

Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting
June 14, 2021

Supervisor Michael Corn called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:07pm. He welcomed the nine (9) guests that were present and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: Trustee Mullins requested to add the removal of the Mikado village signs from the roadsides outside the Mikado area to the New Business section of the agenda. McDonald/Travis motion to add this adjustment to the agenda. Roll call: McDonald- yes; Nedo- yes; Travis-yes; Mullins-yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:15pm and closed at 7:32pm. Trustee Carrie Mullins, Residents Kay Lovelace, Stan Lee, John Cartwright and ZA/OEO Regina Waskiewicz each made individual comments.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021 as presented. Roll call: McDonald- yes, Travis- yes, Mullins- yes, Nedo- yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for May 2021 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows: The General Fund balance brought forward was \$126,717.91, with receipts of \$15,022.74, less disbursements of \$9,859.97, leaves a balance in the General Fund of \$131,880.68 plus CD's of \$20,000.00 (\$10,000.00 being Stabilization CD) leaves an overall balance in the General Fund of \$151,880.68. The Road MIF balance brought forward was \$163,572.07, with receipts of \$5,029.18, less disbursements of \$0.00, leaves a balance in the Road MIF of \$168,601.25 plus CD's of \$20,000.00 leaves an overall balance in the Road MIF of \$188,601.25. The Fire MIF balance brought forward was \$80,556.23 with receipts of \$13.03, leaves a balance in the Fire MIF of \$80,569.26, plus a CD in the amount of \$10,000.00, leaving an overall balance in the Fire Fund of \$90,569.26. Motion by Mullins/McDonald to accept the Financial Report of May 2021 as presented. Roll call: Nedo- yes; Travis- yes; McDonald- yes, Mullins- yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

Clerk McDonald presented Budget Amendment #2021-2022.01 to move \$520.00 from General fund Contingency to Township Board for training through the MTA Premium Pass, and \$840.00 from General fund contingency to the Fire Department for CPR training and internet for the rest of the year. Motion by Mullins/McDonald to accept this Budget Amendment. Roll call: Nedo- yes; Travis- yes; McDonald- yes, Mullins- yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nedo/Mullins to approve the Bills in the amount of \$61,135.78. Roll call: McDonald- yes, Travis- yes, Nedo- yes, Mullins- yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

County Commissioner Carolyn Brummond was present and gave report from the County level. Comments were made regarding the new security and phone systems for the county building; fireworks; House Bill 4722; the Eagles' ride on Mon. Aug 5; and the Vet's Coffee hour (July 1, 9a-11a, Westminster Presbyterian Church). Pamphlets and handouts were given for the following: the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team, the 2021 Alcona Co. Fair, and Streetlight outage reporting link for Consumer's.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was present and said that the next Board of Review meeting would be held on July 21, 2021, 5:30pm at the Mikado Civic Center, and that she would contact the members to advise them of the meeting date. Ms. Schwickert also advised that the County Equalization Study for Residential Property indicated that values were expected to be stable.

Planning Commission: Carrie Mullins was present; a report on the Planning Commission was given for the meeting on June 9, 2021 at 6pm. The next meeting will be September 8, 2021, at 6pm. Ms. Mullins commented that plans for a Mikado gas station were still being pursued; Lary Holland (Planning Commission chair) commented that Mikado did not meet the criteria for the Dollar General selection process. Comments were made regarding plans for a potential gas station in Mikado. Ms. Mullins also commented that she wanted to pursue certification through the Michigan Department of Economic Development to help the community become development ready.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Corn commented that the Alcona County Road Commission had done a good job cleaning up the ball field area behind the township cemetery for storing materials.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Regina Waskiewicz was present and gave report for May. Total calls were twelve (12); Mikado Twp. three (3) fires and eight (5) medical; zero (0) fires and one (3) medical for Gustin Twp. Updates on handheld radios and DNR grant. Fire Chief Waskiewicz said she would provide a quote at next month's meeting and asked the board for permission to use Grand Traverse Mobile as the vendor for the radios. McDonald/Mullins motion to allow Chief Waskiewicz to move forward with Grand Traverse Mobile to proceed with quote/purchase of hand-hand radios. Roll call: Travis- yes; McDonald- yes; Nedo- yes; Corn-yes; Mullins-yes. Motion Carried.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No signed complaints have been submitted. Officer Waskiewicz mentioned a meeting on June 15, 2021 with Supervisor Corn, Judge Frawley and Mr. Atchison regarding how county handles zoning complaints.

Civic Center/Township Property Issues:

Kay Lovelace of the Mikado Goodfellows asked if the Goodfellows could put a freezer in the main room of the Civic Center. Corn/McDonald motion to approve a freezer placed in the main area of the Civic Center for Goodfellow use. Roll Call: Corn-yes; McDonald- yes; Mullins-yes; Nedo- yes; Travis- yes. Motion Carried.

Ms. Lovelace also said that the Goodfellows would like to begin Bingo again on Monday nights, starting July 12, 2021. Corn/Mullins motion to approve resuming Bingo on Monday nights, starting 7/12/2021. Roll call: McDonald- yes; Mullins-yes; Nedo- yes; Corn-yes; Travis- yes. Motion Carried.

UPDATES:

A. Clerk McDonald asked permission to move forward with an online subscription of the Cryptkeeper Cemetery software at \$54.31/year. Mullins/Travis motion to approve the subscription of the online Cryptkeeper software. Roll call: Travis- yes; Mullins-yes; Corn-yes; McDonald- yes; Nedo- yes. Motion Carried.

B. Clerk McDonald asked to table the Quickbooks payroll software until the next meeting.

C. Hall rentals: Potential rental to Nate Leeseberg for 9/18/2021. No deposit yet. Thus far, the hall is rented for 7/24, 8/21, 9/18, 10/2, and 11/20 of 2021.

PENDING BUSINESS:

A. Treasurer Travis contacted Huron Community Bank regarding issues with the application for the Township credit card; per Treasurer Travis, the bank is still working to resolve the issue.

B. Ball field use- Supervisor Corn commented that volunteers will be needed to help with repairs, like graffiti removal, cleanup, painting, and brush hogging.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hunting Ordinance- Supervisor Corn advised on a hunting blind that is on neighboring property, but near the property line bordering the township-owned ball fields behind the cemetery. Suggested language for an ordinance prohibiting hunting on township-owned property was provided. A proposed ordinance shall be drafted for the next meeting.

B. Lary Holland was present from the Planning Commission and spoke about the Michigan Economic Development Committee (MEDC), economic development readiness, and a presentation to this township board by Lindsay Miller, a representative from the MEDC. McDonald/Mullins motion to allow a presentation by L. Miller from MEDC at the next Mikado Twp. Board Meeting, 7/12/2021 at 7pm. Roll call: McDonald- yes; ; Corn- yes; Travis-yes; Mullins-yes; Nedo-yes. Motion carried.

C. Assessor Schwickert confirmed the amounts on the 2021 Tax Rate Request. Supervisor Corn and Clerk McDonald will sign it and return it to the Alcona Co. Clerk and Alcona Co. Equalization department.

D. Clerk McDonald will call MTA to find out why there's a charge for taking the new official training class; per Deputy Clerk Sands and Planning Commission Chair Holland it should be free because of the Premium Pass subscription.

E. All board members signed the MTA Principles of Governance.

F. Supervisor Corn and Trustee Mullins made comments regarding the village limit signs around the Mikado town area. Supervisor Corn advised that he would call the Alcona Co. Road Commission to discuss updating the signs.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Mullins gave comments regarding the Township Website; website was updated to list times for meetings; she also spoke about a calendar to list dates regarding hall rentals, T-ball games, Bingo, library hours, etc. Ms. Mullins also mentioned that the Township Facebook page had 84 Likes and 88 followers. (Great job, Carrie!!)

ADJOURNMENT:

Travis/Nedo moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Roll Call: Travis- yes; Nedo- yes; McDonald- yes; Corn- yes; Mullins- yes. Motion Carried.

Orders 21089-21124 were presented and paid. Receipts 5013-5020

Michael Corn, Supervisor

Mandi McDonald, Clerk

Motion to Accept by: _____ Seconded by: _____ Date: _____