Minutes of Mikado Township Board Meeting
October 11, 2021

Supervisor Michael Corn called the Mikado Township Board Meeting to Order at 7:00pm. He welcomed the seven (7) 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 were present. No one was absent.

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda: No adjustments requested. Motion by Nedo/Travis to approve the agenda. Roll call: Nedo- yes; Corn- yes; Mullins-yes; Travis-yes; McDonald- yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:03pm and closed at 7:04pm. Trustee Carrie Mullins made comments regarding the Alcona Co. Republican Party.

Motion by Mullins/Nedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021 as presented. Roll call: Corn- yes; Mullins- yes.; Travis- yes; McDonald- yes; Nedo- yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Report for September 2021 was given by Treasurer Travis as follows: The General Fund balance brought forward was $94,927.10, with receipts of $66,113.35, less disbursements of $10,303.74, leaves a balance in the General Fund of $150,736.71 plus CD's of $20,000.00 ($10,000.00 being Stabilization CD) leaves an overall balance in the General Fund of $170,736.71. The Road MIF balance brought forward was $46,171.70, with receipts of $11.05, less disbursements of $0.00, leaves a balance in the Road MIF of $46,182.75 plus CD's of $20,000.00 leaves an overall balance in the Road MIF of $66,182.75. The Fire MIF balance brought forward was $34,764.64, with receipts of $5.91, leaves a balance in the Fire MIF of $34,770.55, with disbursements of $0.00, leaves a balance of $, plus a CD in the amount of $10,000.00, leaving an overall balance in the Fire Fund of $44,770.55. Motion by Mullins/McDonald to accept the Financial Report of September 2021 as presented. Roll call: McDonald- yes; Corn- yes; Nedo-yes; Mullins- yes; Travis- yes;. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments : Motion by Mullins/Corn for $400.00 to be moved from Clerk's New/Repair/Maintenance Equipment to Deputy Clerk Salary. Roll Call: Corn- yes; Nedo-yes; Mullins-yes; Travis-yes; McDonald- yes. Motion carried.

The Clerk Internet is to be cancelled; no board members need it any longer.

Motion by Corn/McDonald for a mowing Budget Amendment of $500 to be moved from the Cemetery mowing to the Civic Center mowing. Roll Call: Corn- yes; Travis-yes; Mullins-yes; McDonald- yes Nedo-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Corn/Mullins for a Budget Amendment of $275.00 from Baseball Diamond mowing to the Civic Center Deposit Refund. Roll Call: Corn- yes; Travis-yes; Mullins-yes; McDonald- yes Nedo-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Corn/Mullins for a Budget Amendment of $70.00 from Baseball Diamond mowing to the Fire Department Phone. Roll Call: Corn- yes; Travis-yes; Mullins-yes; McDonald- yes Nedo-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/McDonald to approve the Bills. Roll call: Travis- yes; Nedo- yes, Mullins- yes; McDonald- yes, Corn- yes,. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:
County Commissioner Carolyn Brummond gave the report from the County level; she made cooments regarding the Alcona Co. jail reduction.

Assessor: Nancy Schwickert was absent.

Planning Commission: Carrie Mullins was present and made comments regarding moving forward with the Redevelopment Ready Community Program training. Next meeting is December 8, 2021 at 6pm.

Roads & Bridges: Supervisor Corn made comments regarding the upcoming Pine River Bridge project.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Regina Waskiewicz was present and gave report for September. Total calls were twelve (12); Mikado Twp. one (1) fire and six (6) medical; zero (0) fires and three (3) medical for Gustin Twp. Two (2) mutual aid fires (Lincoln, one [1] & Greenbusch one [1), Zero Personal Injury Accidents and zero search/rescue were also reported. Updates: Regarding the donated portable radios, programming is waiting for MSP approval. DNR grant: funds were deposited succesfully; the grant is closed. New Business: Life Support Agency License renewed as of 10/1/2021.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: Officer Waskiewicz said she was working on giving more time before citation regarding current open complaints. Four new land use permits were submitted for the month of September.

Civic Center/Township Property Issues:
Motion by Mullins/McDonald to accept the 2021-2022 Property Snow Maintenance Agreement. Roll call: McDonald- yes; Corn- abstained from vote; Travis-yes; Nedo- yes; Mullins-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept the 2022 Mikado Civic Center Bingo Rental Agreement with the addition of language pertaining to #5. a cleaning charge of $25.00/week (and changing the following numbers, respectively). Roll Call: McDonald- yes; Travis-yes; Corn- yes; Mullins-yes; Nedo- yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins/Travis to accept 2022 User Property Agreement for Funeral Dinners and Monthly Meetings. Roll Call: McDonald- yes; Corn- yes; Mullins-yes; Travis-yes; Nedo- yes. Motion carried.

UPDATES:
A. Hall rentals: The hall is rented for 11/20/21 and for Christmas for Kids on Dec. 3, 4, 5, 2021.

B. Clerk McDonald made comments regarding receiving the first deposit of the ARPA funds, which is half of the entire amount. Comments were made by the board about having a representative of the MTA attend a Mikado Twp Board meeting to discuss how the funds could be spent. Clerk McDonald also said the first expenditure report was not due until April 2022.

PENDING BUSINESS:
A. Ron Seagle from All Band attended and made comments regarding new grants, expanding fiber optic, more high speed internet availability, activation fees, and ideas regarding matching funds with the county to cover costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Motion by Mullins/Nedo to accept the RCC Training Resolution #21.13 allowing Mullins and Holland to pursue training. Roll Call: Nedo- yes; Mullins-yes; McDonald- yes; Travis-yes; Corn- yes. Motion carried.

B. Motion by McDonald/Travis to accept Leisa Sutton as Deputy Clerk. Roll Call: Mullins-yes; McDonald- yes; Travis-yes; Corn- yes; Nedo- yes. Motion carried.

C. Motion by McDonald/Mullins to accept Dr. Turek's proposed Resolution #21.14, a Resolution in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy. Roll call: Travis- yes; McDonald- yes; Mullins- yes; Nedo- yes, Corn- yes,. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Nedo/Travis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. No roll call made.

Orders 21218-21243 were presented and paid. Receipts 0022-0026

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Michael Corn, Supervisor Mandi McDonald, Clerk

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

Township of Mikado
Alcona County

Resolution #21.13

A Resolution Authorizing the Township of Mikado to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

Whereas, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to empower communities to shape their future and maximize economic potential; and,

Whereas, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and certifies Michigan communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair and consistent processes; and,

Whereas, Mikado Township in Alcona County recognizes the value of the RRC program and seeks to improve its redevelopment readiness via a detailed review of existing development processes; and,

Whereas, the RRC Program includes evaluating and strengthening the development related partnerships between Mikado Township and stakeholder organizations; and,

Whereas, there has been interest demonstrated in obtaining certification by members of the township administration;

Therefore, be it resolved that:
1. It is the intention of the Mikado Township to utilize the RRC Best Practices and Evaluation process to improve our processes and communication with stakeholders.
2. Members of the Mikado Township administration who wish to seek out RRC Certification are authorized to do so.

Approved October 11, 2021

Michael Corn, Supervisor

Mandi McDonald, Clerk

#21-14

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF VACCINE AWARENESS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY

WHEREAS, we elected officials have solemnly sworn an oath to support the Constitution of the United States of America, which is ordained and established to "promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity",

WHEREAS, citizens being both informed about the risks and benefits of any available medical treatment such as vaccines; as well as maintaining the sacred inalienable right to make autonomous choices about their own health are essential to securing both the general Welfare and securing the Blessings of Liberty,

THEREFORE, all Mikado Township Board messaging related to vaccines shall encourage citizens to discuss the risks and benefits of any such treatment with their chosen healthcare provider,

THEREFORE, the Mikado Township Board shall not question any citizen's claim to exemption from wearing a facemask or any other similarly mandated preventative activity,

THEREFORE, the Mikado Township Board shall not require of or mandate to any employee, prospective employee, or contractor any form of vaccine or similar medical treatment verification or medical test verification as a general condition of employment; and will not encourage employers located within Mikado Township to establish such mandates that so hinder medical autonomy,

THEREFORE, the Mikado Township Board recognizes and commends the employees of the Alcona County Health Department, Administration, and the other various county offices and departments, and community health care providers for their immense efforts throughout the pandemic,

THEREFORE, it is acknowledged that certain activities may be required under state and federal law or other pre-existing contract and such obligatory situations are not affected by this resolution.

Approved by Mikado Twp. Oct. 11, 2021