

*Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting*  
*February 17, 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 nine (9) 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 7:04 p.m. Comments were heard from two (2) individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026 as presented. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for January 2026 was given by Treasurer Harmon as follows:

\*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares-\$5.00, Savings-\$36,264.30, [\$1,660.00 of this money is earmarked for Playground equip which gives us a working total of \$34,604.30] CD \$21,442.98, Checking-\$5,050.30. Total \$62,762.58

\*ROAD MIF Savings-\$8,547.29, CD \$20,406.29. Total \$28,953.58

\*FIRE MIF Savings-\$37,484.20, CD \$10,721.52, CD 304 \$125,000.00 Total \$173,205.72

\*CC MIF Savings-\$16,664.83 [\$5,062.50 of this money is earmarked for final payment of parking lot which gives us a working total of \$11,602.33]

TAX ACCOUNT-Today was the last day of Tax Collection to be on time. 87% of taxes have been collected for our township.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Treasurer Harmon mentioned that she would like to attend the MTA Conference in April. She mentioned she would pay for the hotel if the township would pay for her registration of \$525.00. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$10,289.28 which includes check #23112 for MTA. Motion carried.

The subject of Waste Management came up. We keep receiving bills monthly with an additional fee on them. They will not budge on lowering the fee of which we owe them. Motion by Harmon/Mullins we use check #23113 to pay the invoice of \$2,432.63 to close out the account with them. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was present and made comments pertaining to the County.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present. She mentioned that the assessment notices had been mailed out. She further mentioned that the Board of Review organizational and protest meetings

are scheduled for March 3, organizational at 5:30 and protest meeting on March 9 and 11 from 1:30 to 7:30 at Greenbush Township Hall. Appointments can be made by calling the Assessor and protests may be made in writing and must be received by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

Fire Chief: FC Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the FD responded to 11 calls in January. He also mentioned that the Medical Service License has been renewed. He further mentioned that the portable pump broke down but is now fixed and working. Because of problems with the pump the personnel had to climb up on the truck to use the water. A request was made to purchase folding steps for the trucks for safer climbing. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to purchase these folding steps at \$100.00 each. Motion carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran was present and mentioned that two property owners have been in contact and will finish the clean-up of their properties in the spring.

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

#### UPDATES:

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

Clerk Sands received a message from Gustin Township that they approved the agreement submitted to them and they will pay the invoice in April.

#### PENDING BUSINESS:

The grant for the Kahn's property is still being worked on. The State did find an underground gas tank. They will start drilling in the spring to see if there is contamination.

Discussion was held on the Social Media Policy. It was decided that a Policy Committee would be beneficial to us because we have other policies to be looked at also. Anne and Carrie is willing to work on this committee. We will come back next month with names of Planning Commission members and outside residents who are interested in participating.

Supervisor Major from Greenbush Township sent us a resolution to adopt pertaining to the Consolidation of the Board of Review's from both townships. Greenbush Township will host the even calendar years and Mikado Township will host the odd calendar years. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #26.05 regarding the forming of a combined Board of Review for the Townships of Greenbush and Mikado. Roll call vote, Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes. Resolution is adopted.

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

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #26.01 regarding the Supervisor Salary of \$8,004.00 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Mullins-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Ostby-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #26.02 regarding the Clerk Salary of \$11,076.00 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Ostby-yes, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to adopt Resolution #26.03 regarding the Treasurer Salary of \$9,636.00

for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Sands-yes, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Ostby-yes, Nedo-yes. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Harmon to adopt Resolution #26.04 regarding the Trustee Salary of \$110.00 per meeting attended with an additional “minimum wage per hour paid” for additional duties for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Roll call vote, Ostby-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes, Mullins-yes. Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Mullins/Sands to have all meetings for the 2026-2027 budget period on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center. Motion carried. The clerk will post the notice in March.

Michigan Townships Association sent out a “Principals of Governance” flyer for all Township Boards to adopt. Motion by Mullins/Ostby to adopt this Principals of Governance and post on our bulletin board. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The County Chapter of the MTA will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the Gustin Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

Condolences was given to Supervisor Ostby on the passing of his brother Steve Ostby. It was announced that his memorial will be held on March 8, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 23088 – 23112 were presented and paid.

Receipts 291-296 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: \_\_\_\_\_