

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting
January 20, 2026

Supervisor Craig Ostby called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. He welcomed the four (4) guests that were present and they 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/Nedo to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2026 as presented. Motion carried.

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

*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares-\$5.00, Savings-\$46,187.09, [\$1,660.00 of this money is earmarked for Playground equip which gives us a working total of \$44,527.09] CD \$21,442.98, Checking-\$3,065.07. Total \$70,700.14

*ROAD MIF Savings-\$8,543.00, CD \$20,406.29. Total \$28,949.29

*FIRE MIF Savings-\$37,187.92, CD \$10,721.52, CD 304 \$125,000.00 Total \$172,909.44

*CC MIF Savings-\$16,656.47 [\$5,062.50 of this money is earmarked for final payment of parking lot which gives us a working total of \$11,593.97]

*TAX ACCOUNT-Tax Collection Checking \$97893.78 Tax Collection Over/Under 0.92 Savings \$1090.07. Total \$98,984.77.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. For the General Fund, extra funds are needed in the Election Cost Center for the purchase of a new Electronic Poll Book (laptop). Funds are needed in the Township Board Cost Center for an extra fee we needed to pay for worker comp insurance. Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adopt Budget Amendment #2025-2026.4 regarding the addition of \$469.00 to the Election Cost Center transferred from the Clerk Cost center and also add \$1,620.00 to the Township Board Cost Center from Contingency. Total to adjust is \$2,089.00. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes, Sands-yes. Budget amendment adopted.

Check #23086 was added today and does not show on the guest copies of the packets. Motion by Harmon/Mullins to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$15,826.48. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was not

present.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was not present.

Roads & Bridges: The County Road Commission is doing a good job keeping our roads plowed.

Fire Chief: Assistant FC Tim McDonald was present and mentioned that the FD responded to 19 calls in December. He further mentioned that the Air Supply Trailer is back in service. The problem was a low oil sensor. Tim also mentioned that a memorial service for Stanley Waszkiewicz will be held this Saturday, January 24 at the Calvary Baptize Church at 11:00 am. Our Fire Department will be participating in the service. Stanley served 40 years on our Fire Department.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran was not present.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that March 5th will be their next meeting.

UPDATES:

There is no change in the parking lot status at the Civic Center.

A registration has been sent to MTA for Dennis Hextall to attend a training meeting in Hale on February 5th.

A successful 2026 Budget with Strategic Planning discussion was held on January 10, 2026 at 10 am. Several topics were discussed with good response. One topic was forming an Events Committee which will perhaps plan fun events for Mikado Township. Clerk Sands volunteered to represent the board on this committee. An organizational meeting is planned for the second Tuesday of April (14th) at 6:00 pm at the Civic Center. Anyone interested in sharing their thoughts and talents are urged to attend.

Our Budget Work-bee for the 2026-2027 Budget will be held on February 21 at 10:00 am here at the Civic Center.

PENDING BUSINESS:

The grant for the Kahn's property is still being worked on. The State did scan the ground to see if they could find an underground gas tank.

Trustee Mullins passed out information on a Social Media Policy for our review, to return back to the next meeting for comments.

The electrical outlets have not been worked on yet.

Nobody has contacted Craig about the Maintenance man position. We will hold plans until a later date.

No new information has been received on the Board of Review Consolidation with Greenbush Township.

A few comments were added to the Rental Agreement for the Civic Center. After review and a spelling correction, motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept these additions to the contract. Motion carried.

After the review of the Gustin Township Fire Protection Agreement, it was decided we would add a paragraph relating to the extra pay for Solar Use Only. Motion by Harmon/Mullins we add that Gustin Township will reimburse Mikado Township for any extra supplies or extra pay of

\$15.00 an hour for our personnel for that time spent specifically for Solar Panel Use. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on whether we will raise the Board Salaries for the 2026 Budget Year. Consensus was that we would leave them the same but the Clerk will do some research on extra time spent in election years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Consumers Energy put out a warning that a power outage was planned to take place on February 3rd from 9am to 1pm. A backup time is scheduled for February 10th from 9am to 1pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 23056 – 23087 were presented and paid.

Receipts 281-290 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Craig Ostby, Supervisor

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