

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting

November 11, 2019

Supervisor Jesus “Yogi” Yruegas called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. He welcomed the five (5) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call showed Supervisor Yruegas, Clerk Sands, Treasurer Travis, Trustee Odell and Trustee Griffin present. No one was absent.

Motion by Griffin/Odell to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:01 and closed at 7:02. The Supervisor thanked those who have been in the military for their service.

Motion by Odell/Griffin to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for October 2019 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows: The General Fund balance brought forward was \$57,699.69 with receipts of \$18,338.42, less disbursements of \$9,329.52, leaves a balance in the General Fund of \$66,708.59 plus CD's of \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 being Stabilization CD) leaves an overall balance in the General Fund of \$76,708.59. The Road MIF balance brought forward was \$52,959.00 with receipts of \$12.67 leaves a balance in the Road MIF of \$52,971.67 plus CD's of \$20,000.00, leaves an overall balance in the Road MIF of \$72,971.67. The Fire MIF balance brought forward was \$17,346.44 with receipts of \$3.54 leaves a balance in the Fire MIF of \$17,349.98 plus a CD in the amount of \$10,000.00, leaving an overall balance in Fire Fund of \$27,349.98. Motion by Odell/Griffin to accept the Financial Report of October as presented. Motion Carried.

An Amendment to the Budget was not necessary.

Motion by Travis/Odell to approve the Bills in the amount of \$16,164.06 . Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

District 3 County Commissioner: Commissioner Carolyn Brummund of District #3 was present and brought us up on what is happening at the County level. Asked & answered the new plat books are not ready yet.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present and mentioned that our procedure with land divisions will need to be changed where a certification will be provided from the County Treasurer to the land owner for all land divisions to show no taxes are owed. The cost to the land owner for this certificate at the County Treasurers Office is \$5.00. The December Board of Review will be held on December 11th at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission: Trustee Odell mentioned that the next Planning Commission Meeting will be held on December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Yruegas mentioned that the roads are white & frozen.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Regina Waszkiewicz was present and gave her report. She mentioned that the Fire Department responded to five (5) incidents in October.

The incidents reported in October was incorrect and changed from 5 to 7 incidents in September. The

personal gear has been returned for fitting corrections. WiFi is on and working at the fire-hall. The lock for the entrance door has been received but not installed yet. Laptop has been purchased.

FFI classes are going well. Hannah Wassmann and Ethan Good are attending class. Tim Griffin and Brian McDonald will challenge the test after studying on their own.

Gustin Township has monies from their fire millage to spend. Lincoln Fire Chief & Chief Waszkiewicz will attend their next meeting for suggestions to help them decide how to spend it.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: OEO Jesus Yruegas mentioned that he has 3 land use for the month. For Ordinance Enforcement, he sent a certified letter to a resident after receiving a signed complaint. The letter was returned after the time allowed as no one signed for the letter for pick-up. Yogi found out that the owner moved to Alpena and no one is living on the property. Yogi called the county and found that the owner has not paid his 2018 taxes yet. It appears that this property could be going for tax foreclosure in March of 2020. Yogi is looking for guidance from the board as to whether he should continue to followup with the letters or sit on it until we find out about the property. Consensus of the board is to table the complaint until a notice is received about the property.

Civic Center/Township Property Issues: Mr. Heat will be here soon (hopefully) for the furnace inspection & cleaning. The fence around our septic tanks will be fixed next year. Yogi asked for permission to purchase salt for the walkways.

UPDATES:

The contract for the winter plowing has been received with signatures.

The School Election on November 5th had 64 voters. Mikado Township turned the millage request for the school down but, overall the request passed.

The fall Newsletter will be given to the Review on Tuesday for printing.

The Alcona County Chapter of the MTA was hosted by Caledonia Township. Eight Townships were present. Speakers were the two Ken's from MTA and a representative from Consumers Energy. Yogi talked to the gentleman from Consumers Energy about two street lights, one on F-30 and one on F-41, being on continuously and Consumers not responding to correct when reported by Yogi. The gentleman did check on this and found that we are not getting charged for these lights while they are on during the day. They are waiting until they burn out to replace them with LED bulbs that is no charge to the township. If they are changed now, we would need to pay a service charge.

PENDING BUSINESS:

Last month, we received a new draft of the Civic Center Area Park Ordinance to be returned this meeting for discussion. This discussion has been tabled until next month.

Concerning the Township Web Site, Supervisor Yruegas has been submitting items including pictures to STG and asked the board to send ideas of what they might want on the site.

It was mentioned that Allband has started the extension of Fiber on Goddard Road. Residents need to continue calling the Allband office with interest of using the fiber.

No estimates had been received from the advertisement in the paper for new light fixtures in the fire hall. Motion by Yruegas/Odell to go with the quote of \$1,542.00 from Omega Electric in Alpena. The township will go with the upgrade with or without a reimbursement from Consumers Energy (referring to the time to get the grant application turned in of two weeks). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Civic Center Rental Agreement for bingo and the User Property Agreement for funeral dinners was presented for approval. Motion by Odell/Griffin to approve the agreements and have them signed by those required to do so. Motion carried.

In the past, the Civic Center heat has been set at 55* in the winter when not in use. It appeared that the furnace would struggle to get up to the 71* when needed. Clerk Sands adjusted the heat between use to 60* in hopes that this temp would help prevent the struggle. Consensus of the board is to leave this setting at the 60* between use.

Mikado Township is responsible for the last 5 years of a 10 year contract with Election Source on the election ICP & ICX voting machines. Election Source listed different options to choose from to start the payments prior to the last 5 years on how to make these payments so the payments would be a lower annual payment. Motion by Sands/Griffin to start these payments in March of 2020 at a cost of \$235.00 for the ICP and \$150.00 for the ICX. Motion carried. Election Source will bill us for this and future March payments.

The laptop used for the Electronic Poll Book at elections is in need of an upgrade to Windows 10 and needs memory to receive this upgrade. Motion by Yruegas/Travis to have this update done. Motion carried.

Contracts were received from the county for their services. The agreement for land divisions was not necessary because we do our own land divisions. The land owners are required to pay the county for a certification that shows no property taxes are due. The Annual GIS Data & Cost Sharing Agreement was received for a cost of \$50.00 per year. Motion by Yruegas/Odell to accept this agreement. Motion carried. The Contract for Services regarding the service of tax notices & assessing notices for the 2020 & 2021 years were discussed. Motion by Yruegas/Griffin to accept this contract as written. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the water heater at the Fire Hall. The Consumers gentleman mentioned about a tank-less water heater or on demand. The Fire Chief mentioned, that with the water source in Mikado, that if it sits for a while not being used it may be more damaging to the heater. Yogi will inquire about this with no requirement about change without discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Griffin/Travis to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p. m. Motion carried.

Orders 20509 – 20539 were presented and paid.

Receipts 5151 – 5159 were received and recorded.

Jesus Yruegas

Rita D. Sands

Jesus Yruegas, Supervisor

Rita D. Sands, Clerk

Motion to accept by: Trustee Odell Seconded by :Treasurer Travis Date: December 9, 2019

