

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Ferguson, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Miller and Clerk King.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments:

Trustee Ferguson commended the community on coming together for Pullman Pride and the clean-up project. A special thank you to Tim and Lisa Galdikas, Ed Brock and his daughter Vicki Brock. Treasurer Lowery also recognized Pam Rawson with a special thank you for all of her hard work as well as her commitment in bringing this event to the community. Clerk King also gave a special thanks to Pam Rawson and her committee. She stated that Pam's special attention to details such as handwritten thank you notes was appreciated. Great Job!! Supervisor Miller also shared in the appreciation.

Judge Baillargeon/Drug Court:

The judge presented a Power Point Presentation regarding the success of the Drug Court that has been implemented in Allegan County. He stressed the importance of recognizing rehabilitation verses jail time with no help. There is a great savings in terms of tax dollars, but what it does to changes lives is immeasurable.

Second Chance Ranch/ Curtis McFarland:

Mr. McFarland presented to the board and residents information regarding his Fillmore Township home for the homeless, addicted and unemployed men of Allegan County. It has been a great success. The men are required to look for work, help out with the chores and attend bible study. He has purchased a home in Lee Township, which is located on Third Street, and intends to start another home. He received questions regarding criteria for eligibility, such as if a person with a criminal record for CSC would be considered for placement. He would accept them, but the person would be monitored and would have to follow all rules and state laws.

Citizen's Comment:

An update on the sign was requested. The sign is in the claim process.

Commissioners Report: Commissioner Jessup stated that the residents are very blessed to have the judges that are currently on the bench in Allegan County. The approval was given to go for bids on a smaller jail. They are looking to spend around \$16.9 million. Lastly an update was given on the budget shortage for next year. It appears that there will be more cuts to services and positions eliminated. He will give more details in September.

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A motion was made by Black and seconded by Miller to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the July 11, 2011 meeting with a name correction. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Black to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Deputies Report: During the month, there were 122 calls of which 48 were handled by our township deputy.

Fire Department Report: The closing date for the fire station loan is set for August 11, 2011 at 11:00 am and the ground breaking will be held on August 16, 2011 also at 11:00 am. Fire calls for July totaled 11.

First Responders' Report: During the month of July, there were 34 calls of which 3 were PI, 2 Fire Assist and 29 Medical.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector's Report: During the month there were 3 building and 2 electrical permits. There were no plumbing or mechanical permits for the month. It has been busy preparing to close on the new fire station. Supervisor Miller is currently working on 4 blight complaints.

Cemetery Report: The Cemetery Committee members; E. Maas & E. Pacholski requested permission to remove items in violation. The board stated that letters needed to be sent with a reasonable amount of time given to comply. Discussion took place on what would be the best method to reach everyone. It was decided that notices would be posted, a article in the township newsletter and tax brochure and included in the fall cleanup to be published in the paper.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to post notices in the office, hall, newsletter, tax brochure and in the Fall Clean-up notice that is published in the local paper to bring violators in compliance. All voted "Aye", Motion carried.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station Report: During the month of July, there was \$691.00 collected and 95 coupons redeemed.

Lake Board Report: No dredging has taken place. They have experience difficulty with the dredging equipment breaking down.

Newsletter Report: The deadline for the next edition will be at October's Regular Board Meeting.

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Assessor's Report: No report.

Holiday Committee: Holiday Social will be held on December 3rd. The committee is in need of donated gifts for the children. The spending limit is \$5.00 and should be in the age ranges of 0 to 14 year of age. The recent raffle of the 6' decorated Blue Spruce was won by Peggy Shamblin!! The raffle raised \$66.00 dollars.

Pullman Pride Committee: The Pullman Pride Committee collected \$2,138.00 dollars and wanted to thank all those who helped and/or attended. Pam announced that the current committee is stepping down, but has everything in order for a new committee to continue the event in the future.

Clean Team Committee: The Clean Team will meet on August 13th at 9:00 am. Discussion took place regarding the townships help with the clean-up of the park. Supervisor Miller stated that he would donate his time to check the barrels a couple times a week to help with the cleaning.

Road Committee Report: Committee member C.Pugh spoke regarding the some of the worst roads in the township. The committee will have a recommendation for the board at September's meeting.

Donated Building Report: No report.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve the land division for P. Black as presented and approved by the Building Inspector. All vote "Aye". Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

Correspondence: A letter presented by L. Galdikas was read commending the wonderful job done by Pam Rawson bring Pullman Pride to the community for many years.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn A. King

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