

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 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 Ferguson, Treasurer Lower, Supervisor Miller and Clerk King.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: None

Citizens Comments:

Citizen Vicki Brown commented on a burned house between 105th and 106th near her house, where her mother was chased by a dog.

Citizen Lisa Galdikas stated that she had spoken to the postmaster and the Post Office has a lease until 2014.

Citizen Chuck Pugh commented on 911 Grove Street still being a mess.

Judge Baillargeon – Allegan County District Court: Did a presentation on Drinking and Driving for Drug Court. He presents this short video to audience at schools as well as public meetings for awareness on the consequences of drinking and driving.

A question from J. Rawson regarding if any type of education is done on suicide with drugs and alcohol? Not only intervention is needed, but support for the family members left behind.

A request was made by S. Owens for the link to the video. Judge Baillargeon said that he would send the link.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Miller to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from August 13, 2012. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

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.

County Commissioners Report: None

Deputy's Report: None

Fire Department Report: During the month of August there was 7 fire calls. Chief announced that the new radios will be installed within the week at no charge to the tax payers. He gave an update on the market fire. The insurance company is holding the check until cleanup is finished. Lastly he stated that the township would need to adopt an ordinance for fire clean-up through Public Act 495.

Chief DeWeerd also encouraged anyone who is a post office box holder to go the meeting on October 25th at 3:00 at the fire station in regards to the possible closing of the local post office. They are working on setting up a later time for those that work during the day.

First Responders: During the month of August there were 33 calls. The department assisted at 3 fires, 1 assist for a sheriff's department in a personal injury and 30 medicals. Lastly, it was stated that the new computer is up and running.

Building Inspector: During the month of August there was a total of \$10,000.00 in improvements. The church plans have been approved and are ready to begin the construction. The design has smaller rooms that are sound proof for counseling and a larger room for meetings. Nothing has been decided regarding the pews. More information will be forthcoming.

Citizen L. Galdikas asked what plans were approved. Paul stated that PHP approved the committee's recommended plans. He stated that he would post in the township hall.

Cemetery Report: None

A Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to publish the fall clean up for the cemetery. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Library Report: S. Bale gave a report on the new things happening at the library. There are now 3 computers set up with internet access with new programs installed for virus protection. They will be advertising the available access to internet.

Transfer Station: During the month of August there was \$551.00 collected and 92 tickets redeemed. Jim stated that Allegan County would be doing a tire clean up also with a location in Ganges for drop off.

Lower Scott Lake Board: A meeting will be held to cover the assessments for dredging. The meeting will be held at the Drain Office, 113 Chestnut Street in Allegan. The details of the meeting are posted at the township office.

Assessor' Report: The month was very busy. The new Public Act as past regarding foreclosure allowing the bank to file for homestead exemption. They still pay the same amount, with the advantage of helping the new buyer with financing for the new buyers.

Holiday Committee: Committee member L. Galdikas is working with the music teacher on details for the next holiday event.

Pullman Pride: Volunteers are still needed for next year's event.

Clean Team: The committee met last Saturday and picked up two trash bags. Most of the trash was at basketball courts located in the park. The school will need to be contacted for providing more cans. –

Road Committee: The committee is proud of the work that has been done. Committee member C. Pugh stated that 58th still has some rough spots that will need attention. The millage has one more year, so we will need to start thinking about requesting a renewal of millage.

Unfinished Business:

Report from Consumers Energy regarding new lights for the streets: Steve had talked to Consumers who has over billed out township for the street lights by more than \$12,000.00. Clerk King stated that this should have been brought to her attention since she is the person to pay the bills. She requested the paperwork so that she could contact Consumers and get the situation resolved. Consumer's was requesting that a credit be given to the township. Clerk King felt that they have already over billed and have had the township's money for several years, which a refund should be issued. She will follow up on this matter.

New Business:

Renewal of Assessor Contract:

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

Approval of Land Split:

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve the land split presented and approved by the assessor and building inspector for Kevin Paloucek & Matthew Krolovec at 5100 110th Avenue, Pullman. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk