

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2013

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:

Supervisor Owen announced that the culvert on the corner of 56th and 109th has been repaired.

Clerk King gave an update on the May election. The turnout was small, but the ladies used the electronic poll book and did a wonderful job.

Citizens Comments:

Citizen Mr. Kerbis commented on his concerns with the lack of signage at the public beach. There is a lot of late night activity. He was asking the board to place signs out as he had requested last year and not done. He asked that 1 be placed at the entrance and 1 at the board ramp. He also expressed his concern with the need for law enforcement to monitor and patrol for the traffic that is moving too fast for conditions. There are trucks and school buses that are also going too fast. He made a request for our deputy to monitor the situation. He also requests the tree at the public beach parking lot to be removed.

Citizen S Lacy suggested that John Schlaak be contacted about the bus traffic going too fast due to the fact that he is the Superintendent of the Fennville bus garage. She also requested a statement for her water bill because she hasn't seen her bill in 2012.

A comment was made by Jim Rawson requesting signs for Ravenswood Park, Upper Scott, Lower Scott and Osterhout Lake parks or boat ramps. He also suggests making sure to list noise restriction from Dusk to Dawn.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from April 8, 2013 "Aye". Motion carries.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black 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: A jail update was given. Currently \$183,000 in a security system in has had to be added to the jail. They are looking at November or December as target date for occupancy. Commission Jessup announced the upcoming Senior Fest to be held on the 16th at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Discussion is taken place on the implementation of Smart meters by Consumers Energy. Many concerned citizens have voiced their opinion regarding their safety. Currently you can opt out, but there will be an additional charge of \$11.12 to maintain the manual meter. The board of commissioners has no authority in the implementation of the meters. He discussed the future increase charge of the 911 surcharge that will go from \$2.05 to \$2.80 for each phone device.

Road Commissioner: *Larry Brown from Allegan County Road Commission was present to give an update on the upcoming work in the township. He stated that the county roads suffered an estimate in \$400,000.00 in storm damage from the recent flooding. Fortunately Lee Township did not suffer any flooding damage He talked about some work that is needed in the future. Regarding needed improvements to the primary roads, will be the shoulders of 102nd and 60th, 103rd Avenue from 54th to 52nd. Repairs made up to up to horseshoe church cost to township 50,000.00 per mile. With a lot of these repairs a countywide millage is used. This millage is funded by the transportation tax. Discussion took place with questions from citizens. Chuck was able to answer questions regarding the local roads. It was suggested that they could double chip and seal and that is not done because it doesn't hold up. Comment were made about increasing millage for tax base to*

make improvement on roads. The roads need maintenance, with a new road they need to be chip sealed after about 11 years.

Deputy's Report: Deputy Brown reported of the calls for the month. There was 1 B&E, 6 Domestic, 2 Suicidal attempts, 8 traffic, 2 DUI and 2 animal complaints. He also addressed noise complaint from citizen.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 19 calls. Chief DeWeerd gave an update on the paperwork required to see what is necessary to lower our ISO rating. the ISO rating. He announced that they will be in the Memorial Day parade. He stated that at there is a propane emergency class coming up. Lastly he inquired about the church pews. He was considering buying a few and donating them to the Fly wheelers depending on the cost.

First Responders: During the month of April, there was a total of 29 calls of which 23 were medical, 3 fire and 3 personal injury. Todate there has been 119 calls out of 133 days. Lastly they are still waiting results from the recent First Responders training.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: Michigan Township Services are still handing the building per.

Community Building: Matthew from People Helping People reported that 90% of the drywall is done. He requested that the township take bids to finish up the dry wall. They are unable to find volunteer. The flooring in the back and front have the old asbestos tiles and will need to be removed or covered. The snap together tiles are being considered.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the clerk to advertise to take bids in the Flashes and Reminder Shopping Guide for dry walling the church. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Decision took place regarding who was left on the committee? Supervisor Owen stated that he would be on the committee.

Cemetery Report: Committee member E. Pacholski will meet with the volunteers from PHP to finish the cleanup of the cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day. The leaves will be taken care by J. Rawson.

Library Report: Clerk King read the library report giving an update on what is coming up in the future.

Transfer Station: During the month \$807.00 was collected and 49 tickets redeemed. Jim requested approval have stumps removed for safety at park. He had gotten a quote for \$300.00.

Lower Scott Lake Board: No report.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Heather answered question regarding the increase in assessments. She explained that because they are basing information on one year sales studies, it doesn't always give an accurate picture. We will see it level off this next year.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the land split for Lanke as approved by the assessor. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Holiday Committee: Lisa announced that the spring banners are up and ready for Memorial Day. The Memorial Day parade will start at 2 pm with line up at 1:30 pm.

Pullman Pride: The committee presented 3 scholarships and attended the student's school ceremony

Newsletter Committee: The deadline for information to be considered for the next newsletter is the next regular board meeting.

Clean Team: Lisa reported that the Ridge Point youth group will be volunteering a day during the third week of June.

Road Committee: Discussion took place on whether the same 2 mills be requested or should it be increased to help build more funds to cover more of the much needed repairs. Concerns were voiced about raising the millage and causing it to fail. When the original millage passed it passed by only 1 vote. The deadline is in late May to be on the August ballot. Chuck reported that last year 4 miles of road were repaired.

A special meeting was tentatively set up for May 29th at 6:30 to discuss millage language and opening the bids for mowing and the dry wall project at the community building. It was also discussed if the First Responders millage should be considered with the combination of departments being reviewed.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owens to authorize the clerk to publish the Special Meeting for opening bids and discussion of millages. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Patrol Car: Supervisor Owen reported that he had received an email from Woodhams stating the patrol car is ready. Once the car is picked up it will be ready for Mark to convert over the decals and equipment. It should be about 4 weeks before it is on the road.

NEW BUSINESS

Dust Control : In the previous meeting the board was given quotes for the two companies that bid for the dust control.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to accept the bid from Michigan Chloride Sales. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

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

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to pay the election staff from the May 7th election. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Owen read a email that was sent by the owner of 911 Grove Street. She voiced her concerns about wanting to be able to take care of the cleanup, but is unable due to limited resources. She also expressed her discontentment in the way the previous clean up was handled. She has stated that she will let the township take the property.

Citizen Comment: Comments were made regarding the library and the relationship to the township. It was brought up that with the church group using the library, was this a problem with the division between church and state. Trustee Galdikas questioned the relationship with the community center.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk