

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

July 18, 2023

Supervisor Mary Harmon called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. She welcomed the twelve (12) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag.

Roll Call showed Supervisor Harmon, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Travis, Trustee Mullins and Trustee Nedo present. No one was absent.

Requests for additions to the agenda are to 13B update on township email. Motion by Nedo/Travis to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:24 p.m.. Comments were heard from residents Cindy McCuiston who commented on what they are doing on their property on F-41 and Tom Michaud, curious about the working procedure of the Assessor and then Larry King, resident of Gustin Township living on the shared Tait Road, talked about the Road Commission grading the road but made it worse.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for May 2023 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows:

	GENERAL FUND	ROAD MIF	CC MIF	FIRE MIF
Bal Forward	\$230,393.19	\$101,326.15	\$32,905.08	\$88,715.04
Receipts	16,964.32	16.64		14.57
Disbursements	20,932.43			
Balance	226,425.08	101,342.79	32,905.08	88,729.61
CD	20,000.00	20,000.00		10,000.00
Total	246,425.08	121,342.79	32,905.08	98,729.61

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to accept the Financial Report of June as presented. Motion Carried. Supervisor Harmon asked Treasurer Travis to have her report prepared to send in the board packets each month.

An Amendment to the Budget was necessary. To maintain a balanced budget, money is needed in the General Fund Budget to the Civic Center Cost Center to pay for the completed CC roof, radios that were past due from the previous budget in the Fire Department Cost Center and payment needed for the work on the Master Plan in the Planning Commission Cost Center. Motion Mullins/Nedo to approve Budget Amendment #2023-2024.01 regarding the transfer from Contingency \$46,000.00 to the Civic Center Cost Center, \$8,500.00 to the Fire Department Cost Center and \$10,000.00 to the Planning Commission Cost Center as amended. Roll Call vote, Mullins-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Nedo-yes, Travis-yes. Budget amendment approved.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$14,957.14 plus two additional bills received this evening, Hartman Roofing-\$43,178.06 and Richard Deuell-\$7,000.00 for a total of \$65,135.20. Motion carried. Then it was noted that the Waste Management bill had more than doubled in the amount after our increase to two pick-ups a month and the Clerk was asked to call to find out why. It was mentioned that the new flooring could be installed prior to our next meeting. Motion Sands/Travis to pay for the installed flooring after it has been inspected and

approved. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was present, and she gave an update on what is happening at the county level.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present and mentioned that she has processed new information received from the courthouse. She further mentioned that tomorrow's Board of Review meeting (July 19) cannot hear disputes of evaluation.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins mentioned that the Master Plan Review Draft has been sent to the surrounding area entities for the 63 day review and also to Denise Klein who will be guiding the PC with the Zoning Ordinance update. Trustee Mullins received notice that Denise Klein will attend the next Planning Commission meeting on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. and will cover definitions. It was mentioned to Denise that the PC would like to cover dangerous or abandoned buildings and Denise suggested to leave that subject as a standalone ordinance to avoid the grandfather clause.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Harmon mentioned that all the roads we contracted with the Road Commission to resurface this year are almost completed.

Fire Chief: Assistant Fire Chief Tim McDonald was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to thirteen (13) incidents in June. He further mentioned that the state of Michigan 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant (DNR) has been applied for and we will receive notification of approval by December. Michigan Fire Equipment Grant has been applied for and we should receive that notification on approval in August.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO Craig Ostby mentioned that he is working on three on-going cases. Case 23-2381-04 has been closed.

Civic Center: Supervisor Harmon mentioned that the roof of the Civic Center has been completed and paid for. Alcona Plumbing & Heating cut off the natural gas line to the Air Exchanger so it could be removed from the roof. They installed a shut-off valve to that line to the roof. Gauthier Heating & Cooling will be here to replace the stack from the boiler through the roof and will also inspect the boiler. We are waiting for Northeastern Window & Door to replace the locking mechanism in the front door. The flooring has been ordered and on hold until it has been delivered and then installed.

UPDATES:

The Treasurers computer has been received and is working great.

PENDING BUSINESS:

A special meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2023, at 10:00 am to hopefully finalize the administrative procedures. If another meeting is needed we will meet on the following Wednesday.

Supervisor Harmon dressed up a bulletin board that will be displayed in the hallway. She hopes that pictures of Mikado Area will be displayed on this board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mikado Area Development is the organization that has leased the Pavilion for several years and now wishes to discontinue that lease. A report on income and expenses was passed to the board with discussion following. A new roof is needed, and one quote was received from Hartman Roofing. The decision on the roof is tabled until we receive one or more bids for this replacement.

The Fair Board requested the use of the bleachers be allowed to be used at this year's fair. Motion Sands/Mullins to allow the fair board to pick-up, use at the fair then return to the township this year. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The County Chapter of the MTA is holding a picnic at the Barton City Pavilion on July 25 at 6:00 which is hosted by Millen Township. Bring a dish to pass. The clerk would be pleased to RSVP with how many will attend. So far, Supervisor, Clerk and their guests will attend.

Trustee Mullins commented about an email she received on the website from Consumers Energy regarding the installation of charging stations for electric vehicles. No interest, no action!

Condolences was given to Clerk Sands on the passing of her husband and past supervisor of Mikado Township Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Nedo/Travis to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 21868-21898 were presented and paid.

Receipts 174-177 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Mary J Harmon, Supervisor

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