Nedo we hold our meeting for the 2025-2026 fiscal year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.  
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22627-22656 were presented and paid. Additional checks will be written this month.

Receipts 180-182 and 184-187 and 189 were received and recorded.

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Rita D. Sands, Clerk

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Craig Ostby, Supervisor

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