

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:33 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

**Members Present:** Trustee Black, Trustee Galdikas., Supervisor Own and Clerk King. Absent: Treasurer Lowery.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** Clerk King, Trustee Galdikas and Trustee Black thanked our veterans for their service.

**Citizens Comments:** Representative Bob Geneski gave an update on what were the important issues in Lansing. He stated the Governor is trying to pass legislation with the HICA tax, plans for funding roads with an increase to gas tax by .19 per gallon and increase in registration licensing fees which is not getting support. He is also presenting changes to reform "No Fault" Insurance. There would be a onetime reduction of \$125.00 to \$150.00 and elimination to unlimited benefits. Geneski also stated that he has been working with Upton's office regarding the blight cleanup funding. Geneski also gave recognition to Chief DeWeerd for his 50 years of service. He presented DeWeerd with a declaration signed by the Governor for his years of service and dedication.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the October 14, 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:** No report.

**Deputy's Report:** Deputy Brown reported the number of complaints for the month of October. There were 105 calls, which 32 were taken by Brown. There were 4 domestic, 1 assault, 3 suicidal, 10 civil matters, 4 trespassing, 13 animal complaints, 2 drunk drivers and 1 breaking and entering/armed robbery. Deputy Brown noted that the robbery suspect has been apprehended. Discussion took place regarding the radar in the new vehicle. It was moved over from the old car and has stopped functioning. This radar was donated years ago which has exceeded the average life expectancy of 7 years. The cost of a new unit is around \$1,300.00. Quotes were given to the Supervisor. Trustee Galdikas stated that with the revenue from the fines from speeding tickets that we should check with the county to see if they would cover the cost of the equipment.

**Fire Department Report:** Interim Chief Chamberlain reported a total of 9 calls for the previous month. He reported that firefighter classes are taking place. The State requires 24 training and Lee completes 48. In last month's Fire Prevention month there were 300 kids that attended which was up from last year's attendance. He reported that they held an Officer's meeting and are working on increasing coverage for Station 2. Chief Chamberlain made a request for fire helmets that have been offered from Columbia Township. These are used and in good condition. The cost is \$25.00 per helmet which is a huge saving to the \$300.00 for new. Chief request to purchase 15 of these helmets for \$375.00 and addition money to purchase shields. His total request was for \$775.00. He also requested permission to purchase fencing to protect the back line of the property and the drain field. There has been someone driving over this field to cut through to 109<sup>th</sup> and this could cause damage to the drain field. The price quote was \$550.00 for 88' of fencing.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to purchase helmets and the shields not to exceed \$775.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the purchase of fencing not to exceed the \$600.00. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**First Responders:** During the month there were 26 calls of which 22 were medical, 2 personal injuries and 2 fire assist. This brings total calls for 2013 to 293. Also the renewal of millage was passed. A thank you was given for the support of the voters.

**Ambulance Report:** No Report.

**Building Inspector:** The permits issued for the month were 3 mechanical and 9 electrical. Supervisor Owen did not have the total of building permits. There were no plumbing permits issued. Inspector Bosch was in the audience and has revised her permit paperwork to make the process easier. He is giving a flat rate which should save the homeowner money for standard service. The flat fee is \$175.00 for homes under 2000 square feet.

**Community Building:** The report was given by Shirley Kay. She reported that they had their first meeting and is planning an Open House on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. They are looking for suggestions of possible ideas for events or uses of the facility. They will be placing boxes at area businesses for any suggestions.

**Library Report:** No report

**Cemetery Report:** The clean-up is not yet complete. There are several pumpkins that were left and need to be removed.

**Transfer Station:** During the month of October there was \$612.00 collected and 47 tickets redeemed.

**Lower Scott Lake Board:** Assessments are less for the upcoming year. Last year was \$90,200.00 and next year is set at 75,000.00. There will be no dredging scheduled this upcoming year.

**Assessors' Report:** Tax bills are going out in December. There will be an increase of 1.6% or cost of living increase in assessments. The December Board of Review is schedule for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Assessor Mitchell reported that the upcoming year assessments will be determined by a two year study instead of one year as previously done.

**Holiday Committee:** The holiday banners have been put up as well as the Christmas cards. If anyone is interested in helping with the lights they can call Trustee Galdikas. This coming weekend is when the lights will be put up. The Holiday Social is set for December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 9 pm. There will be caroling and cookies. There will be short parade which will bring Santa to the Community Center for gifts and photos.

**Pullman Pride:** No report.

**Newsletter Committee:** Trustee Galdikas reported the newsletter has gone out in the mail and there are extras in the office for those that might not have received one. There is a copy also on the Lee Township website, [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org). The next edition is scheduled for March 2014.

**Clean Team:** No report. Still in need of volunteers.

**Road Committee:** No report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Owen is still waiting for the last bid to come in. This issue is tabled until the next meeting.

**Posting Police Vehicle for Sale:** Supervisor Owen reported that the first police vehicle has been sold. The sales price was \$1650.00 and was purchased through Ebay. The last vehicle will need to have decals and equipment removed before it is sold.

**LTCCC Contract:** The Lee Township Community Center contract is waiting for one more signature and it will be complete.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**911 Surcharge:** State Police trooper Tom Droze presented the figures for the upcoming request or changes in the 911 surcharge. The fee will be assessed on land lines as well as cell phones. There is a State cap in place at \$3.00 per devise. The voters will be presented with an increase in 2014.

### **Tax Brochure:**

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to authorize the printing of the tax brochure to be placed in every tax bill. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

### **Payment of the Bills:**

Clerk King went through and read the bills for the Fire Department due to an error in the printing of the check register.

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

### **Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk