

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56th Street, Pullman, MI 49450

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments:

Trustee Black wished everyone a joyous and safe Christmas.

Trustee Galdikas announced that there would be a school improvement meeting. Heather Grisales from Pullman Elementary invites anyone who would like to attend. The meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 3:20 pm in the school.

Supervisor Owen welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated that he had spoken to Paul Bristol regarding the police car grant.

Citizens Comments:

Citizen S. Lacy commended the Holiday Committee stating that the lights look great!

Citizen K. Fifelski address the board members and residents on the dangers of horizontal fracking. She gave a brief presentation on the history of fracking. Vertical fracking has been used for the past 50 years. This process uses 100,000 gallons of water in an area between 500 to 2000 feet. Horizontal is different because they go 1 to 2 miles deep and use 2 to 8 million gallons of water along with many chemicals some toxic. There is a grave concern about excessive water use, chemical contamination as well as there traffic. There will be a upcoming meeting at the Hamilton Farm Bureau. She has requested to partner with the township to do an educational meeting for the residents. Some of the property that has been purchased in the State Game land is in Lee Township. Discussion is taking place regarding setting a date and location.

Citizen Michael Carroll- provided copies of pictures of picnic tables and benches to hopefully have placed in the Township Park, beach and cemetery. He gave a brief presentation to board member and residents on his idea for doing a fundraiser to secure the funds for the project. He presented a quote for \$9,000.00 for 3 tables which would have a 25 to 30 year warranty and are designed for public use. He has priced some much less, but the quality was not durable for use at a public location. Anyone who is interested in joining a committee for this project can contact Michael at 269-206-1067 or email him at mikecarroll1976@gmail.com

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from November 2012 with corrections. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

A motion was made by Black seconded by Owen to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. All voted Yes - Motion carried.

County Commissioners Report: None.

Deputy's Report: Deputy Ryan Brown introduced himself as our new contracted deputy. He has been with the Sheriff's Department for many years. He has experience in working on road patrol, 7 years as a dog handler and has worked in community policing. On a personal note, he stated that he was a wife and 17 month child. Regarding the monthly report, due to a computer glitch he will have to give the report next month.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 17 calls. Chief DeWeerd reported the paperwork for the extended warranty on the generator has been requested, information for PA495 is being prepared, and there has been a problem with the new radios. Lastly, Chief DeWeerd reported that the fitting on the dry hydrate had been vandalized. It appears that the thieves thought it would be valuable, but disposed of it in the creek upon finding it was not aluminum. There was also 12 lengths of pipe stolen from the ball field that valued \$1,200.00.

First Responders: During the month there were 28 calls. There were 20 medical, 6 accidents and 2 fire assists. Currently they are looking into hosting a class. They are working out the detail.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Inspector: Inspector Shamblin read the stats. Most permits are homeowners that are doing their own work. Regarding the donated building, Paul reported not being very involved in the past few months due to family emergency. Lastly on a personal note, Paul requested that everyone keep Peggy in their thoughts and prayers for her upcoming surgery on the 20th of December.

Cemetery Report: No report. Eva did state that if any benches are consider for cemetery, that Mike be contacted for locating the water lines.

Library Report: No Report.

Transfer Station: During the month, there was a total of \$424.00 collected and 49 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: E. DeWeerd stated that they will have a new member on the board. The new Drain Commissioner, Denise Medemar will sit as a county representative on the board.

Assessor' Report: Board of Review will take place for December tomorrow (December 11, 2012) at 1 pm. This is just for clerical errors. The Personal Property statements will got out this week.

Holiday Committee: Pictures from the Holiday Social were passed out. There were over 300 children that had their pictures taken with Santa. There were Get Well card made by some of the children to be given to sick children at Intercare. Lastly, the holiday lights will stay on until the first stretch of warm ns

Pullman Pride: No report.

Newsletter Committee: The next deadline for the next edition will be March's board meeting. There are a few copies available at the township office or a copy of the newsletter can be printed from the township website – leetwp.org.

Clean Team: No report

Unfinished Business:

Snowplowing Bids: The bids were opened from Pat Knapp, R&N Services, S&H Dependable Services and Mike Curley (for Cemetery only). The bids were all close in price. The decision was made based on equipment and distance. S&H was a competitive price, but could not do snow removal. The decision was made to go with Pat Knapp due his close distance to the facilities that would be plowed. Mike s as

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to give the bid for the cemetery to Mike Curley and the other township locations to Pat Knapp due to his closeness to the locations. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Storage Shelves: A quote was sent to the board by Steve Miller to purchase and installs the shelves for the storage area in the office. The board decided to purchase shelves with the offer by T. Kotas and M. Carroll to donate the labor to install.

A motion was made by Galdikas and second by Black to purchase shelves not to exceed \$350.00. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

USDA grant for new police car: The grant paperwork had been started earlier in the summer to request grant funds to purchase a new police car. The paperwork has been signed and the next step can be taken.

A motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to proceed with the finalization of the grant. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

New business:

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to keep the same Board of Review members. The current members are Les Rawson, Ed Brock, Sally Lacy and alternate Ray Russell. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to adopt the Federal Poverty Guides for Property Taxes. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk