

**Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting**

**March 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 seven (7) 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 Mullins and Trustee Nedo present. No one was absent.

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

Public Comment opened at 7:03 p.m. and closed at 7:07 p.m. Comments were heard from three individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2025. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for February 2025 was given by Treasurer Harmon as follows:

\*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares-\$5.00, Savings-\$59,769.72, CD dividends for February \$258.14 for a total of \$20,763.94, Checking-\$1,393.25.

\*ROAD MIF Savings-\$884.79, CD dividend for February \$258.12 for a total of \$20,764.02.

\*FIRE MIF Savings-\$123,469.94, CD dividend for February \$129.10 for a total of \$10,382.00

\*CC MIF Savings-\$67,195.48

Anne mentioned that she is pleased that the 2024 tax collection season is over for her. The ending balance after 2024 tax collections 2-28-25 is \$217,214.16 and total delinquent for 2024 is \$130,684.16.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Harmon/Mullins to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$12,138.77. Motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

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

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was not present.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Ostby mentioned that he, Alcona County Road Commission Manager Jesse Campbell, and possibly Trustee Nedo will travel the township looking at what roads might need the most attention this year.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to thirteen (13) incidents in February. He further mentioned that \$500.00 was donated by an anonymous donor to the fire department. He wore a t-shirt with the fire symbol and Mikado Township on it and mentioned that all the personnel received a t-shirt from this donation and the balance of the money went for two speaker mic's. Fire Chief Odell did a fine job modeling the t-shirt for those present.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran made comments. During his slow time, he has been attending some workshops. The latest has been on grants to restore homes/buildings.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that a resident of the township visited the March 6<sup>th</sup> PC meeting commenting on the flooding in the area after the storage rental units were installed. Carrie further mentioned that at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting they will hopefully finish with Article 12 for review then go to the attorney.

A workshop for members of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals is coming up on May 21 in Gaylord. Motion by Sands/Harmon to allow anyone who wishes to go to do so. Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Sands-yes. Motion carried. Clerk Sands will send an email to all persons involved for them to let her if they wish to attend so she can place all registrations on one check.

It is time for our Zoning Board of Appeals to have an organizational meeting to prepare for an upcoming job for them to act on. It is requested that the attorney meet with them to assist in their duties. Motion by Harmon/Mullins to have this organizational meeting and allow the attorney present if necessary. Motion carried.

#### UPDATES:

The Quit Claim Deed for Parcel #092-500-007-005-00 was filed on February 28 and the insurance company was called on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to add this address to our insurance coverage.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Harmon/Mullins to recess the regular meeting to go into the Budget Hearing. Motion carried.

The budget hearing was opened for public comment at 7:38 p.m. with Supervisor Ostby, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Harmon, Trustee Nedo and Trustee Mullins present with seven guests. The ad for this Public Hearing was published in the Alcona County Review on March 5, 2025. With no comments being made motion by Sands/Nedo to return to regular session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Sands/Mullins that the Township of Mikado levy the maximum authorized millage rate allowed for the tax year 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Sands/Mullins to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #25.06 regarding the Mikado Township General Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Ostby-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #25.07 regarding the Mikado Township Road Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #25.08 regarding the Mikado Township Fire Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Mullins-yes, Nedo-yes, Sands-yes, Ostby-yes, Harmon-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adopt the General Appropriation Act Resolution #25.09 regarding the Mikado Township Civic Center Fund Budget. Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes. The Supervisor announced the Resolution adopted.

Clerk Sands announced that the Election Commission will meet here in the conference room on April 15 at 6:40 pm to appoint the election inspectors for the May 6<sup>th</sup> election. The Public Accuracy Test will be held on Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. At least two members of the election commission will need to attend. Clerk Sands will send these announcements to Trustee Mullins to

place on the website and on Facebook.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to send a contract to Everett Leeseburg pertaining to our Opening and Closing of Graves at the Cemetery. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ostby mentioned that Eric Frei would like to continue mowing our properties at the cemetery and in town for the same price he charged last year. Motion by Harmon/Nedo we contract with Eric Frei pertaining to the In-Town Mowing and Cemetery Clean-up and Mowing. Motion carried. Clerk Sands mentioned that with adding 2597 E. F-30 to township owned properties she asked Mr. Frei for a bid on clean-up and mowing of this property. It has not been maintained for several years. Price for initial clean-up would be \$75.00 and the price for each mowing would be \$50.00. Motion by Harmon/Mullins we approve these prices for that property. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ostby mentioned that it is time we started getting prices for redoing our Civic Center Parking Lot. Motion by Mullins/Harmon we place an ad in the paper pertaining to this subject. Motion carried.

Treasurer Harmon mentioned that we have a Tax Overpayment Resolution from 2011 that we would not reimburse up to \$5.00 over because of the cost involved in the reimbursement. After reviewing the amount of money lost in this resolution Treasurer Harmon requested the board members to consider changing this resolution to read \$2.00 or \$3.00 over or under for reimbursement. The treasurer would prefer \$2.00. We will return next month with a resolution.

Treasurer Harmon mentioned that the cost of having Whitlock do our tax bills is higher than she could do locally. She further mentioned that Whitlock does a good job with our tax statements but would prefer to do them in-house as much as possible. Motion by Mullins/Nedo we have Treasurer Harmon do the taxes in-house. Motion carried.

Treasurer Harmon mentioned that she would like to start accepting credit card payments for tax statements. She feels like this would be an asset for the township and convenience to the property owner. She found when investigating the possibility that it would be no cost to the township. Motion by Sands/Mullins we adopt Resolution #25.10 regarding the authorization to use credit cards for payment of tax assessment or fees. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes. Resolution adopted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Mullins mentioned she is having computer problems.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Harmon we adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22667-22710 were presented and paid.

Receipts 194-199 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: \_\_\_\_\_

