

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

April 21, 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 seven (7) guests that were present and they joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our National Flag.

Roll call showed Supervisor Ostby, Clerk Sands, Trustee Nedo and Trustee Mullins present. Treasurer Harmon 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 7:03 p.m. Comments were heard from two (2) individuals.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026 as presented. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for March 2026 was given by Deputy Treasurer Scott as follows:

*GENERAL FUND Regular Shares-\$5.00, Savings-\$60,963.28, [\$1,660.00 of this money is earmarked for Playground equip & \$5,000.00 dedicated as a 50% match with the FD which gives us a working total of \$54,303.28] CD \$21,659.18, Checking-\$1,735.98.

*ROAD MIF Savings-\$77,226.20, CD \$20,612.00.

*FIRE MIF Savings-\$72,147.87, CD \$10,829.62, CD 304 \$126,260.30

*CC MIF Savings-\$51,000.69 [\$5,062.50 of this money is earmarked for final payment of parking lot which gives us a working total of \$45,938.19]

TAX ACCOUNT Over & Under-\$1111.41, On Line Payments-\$0.98, Checking-\$0.00.

All CD's will be maturing in May. Interest earned from all but the Fire Fund CD's will be deposited back into the corresponding operating fund.

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

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. In the General Fund Budget, we will transfer from the Fire Fund Budget to the Revenues \$5,990.00 for repairs to the Brush Truck. We will then transfer that money to the Fire Department Cost Center for payment. Motion by Mullins/Ostby to adopt Budget Amendment #2026-2027.01 regarding the above description. Roll call Vote-Mullins-yes, Ostby-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes. Budget Amendment was declared adopted.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$28,312.41. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was not present. She left a written report for each of us to read.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert mentioned that the combined Board of Review worked out fine and went smooth.

Roads & Bridges: The County Road Commission is doing a good job keeping our roads opened after the recent floods.

Fire Chief: FC Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the FD responded to thirteen (13) calls in March. He also mentioned that the pump engine in the brush truck blew a head gasket and is being replaced. He further mentioned that the outside lights at the Fire Hall have not worked since the ice storm. Those will be replaced.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO John Moran was present and mentioned that he worked on two cases in March.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins reported that they will meet on June 4th for their next meeting. They will appoint a chairperson at that time.

UPDATES:

Supervisor Ostby received a call from Prime Results asking for the final payment of \$5,000.00 for the CC parking lot prior to their repairing it. Craig sent the request to our attorney. The lot needs to be repaired prior to final payment.

The Events Committee Meeting was held on April 14th with three (3) people attending. We talked about possibly having a community garage sale in the CC/Pavilion area. We also talked about having a "Mikado Days" in 2027. Next meeting will be May 12th at 6:00 p.m. We will talk about having a fire appreciation banquet.

Several limbs had fallen from the trees at the cemetery. There will be an extra charge for the clean-up because of the ice storm damage. Some members of the Calvary Baptist Church cleaned up the large branches and left the smaller ones for our clean-up.

We received another bill from Waste Management regarding late charges from September and November of 2025. These payments had already been paid in our final (close-out the account) payment. Treasurer Harmon received an email that this account is closed with no further balance.

PENDING BUSINESS:

The grant for the Kahn's property is still being worked on. The drilling for contamination samples will be done this Friday the 24th.

The Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.

No one has come forward yet to serve as a Township Maintenance Man.

NEW BUSINESS:

After the need of a warming shelter during the ice storm, Supervisor Ostby started questioning the need for a stand-by generator for the Civic Center. Colvins Heating gave him a quote on the cost of a generator at \$13,700.00. With this in mind, he will research possible grants to use to apply for this money. We will then properly advertise for bids of the generator and hook-up.

Doug Travis mentioned that he did not wish to continue the custodian position at the Civic Center. We will need to advertise for this position. Doug is willing to stay until this position is filled in May. Clerk Sands mentioned that it would be nice to add to the contract that the custodian comes in at the end of the week to be sure all is ok for a weekend rental or bingo on Monday. Motion by Mullins/Ostby to advertise for bids for this position with the change in the contract. Motion carried.

A grant was received in the amount of \$4,182.00 from Community Foundation of NE Michigan to use for expenses of a warming shelter and storm debris removal & chipping. A notice will be put up at local businesses for a drop-off of tree limbs that had fallen during our 2026 ice storm. A certain amount of time will be given for residents to haul the limb debris to an area at the ballfields behind the cemetery then Griff & Sons will come in and use their chipper to get rid of the limbs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Sands mentioned that Election Training will soon be started. The Clerk & Deputy Clerk will attend a meeting in June for the leaders then in July a training will be held for the workers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Mullins we adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 23163 – 23186 were presented and paid.

Receipts 312-317 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Craig Ostby, Supervisor

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