

MIKADO TOWNSHIP NEWS

SUMMER EDITION 2026

Treasurer and Tax Updates

The township does not honor postmarks for mailed payments. Payments must be received before the due date to avoid interest & penalties.

If you are able, please use the drop box to ensure payment is received on time. (located to the right of the front door at the Civic Center)

- Online payment link, phone number and FAQ, with property tax payment information, are located on the Property Tax tab of the website (mikadotownship.com)
- **Due to multiple issues with payments, I am asking all residents to include their phone number or email with their tax payments this year in order to reach out with information or have questions answered in a timelier fashion than by mail.**

How to reach me:

Via telephone/message at Township office: (989) 736-7721

Treasurer office hours: 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 12:30pm to 6:00pm at the Township office in the Civic Center across from the Library.

Physical address is 2291 S F-41, Mikado, MI 48745

Mailing address: PO BOX 60 Mikado, MI 48745

Email: mikadotreasurer@gmail.com

Anne Harmon, Mikado Township Treasurer

Official Mailing Address
MIKADO TOWNSHIP
PO BOX 60
MIKADO, MI 48745

The Township is looking for active community members who would like to put their talents and experience to work in the Township. Please contact the office for information on available committee positions or what is involved in running as an officer or board position.

Message from the Clerk: Rita Sands (989) 736-7721

I love it when the sun shines and that is what is happening these days. Yes, a little rain now and then but we all know that is necessary also. We see many people out working in their yards and the results look wonderful. Its nice to see the grass cut but please keep your clippings off the road.

Even though I have no specific office hours set, I am most generally in the office at the Civic Center mornings, Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 12:30. If I am not there I could be at the cemetery, a training for my job or a personal appointment. You are welcome to stop by the office, but if you are not able to see me in the morning, call and we can set an appointment.

Cemetery records is one of my jobs that the board has appointed me to do. I can help you find someone buried in the cemetery. Give me a call and I will be glad to help. If you would like to purchase a plot at the cemetery for future needs, you can also contact me. Cremated ashes cannot be buried by the family. It is important for you to know that Mikado Township has contracted with a contractor for all open and closings. This means full burial or the burial of cremated ashes. I will need some sort of paperwork for the deceased and where the remains are going. If I see the ground disturbed and I have not been contacted for a burial, I will be contacting someone in your family. If you should be there removing old or faded flowers from a grave, please remember that the north end of the cemetery is not a dumping ground. Please take all trash with you. If you remove pine needles or tree branches from your plot, please do not leave them under the nearest tree, those can go to the north end of the cemetery.

There are two elections scheduled for this year. The primary is August 4th and the General is November 3rd. If you would like to work an election you are welcome to stop in at my office and fill out an application. You will have to declare what political party you are affiliated with.

Have a safe summer.

The Mikado Township December Board of Review meetings will be held at

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL
5037 E CAMPBELL ST GREENBUSH, MI 48738

The July Board of Review will be held on Wednesday July 22nd beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If no appointments have been received by 5:00 p.m. Friday July 17th, the meeting will be cancelled.

The purpose of this meeting is for correcting clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact and qualified errors. The Board of Review also has the authority to grant poverty exemptions. Completed applications, affidavits and supporting documentation for the exemption must be filed with the assessor by July 17th. For appointments, questions, or assistance in obtaining the required forms please contact the Assessor (989) 736-7689.

Mikado Library Branch
Hours: Mon-Thurs 2pm-6pm

Located in the Civic Center

Library Millage renewal is on the ballot this year.
Please be sure to vote.
There is no Mikado Library Branch without it!

Mikado Fire Department

The Mikado Township Fire Department has had a busy year. Since January, the department has responded to 64 incidents. We currently have 20 volunteers.

Although we started the year with Ice storms and flooding the recent dry weather has created very high fire danger for the area. We have responded to several wildfires in the last few weeks. Remember that anytime you are going have an outside debris fire you need to check the Michigan DNR burn permit map or call 866-922-2876 before burning. If you do burn, please have a water supply and hand tools available in case the fire should escape. Please be careful with fireworks this 4th of July holiday weekend. Remember fireworks can cause severe injuries and can start fires if not used carefully.

Our firefighters are requesting that everyone check their address signs to be sure that they can be easily seen at night and in inclement weather. Your house numbers need to be visible from both directions on the road because responders may be coming from different directions. House numbers to be at least 3 inches high and be reflective material.

If you encounter our firefighters working on the roadway please slow down and move over to give them the room they need to work.

Have a Happy and safe summer season.

At the meeting on the 4th of December in 2025, the Planning Commission had a Public Hearing to receive comments on the strategic planning for what should be done with the property known as Kahn's Store after demolition. The two questions submitted beforehand were answered. 1) Is the demolition open to public bids? 2) Could there be an opportunity to go in and retrieve any memorabilia? The answer for both of these questions was No. First of all, the grant for this project is through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and they are the ones who dictate the demolition. Second, Kahn's has been picked clean and is entirely too dangerous to enter.

Many ideas were brought up, including: Expanding Bruce Park, BBQ grills, picnic tables, a pavilion, pickleball court (this was noted as seasonal, but Stevens mentioned that they were popular in Alpena), theater in the park (a metal roofed pavilion style was mentioned where a projection screen could be added), playground equipment, community activity area, exercise or fitness course, and a dog run area. All of these suggestions included the need for a house style Porta-Potty, one that's unisex and handicap accessible. It was also noted that if power, water or other utilities were needed that the Township may have to consider rental fees.

The Planning Commission is back to quarterly meetings and the next one will be September 3, 2026. As soon as we get the Zoning Ordinance back from the lawyer, we will have a meeting and public hearing to discuss the changes. We hope to finish that this year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me,
Carrie Mullins, Mikado Township Trustee
mikado.twp@gmail.com
Home: 989-736-8558

Township board meetings are always on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Conference room at the Civic Center. Please see our calendar on the website for dates and times for meetings of other supporting boards and committees.

SUPERVISOR NOTES:

Hello Mikado Residents and land owners. There are a number of Township issues that I would like to update you on:

Kahn's general store: The Township has been working with the Michigan Brownfield redevelopment program concerning the clean up of the recently acquired Kahn Store property. Phase 1 confirmed that there is indeed an abandoned underground fuel tank on the site. Phase 2 testing found ground water contamination around the tank. The Township should be receiving a detailed report of phase 2 findings in the near future. Phase 3 will include next steps with the end goal of having the site cleaned up and the building removed. Please be sure to attend Township meetings for regular updates as the project progresses

Winter 2026 Ice Storm: Through the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan the Township received a grant that covered the costs to run the Civic Center as a warming center during the power outage and help residents to get rid of damaged tree debris from the storm. The community response was overwhelming and many truckloads of tree debris will be chipped and disposed of by Griff & Sons tree service.

Township volunteers: The Township has openings on various township boards and committees. Please contact the office to help out if you have time and interest in serving your community. There are currently two planning commission and two Zoning board of appeals positions needing to be filled. Please get involved!

Upcoming millage proposals: Mikado Township will have a millage on the ballot to help cover Township buildings and property maintenance and upkeep. Because the township recently acquired the pavilion and the Kahn property, the current Civic Center millage, that is expiring, had to be reworded. The current millage funds could only be used for the Civic Center specifically. The new millage is NOT a request for additional funds, but a renewal of the amount from the Civic Center millage with new language so that the funds can support all of the buildings and property in the Township. We hope that you will support the Township again with your vote so that we can continue to maintain these buildings for the residents.

Yours truly
Craig Ostby
Mikado Township Supervisor.

All office hours, rental information and contact for Township officials
is available on the Township Website at: mikadotownship.org

Contact Supervisor for all rentals

MIKADO CIVIC CENTER

Perfect for Receptions, Banquets or Large parties

- Seats 300+
- Licensed Kitchen
- Bar with keg setup available
- Air conditioned

\$375.00 plus \$100 security deposit

\$150.00 day rental fee plus \$100 security deposit.

Call (989) 736-7721 to rent



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Great for informal activities

(graduation/reunions/B-day parties/showers)

- Restroom
- Running water
- Refrigerator & freezer
- Picnic tables inside and out
- Grill
- Large doors that open on all 4 sides
- Horseshoes, basket ball court, and play area for kids

\$150 per day + \$100 security deposit



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