

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

April 15, 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 Mullins and Trustee Nedo present. No one was absent.

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

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m. Comments were heard from three individuals.

In the Planning Commission Report the word Chapter 20 needs to be changed to Article 12 to read “finish with article 12 for review then go to the attorney”. Motion by Mullins/Harmon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2025 as amended. Motion carried.

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

*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares-\$5.00, Savings-\$82,156.46, CD \$20,763.94, Checking-\$2,619.49.

*ROAD MIF Savings-\$60,682.40, CD \$20,764.02. Total \$81,456.42

*FIRE MIF Savings-\$156,914.29, CD \$10,382.00 Total \$167,296.29

*CC MIF Savings-\$100,097.26

Anne mentioned that she opened up a preferred shares account in the Tax Account to use for Online Tax accounts (by credit card). Training is being done to accept these payments correctly.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$10,609.37. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

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

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that at the protest meetings in March they had three protests in house and two letters of protest to work on. She further mentioned that the State had changed a mandate and are now allowing two entities that are located next to each other to share Board of Review protest meetings to save cost to both entities.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Ostby mentioned that he, Alcona County Road Commission Manager Jesse Campbell, and possibly Trustee Nedo have not traveled the township looking at what roads might need the most attention to this year. Jesse is delayed because of the ice storm that affected the northern part of our county. One road that is due is Lee Lane and Power Drive. The grant for the bridge replacement on Cruzen Road is still on. Hopefully it will be granted this year.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to sixteen (16) incidents in March. He further mentioned that some attended a Traffic Incident Management class and found that safety vests are required at roadway operations. 12 are needed at a

cost of \$49.95 each. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to have Fire Chief Odell purchase these needed vests. Motion carried. An application for hire was received from Kevin Panich. Kevin has experience with Curran FD and is starting 1st responder class this month. Motion Mullins/Nedo that we hire Mr. Panich. Motion carried. He further mentioned that two members will be attending Medical First Responder Class and the cost is \$200.00 each. Motion by Mullins/Nedo we pay this \$400.00 for the class. Motion carried. The clerk mentioned that we received the Fire Protection money from Gustin Township for this budget period.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran made comments. John asked the board to get a legal description for “grandfather in”. He learned that once a property is purchased and changes hands, it is no longer grandfathered in. Frost laws are now off so residents should be able to clean up their properties.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that grandfather can be added to the definitions and General Provision will be added for the cemetery ordinance in the updated Zoning Ordinance. Talked about standalone blight ordinance. Discussed “legal non-conforming.” Mullins also mentioned that they will be pulling accessory wind and solar out of the Workable Solar Energy Ordinance to keep in the Zoning Ordinance, and create a Workable Renewable Energy Ordinance with only a few minor edits to the WSEO that was passed late last year to comply with PA 233. July could be the public hearing for both the ZO and the WREO for commercial. Next meeting is scheduled for May 1st.

Clerk mentioned that 7 employees will be going to a planning and zoning workshop on May 21st. It appears that they will need two vehicles.

UPDATES:

Treasurer Harmon has been busy getting the tax pay-on-line set. The info for the website is needed to be added by Mike Suitor. The charge would be no more than \$130.00. Motion by Mullins/Sands to have Mike do this addition. Motion carried.

The township mowing contract has been signed. The O&C of graves contract will be mailed to Everett.

The Election Commission met this evening to appoint workers for the Special Alcona School Election being held on May 6th. We will have 3 workers at all times.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Supervisor Ostby mentioned that he is in the process of calling paving companies for bids on the parking lot. He had received some names of companies from Jesse Campbell at the Road Commission.

Discussion was held on the Treasurer reimbursing any tax over/underpayments to change from #5.00 to \$2.00 due to the fact that postage and administration costs could exceed that amount. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #25.11 regarding Tax Over/Under Payment Reimbursements. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes, Nedo-yes. Resolution adopted.

Treasurer Harmon mentioned that there are items needed to be added to the website, concerning the acceptance of credit card payments, that Mike Suitor will need to do. A quote of \$130.00 from Mike’s Computer Repair was received for this work needed. Motion by Mullins/Sands to have Mike do this addition to the website for the tax collection. Motion carried.

Treasurer Harmon followed-up on the cost of doing taxes in house. It appears like the cost will be \$130.00 to do the printing of the newsletter and tax bills and the folding of all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joanna and Tim Griffin was present and talked about the Alcona Youth Baseball and Softball and 4-H club. They requested use of our two ball diamonds for the 200 children they have. We will supply the ball fields and they will provide porta johns, bases and pick up debris at both locations and they will mow the field at the MAR Site. Permission was granted for the use of the fields and a contract was signed.

Clerk Sands has been doing the work of the Freedom of Information Coordinator. She has never been officially appointed to the position. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution # 25.12 regarding Rita Sands as the FOIA Coordinator. Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Harmon/Mullins to pay the FOIA Coordinator minimum wage when working on a FOIA request. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes. Motion carried.

The Civic Center is in great need of repairs on the windows and doors. A window is needed to be replaced on the east door, several braces are needed to be replaced on the doors because they no longer work and a dead-bolt lock is needed on the outside kitchen door. Motion by Sands/Mullins we have Supervisor Ostby contact Northeastern W&D to do these repairs. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

It was noted that the Alcona County Chapter of the MTA meeting for April was canceled and the next meeting will be the picnic at the Millen Township Park in July 22.

We may need to consider changing the fee for Land Use Permits. We are still looking for the fee schedule for Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22712-22738 were presented and paid.

Receipts 194-200 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Craig Ostby, Supervisor

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