

MIKADO TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETINGn

January 10, 2026

After proper posting, a Special Meeting of the Mikado Township Board of Trustee's was opened by Supervisor Craig Ostby at 10:00 a.m. at the Mikado Civic Center with the Pledge of Allegiance. Two (2) guests were present. The purpose of this meeting was for strategic planning for the 2026-2027 budget

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

Public Comment opened at 10:04 and closed at 10:04.

An open discussion was held on several topics concerning the township; Civic Center-possibility of raising the rental rates, charging an extra amount for winter rentals to cover the cost of extra snow plowing if needed, adding a carbon monoxide detector, the need to maintain the parking lot every 2/3 years, the need for gutters around the outside of the building, new sinks/toilets inside. The Civic Center millage expired in 2025. We talked about whether we should renew the millage as is or do a new millage that would include all township properties upkeep. We will decide which option to go at the budget work-bee in February.

Fire Department-Chief Odell mentioned that the General Fund Budget for the fire department is working out well this year and he does not expect to request any changes. No extra charges are necessary for the Gustin Fire Agreement so we will leave at \$20,000.00. We have a good group of firefighters working. We are still looking at different prices for additional space at the fire hall. Would it be more cost effective to purchase a plow for the rescue truck to keep our lots free of snow. An appreciation dinner is due to thank our fire department personnel.

Elections-With two elections planned for 2026 the budget items will be necessary to increase. This year a new electronic poll book is necessary. The one we have now has been used since the start of switching to the electronic poll book many years ago and cannot be updated any more. Mike Sutor gave us an update on the cost of electronic items going up by March 1 with an 8% to 20% price increase. Motion by Mullins/Harmon to approve the purchase of a new lap-top for elections out of this year's budget. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer-The Deputy Clerk and Treasurer salary needs to be increased to \$1000.00 each.

Mikado Township Events-Wouldn't mind having events in township to bring people here. Trunk or Treat, dance, car show, put our Christmas decorations to use again. The Supervisor may consider making an "Events Committee" for possible planning. Possibly have Mikado Days in 2027

The Planning Commission are back to their regular schedule so they will have less payroll in their budget.

Our Budget Work Bee is scheduled for February 21 at 10:00 am.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Craig Ostby, Supervisor _____

Rita Sands, Clerk _____

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

