

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 10, 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 commented on the parts for the new police vehicle are scheduled to ship on June 13th. Trustee Galdikas wanted to thank Deputy Brown for allowing her to ride along during a shift. She stated that she can attest to the condition of the police car. The day was 90 degrees and no air conditioning. Supervisor Owen gave an update on the dust control application. He rode along while grading truck and discovered that it is not an easy job. The truck got stuck around 48th Street.

Citizens Comments:

Citizen N. Endres commented on how nice the yellow paint looked in the township hall. It was stated that Trustee Galdikas was the person who chose the color and organized the work to be done. She commented that D. Laraway is working on putting together old photos to be added.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from May 13, 2013. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the Special Meeting minutes dated May 23, 2013. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to approve both set of minutes from Special Meetings that were held on May 29, 2013. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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: In the absence of Commissioner Jessup, his son Jed came the update for the month. He gave the update on the jail project. With the project close to completion, the facility will elevate the crowding and will have the space to hold rehabilitation programs. The Sheriff's Department held The Law Enforcement Torch Run, a community event which raised over \$4,000.00 towards Special Olympics, child seat safety inspections, presentation on bicycle safety, senior citizen safety and K-9 visits to the elementary schools. He reported the most employees to retire during 2012 were Detective Leonard Mathis, Sandra Bender an Inmate Billing Clerk, Pete Hetzel the local Emergency Planning Committee Coordinator and Deputy Dan Hoffman. Lastly, he read off several statistic regarding pistol permit purchases, crime stats, traffic crashes, and drug activity.

Deputy's Report: Deputy Brown reported responding to 37 of the 137 calls during the month. He stated that he was off for vacation for 6 shifts. The county reported 2 B&E, 12 Domestic, 5 Suspicious, 7 Civil, 2 traffic, 1 CSC, and a few other miscellaneous. Ryan reported an addition 2 B&E, 9 Domestic, 2 loud noise, 2 larceny, 1 fraud, 3 suspicious, 1 personal injury and other miscellaneous calls.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 10 calls. Chief DeWeerd gave an update on the paperwork required to see what is necessary to lower our ISO rating. He stated that Engine 16 went for a pump test and during May the fire fighters attended Air Care Landing Zone training.

First Responders: During the month of May, there was a total of 26 calls of which 24 were medical, 1 fire and 1 personal injury. The members attended training with the driving training still to come. The First Responders held a yard sale on Memorial Day and raised \$980.00 with \$490.00 going towards the Cardio Thumper.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: No report.

Community Building: The drywall is scheduled to be done.

Cemetery Report: Committee member E. Pacholski thanked Trustee Galdikas for all her help and to Jim Rawson for removing the many bags of leaves. She reported that there were 3 trees that were dead and were in need of replacement. She will get prices on replacement trees and Mike Curley will be contacted on the removal.

Library Report: Clerk King read the library report stating that the library will be open on Tuesday and Thursday's from 3 to 7 pm. Sam Bale will be working out glitches on computers and a summer reading program will start for the kids. Lastly a work day will be planned to sort books and do minor improvements.

Transfer Station: During the month \$778.00 was collected and 67 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member, Eleanor DeWeerd stated that she was been looking into the cleanup of the Lower Scott Lake Channel. She also stated that the first application of weed control has been applied to the Lake.

Assessors' Report:

Holiday Committee: No report, but Trustee Galdikas stated that she noticed that there were a couple flags that needed to be straightened.

Pullman Pride: Up to recently, Pullman Pride has been on hold. With no volunteers to help with the coordination of this much anticipated event, Trustee Galdikas has spoken to some of the business owners to see if she could coordinate some type of event. What is tentatively planned is a Fishing Tournament, Farmers Market, activities for the kids and lunch opportunities with the local restaurants. Later in the day, there will be live entertainment and beverages outside of PT109. The proceeds from the Fishing Tournament will go towards The Terry Laraway Fund. Come enjoy and support the community.

Newsletter Committee: The newsletter is scheduled to go out in the mail the first week of July. The edition will include recycling information, an article on the ride along and upcoming event information.

Clean Team: Still in need of volunteers.

Road Committee: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Finalization of Road Work Order: The work order is for \$80,000.00 for 54th Street and \$31,070.00 towards fixing Nadeau Drive. Larry from the Allegan County Road Commission stated that the balance can be paid at a later date. A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the work order as stated. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen, King. No- Lowery.

Approval of Drywall Payment: The requested payment is \$1,000.00 down payment and \$1700.00 on completion of the job. Work is scheduled for Friday June 14, 2013 and to be completed in 7 days.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Tax Newsletter: Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to approve the newsletter with the small corrections. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Board of Review: The July Board of Review was set for July 16th at 2 pm. It is to correct clerical errors and errors of mutual fact.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to publish the July Board of Review notice. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Approval of Requesting Credit from Marathon: A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to fill out a request for credit application for Marathon for Fleet fuel account. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

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

Correspondence: Supervisor Owen read the letter from Bob Geneski announcing the upcoming event. He also stated the Lee Township will be represented at the upcoming MDOT meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk