

**Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting**

**May 20, 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 forty-two (42) 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 Sands/Harmon to add cemetery issues to the agenda now prior to public comment. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ostby commented on the tragic situation that has happened at the cemetery. Our contractor hired to clean the cemetery removed everything from the graves such as flowers, flower pots, statues, ceramics, shepherd hooks etc. etc. without our knowledge. We have received several complaints on this matter.

Motion by Harmon/Mullins to accept the resignation notice for the clean-up and mowing of the cemetery effective 5/16/2025 signed by Eric Frei. Motion carried. Supervisor Ostby mentioned that after he had received the letter of resignation he had talked to Owen and Tim Sauve who are interested in completing the clean-up and mowing of the cemetery and are ready to start immediately. Motion by Harmon/Nedo to have Owen and Tim Sauve takeover the cemetery clean-up and mowing. Motion carried.

Eric Frei holds the in-town mowing contract. Motion by Harmon/Sands we release Eric Frei from the in-town mowing and terminate the contract for that mowing. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:11 p.m. and closed at 7:43 p.m. Comments were heard from fifteen individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

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

\*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares-\$5.00, Savings-\$112,396.88, CD \$20,763.94, Checking-\$1,746.50. Total \$134,912.32

\*ROAD MIF Savings-\$70,514.94, CD \$20,764.02. Total \$91,278.96

\*FIRE MIF Savings-\$161,967.06, CD \$10,382.00 Total \$172,349.06

\*CC MIF Savings-\$105,041.31

Anne mentioned that we are now online for credit card payments for property taxes.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the Financial Report of April 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 \$15,995.02. Motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:**

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was not present. She gave us a written update of what is happening at the County level.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that she is working on Principal Resident Exemptions and updates on the database.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Ostby mentioned that they have not inspected the roads in Mikado Township yet.

Fire Chief: Assistant Fire Chief Tim McDonald was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to twenty-five (25) incidents in April. He further mentioned that Scott McLeod completed his FFI & FFII classes.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran made comments. People are calling for property clean-up and land use permits.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that the Planning Commission met on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The Public Hearing for the new Zoning Ordinance is planned for July 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no PC meeting in June. The ZBA is having their Organizational Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

#### UPDATES:

The Special Alcona School Election held on May 6<sup>th</sup> had eight (8) voters. Everything went smooth. Supervisor Ostby is still waiting on the cost quote for the broken window, the door braces and the dead bolt for the kitchen door.

#### PENDING BUSINESS:

Supervisor Ostby mentioned that he has received two (2) bids so far for the Civic Center Parking Lot. This will be decided at the June meeting.

Our grave digger, Everett Leeseberg asked for an increase of pay if two cremated ashes are buried together in one hole. The hole needs to be bigger for the two. He is asking for \$150.00 for this digging. A new contract has been made and motion by Mullins/Nedo we approve the new contract. Motion carried.

Because of this change of pay for the digging of cremated ashes a new resolution is needed for the cemetery O&C of grave fees. Motion by Harmon/Mullins to adopt Resolution #25.13 regarding the fee structure of cemetery open & close of grave fees. O&C of caskets, \$660.00, O&C of cremated ashes of one person, \$125.00 and O&C of cremated ashes of two people, \$175.00. Roll call vote, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes, Nedo-yes, Ostby-yes, Sands-yes. Resolution adopted.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Custodian Contract is ready to be renewed. Doug Travis has agreed to keep the contract for the same amount of pay. Motion by Mullins/Harmon we contract with Doug Travis for the ensuing year with no change in price. Motion carried.

We received a notice from the County Treasurer of a property in our township that is up for foreclosure. We would have first chance to purchase this property if interested. Motion by Sands/Mullins we do not purchase this property. Motion carried. Clerk Sands will send a letter to the County Treasurer stating the fact that we are not interested in making a purchase of parcel # 092-200-000-002-00 by June 30.

Each year the Bureau of State Lottery sends us a notice of our rental of the CC for bingo use. If we should want to change the rental fee of the next contract due in the fall, we would need to send the change in to the State for their approval. Motion by Mullins/Harmon we keep the rent at \$35.00 for each time the hall is used for bingo. Motion carried.

The Goodfellows has asked for the floor in the kitchen to be replaced. They are asking for the same

flooring that is in the rest of the civic center. The Goodfellows is willing to cover the cost of this project. Motion by Sands/Mullins we have the kitchen floor redone with the Goodfellows covering the cost. Motion carried. The flooring will be the Mohawk Discovery Ridge Lamb's Ear.

COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 22739-22777 were presented and paid.

Receipts 201-207 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: \_\_\_\_\_