

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:33 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: Condolences were given by Supervisor Owen on behalf of the entire board to Bruce and Vasha Ferguson for the passing of their daughter Connie. The visitation is scheduled for October 17 from 7 to 9 pm and funeral service is scheduled for October 18th at 10 am at the Leak Funeral home.

Citizens Comments: Citizen T. Krenezn commented on a property close to his that has a blight issue and he would like something to be done. His wife has a breathing condition and the burning is causing her difficulties. Captain Curley suggested calling 911 when the burning is happening so that it can be responded to. Deputy Brown has checked on this property before, and will look into the matter again.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the September 9, 2013 meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and 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: Commissioner Jessup went over the highlights from his monthly newsletter. The 911 Central Dispatch is making a presentation to the Allegan County municipalities and townships in the next month. They are scheduled to be in Lee on November 11th. The Allegan County Department of Senior Services –Commission on Aging (COA) has determined that current services levels within contracts are not being met and there is a waiting list for services. The board of commissioners has approved the COA request for an increase. Jessup also discussed the Wellness Program offered to the county employees. A 5 year contract has been signed with Holtyn & Assoc. to provide county employees with comprehensive wellness services.

Deputy's Report: Deputy Brown read the report for the previous month. During September there were 101 calls. Deputy Brown responded to 25 complaint. Of the complaints, 4 were domestic, 4 B&E's, 3 larcenies, 1 assault, 1 CSC, 4 harassment and 1 suicide attempt. Deputy Brown reported that the radar that was placed on the new vehicle is not working and they are looking into having it repaired.

Fire Department Report: Captain P. Curley read the report. During the month of September there were 7 calls. He reported that October was Fire Prevention month and they would be doing classes with Pullman Elementary K to 5th Grade and migrant Headstart. During the month the air tanks were also tested and are certified to 2018. Lastly he thanked all those that attended the Retirement Open House for Chief DeWeerd.

First Responders: During the month of September there were 27 calls which make 101 for the quarter. This makes 278 calls in 287 days.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black read the minutes from the Ambulance meeting that took place on September 12, 2013 at the Fennville Area Emergency Building.

Halloween Trick or Treat hours were discussed and set for October 31 from 5 to 7 pm.

Building Inspector: During the month of September there were 4 building permits, 4 mechanical, 7 electrical and no plumbing.

Community Building: The report was given by K. Driasma. He spoke of all the improvements that have been done and that most of the work is completed. An Open House is being discussed for the near future. It was mentioned that the septic will need to be cleaned of roots.

Library Report: The library reported that they have received their Great Michigan Book Read book, Annie's Ghost and welcomed a new member to the Pullman Library Book Club. They welcome a new volunteer Paul Montgomery who will be volunteering his help in making repairs to the library. Al Lubowitz is leading a movement to install Little Libraries throughout the township and they are asking for local carpenters to construct small mailbox size libraries.

Cemetery Report: It was reported that the building has been painted by Mike and Eve. They used all 5 gallons. Clean up has started and something needs to be done about ordinance violators. It was discussed what would be the best way to handle those that are violating the ordinances. A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to have the Cemetery Sexton contact anyone in violation and give them 10 days to comply. 4 "Aye" and 1 "No". Motion carried. Lastly the plaques look very nice.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$450.00 collected and 56 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member, Eleanor DeWeerd reported that the Hearing for Special Assessments is scheduled for the October 11th. She also reported that there will be no dredging next year.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Mitchell reported keeping up with deeds and that tax bills would be coming out soon. She spoke briefly on the new law passed by Governor Snyder regarding personal property tax which is on equipment.

Holiday Committee: The Holiday Social is being planned and will take place either the first Friday or Saturday in December. It will take place in the original location in the Pizza Plus parking lot/ center town area.

Pullman Pride: A special thank you was given to VFW for their \$100 donation. They will continue to accept donations.

Newsletter Committee: The next edition will be out the first week of November. It will be a 4 page newsletter which will save money. There will be an addition to the newsletter to add the cemetery ordinance providing space allows.

Clean Team: No report. There is still a need for volunteers.

Road Committee: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Transfer Station: Supervisor Owen is continuing with his research in find out what the best deal is for the transfer station. He met with Best Way, but would like to meet with current provider, Reliable to see if they can match the current price from Best Way and also get a quote from Arrow. Trustee Black thanked Owen for looking into the matter.

Posting Police Vehicles for Sale: It was discussed that the vehicles would be first put on Craigs List and if no interest, they would be placed on Ebay with a minimum bid of \$1000.00. If no bids from Ebay, the cars would be sold by closed bid locally.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to authorize Tim Kotas to list the vehicles on Craigs List and Ebay. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

911 Gove Street: The property on 911 Grove was discussed again regarding the taxes that are due. It was mentioned that it would be a 2 year wait if it was to go back to the township for back taxes. If donated it could be immediately gained.

NEW BUSINESS

Interim Fire Chief Position: A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to appoint Ted Chamberlain as interim Fire Chief. All voted "Aye". Motion carried. It was discussed what time frame the interim period would be. It was decided that an ad needed to be placed in the paper with a deadline for next month's meeting.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the clerk to publish the Job Posting in a local publication with a deadline of a couple days prior to next month's meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery 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: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk