

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

August 15, 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 seventeen (17) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag.

Roll Call showed Supervisor Harmon, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Travis and Trustee Nedo present. Trustee Mullins was absent.

Motion by Nedo/Travis to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:20 p.m.. Comments were heard from residents Cindy McCuiston who commented on what they are doing on their property on F-41 and Deanna Atkins talked about the condition of her Andrews Road. Tim McDonald talked about how nice the flooring looks and was wondering if we could add the mop guards under the registers to make a great looking job even better. Terry Burgess asked a question about moving his mobile home to Mikado Township.

Motion by Nedo/Travis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Nedo/Travis to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

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

	GENERAL FUND	ROAD MIF	CC MIF	FIRE MIF
Bal Forward	\$226,425.08	\$101,342.79	\$32,905.08	\$88,729.61
Receipts	45,434.41	21.37		74.37
Disbursements	65,135.20			
Balance	206,724.29	101,364.16	32,905.08	88,803.98
CD	20,000.00	20,000.00	752.12	10,000.00
Total	226,724.29	121,364.16	32,152.96	98,803.98

Motion by Nedo/Sands to accept the Financial Report of July as presented. Motion Carried.

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Nedo/Travis to approve the Bills presented in the amount of \$60,143.24. 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 not present.

Planning Commission: Trustee Mullins was not present.

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

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Wayne Odell was present and mentioned that the Fire Department responded to thirteen (13) incidents in July. He further mentioned that some required medical equipment needs

to be replaced which will not exceed \$300.00. There is a possibility that a firefighter I & II class will be held this fall/winter. Maybe a Medical First Responder class also. We have 6/8 personnel to participate in the training. It was mentioned that the choking sign in the kitchen is outdated and Chief Odell will look into this.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO Craig Ostby mentioned that he is working on four on-going cases. He had two Land Use Permits issued.

Civic Center: Supervisor Harmon mentioned that the flooring has been installed and we are getting many complements on it. Motion Sands/Nedo we share the cost with the Goodfellows of mop board/protector to be placed under the heat vents. Motion carried. Supervisor Harmon congratulated Doug Travis on a job well done on the cleaning of the Civic Center. The topic of tape being used on the tables was mentioned. It appeared that the last rental used duct tape on the tables, and it was hard to remove. The Supervisor will stress the point of no tape to be used. The Civic Center advisory board will meet soon for the further discussion of the kitchen remodeling.

UPDATES:

Clerk Sands called Waste Management about the cost of their service. The cost climbed to \$239.00 for each month. After the discussion, Waste Management dropped the charge to \$211.00 per month effective August 1st.

The County Chapter Picnic was held in July hosted by Millen Township. Clerk Sands attended and mentioned there were approximately 20/25 people in attendance. Topic of discussion were the new laws for Elections being the 9-day early voting and absentee drop-off boxes.

The bleachers will be returned soon by the Fair Board who used them at the fairgrounds this past week. We asked for the bleachers to be returned to the MAR Site for youth ball games to be played in the spring.

PENDING BUSINESS:

A special meeting was held August 2 that lasted four hours to work on the administrative procedures. Complements to Trustee Mullins for putting the suggestions and changes together for the board to review. Unfortunately, she being ill today, we were unable to receive the changes.

Supervisor Harmon received the balance of the pictures to be included on the bulletin board for display of what is going on in the Mikado area. Hopefully, the board will be on the wall by next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Sands announced that she has appointed Carrie Mullins as Deputy Clerk to assist with the Clerk duties. Yes, by researching, we found that it is legal to have a trustee serve as a deputy.

Supervisor Harmon mentioned that the township should possibly invest in a couple moving dollies to assist the renters when moving tables in the room to prevent sliding the tables on the floor. After discussion, motion Nedo/Travis to purchase two moving dollies. Motion carried.

Mikado Area Development is the organization that has leased the Pavilion for several years, their money has depleted, and now wish to discontinue that lease by the end of August. Comments made are that Glen Lovelace will drain the water/winterize the pavilion this fall. April/May we could contract with Sam Johnson to Clorox the water lines for start-up for the new season. Motion Nedo/Travis to take over the rentals/operation of the pavilion September 1st after we receive a notarized paper stating that the Mikado Area Development does not wish to continue the lease of the pavilion with Mikado Township. Roll call vote, Nedo-yes, Harmon-yes, Sands-yes, Travis-yes.

Motion carried.

Three quotes were received to reroof the pavilion. Hartman Roofing (\$14,998.07), Can Do Construction (\$16,200) and Krentz Construction (\$14,085.00). After discussion, motion Nedo/Travis to accept the bid from Krentz Construction to re-roof the pavilion for \$14,085.00. Roll call vote, Travis-yes, Harmon-yes, Nedo-yes, Sands-yes. Motion carried. These re-roofing funds will come from the ARPA money.

In December 2022 a contract had been signed to have NEMCOG assist our Planning Commission to redo our Zoning Ordinance. The contract was signed by Leisa Sutton for the price of \$18,400.00 on December 10, 2022. At our budget workshop for this year this contract was not mentioned because of lack of knowledge, so it was never placed in the 2023 budget. With other bills being paid because they were not paid prior to the 2023 budget our cash-flow is depleted for a bill with this amount. The director of NEMCOG is supposed to contact Clerk Sands at the end of this week to discuss the possibility of canceling this contract. Motion Nedo/Travis to move forward to discontinue this contract with NEMCOG to update our Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried. One of the subjects that we were interested in covering in the Zoning Ordinance was abandoned or unsafe buildings and it was suggested that we do that as a stand-alone Ordinance to prevent the "grandfather clause" that is in the Zoning Ordinance.

AT&T sent in a request for the Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension. Motion Nedo/Travis to approve this extension for another five (5) years to expire December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Kay Lovelace mentioned that the Alcona County Pop-up pantry is tomorrow, Wednesday the 16th at 3:00.

Commissioner Brummund will talk to the County Building Department to wave the building fee for the re-roof job on the Pavilion. Thank you!

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Travis/Nedo to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Orders 21899-21925 were presented and paid.

Receipts 178-192 were received and recorded.

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Mary J Harmon, Supervisor

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