

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014

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: Trustee Black wished everyone a very healthy and happy Christmas.

Citizens Comments: Citizen S. Lacey commented on the beauty of the Christmas lights. Trustee Galdikas commented on the vandalism of some of the Christmas lights and asked for everyone to watch for any suspicious activity.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from November 10, 2014. 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 Commissioner Jessup gave an update on increase in revenue by 33 million. Taxes revenue is bouncing back with a 1.5% increase. He also spoke about the county's accrued fund which previous was required to be funded by half. The county is now required to fund it by two-thirds and will take a bond to bring it up to the level needed.

Deputy's Report: Total number of complaints for the month was 85, of which 35 were handled by our township deputy. The breakdown of complaints were as follows: 2 domestic, 1 assault, 1 larceny, 1 DUI, 2 drug, 5 civil, 2 larceny, 4 traffic (3 car deer), 2 malicious destruction, 4 harassment, 1 run away and other miscellaneous. Deputy Brown also reported that there is a person of interest in the recent business larceny. Also during the month there was vandalism at the township hall when the glass door was shattered.

Fire Department Report: During the last month there were 17 calls. This was the busiest month of 2014. Of the 17 calls there were 2 chimney fires, 4 trash, and 4 accidents. During the month "Preparing for Fire Protection" training took place along with the Fire Academy and both went well and were well attended. The new truck was picked up. Chief Chamberlain would like to have the new truck ready by Memorial Day.

First Responders: During the previous month there were 22 calls. The year to date totals is 344 calls in 342 days.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: During the month there were 4 building and 5 mechanical permits issued. Total improvements of \$11,473.00.

Community Building: The LTCC coordinator, Shirley Kay has completed her 1 year commitment. Citizen Melinda Jones has been helping, but Trustee Galdikas stated that the township is still looking for someone to step in and coordinate the center for this upcoming year. Trustee Galdikas was going to check with Emma Carroll, who has shown some interest in the volunteer position.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for November were as follows: There was \$746.00 collected and 52 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: No report.

Assessors' Report: The December Board of Review will take place on December 9th at 1:00 pm for the purpose of correction of clerical errors and mutual fact.

There were two land divisions presented by Assessor Mitchell for approval by the board.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to approve the land division presented by Gene Ashbrook, 4936 102nd Avenue as approved by MTS and Assessor Mitchell. All voted "Aye". Motion carried

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the land division presented by Royal Laraway, 5917 109th Avenue as approved by MTS and Assessor Mitchell. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas thanked all who came out to the social. She also thanked members of Shirley Kay's family, Luke, Dan, and Ray Russell from the Fire Dept, along with Scott and Becky Owen. A special thanks was given to Debbie Laraway for making most of the food, Elverta Maas, Eleanor DeWeerd, Nancy Endres, Sierrah and Jackie King, and others for baking cookies; Ron & Joyce Worth for being Santa and Mrs Claus, and all those who stepped in to be part of the live manger scene. She estimated attendance of about 150 individuals who took part in the activities. Special thanks were mentioned by those in attendance to Tim and Lisa for all the work they do to bring Christmas spirit to the community.

Pullman Pride: No report.

Newsletter Committee: No report.

Clean Team: No report

Road Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Snow Plow Bids: The board received 2 sealed bids for snow plowing. The first bid opened was from Mike Curley for the Cemetery only at \$70.00 per plow. The second bid was received from Pat's Excavating with a break down as follows: Station 1- \$55.00; Station 2 - \$45.00; Township Hall - \$45.00; Community Center- \$25.00; Cemetery - \$80.00 when required; snow removal \$95.00 for 2 yard loader and \$125.00 for 6 yard loader.

A motion was made to accept the bid from Pat's Excavating for all township locations except for the Lee Township Cemetery which the bid from Mike Curley will be accepted. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen, King. Motion carried.

State Construction Code Policy:

Supervisor Owen presented a letter from the State of Michigan regarding the State Construction Code Policy which states that each municipality must have a library of the specific information on state construction code. The cost of purchasing the materials is estimated at \$100,000.00. The state has created a list of essential referenced standards that pares down the cost of \$30,000.00. Supervisor Owen felt that this information was vague and will further research this issue and requested that this information be tabled to the next regular meeting.

Appoint New Board of Review Members:

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to reappoint the previous members: Les Rawson, Bruce Ferguson, Ray Russell and Sally Lacy. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Wings of Hope Hospice/ Journeys: Citizen Elverta Maas presented a new service that is a non-hospice. The program is called Journeys and is designed for those that are struggling with a chronic illness. Individuals that

are suffering with congestive heart failure, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), Parkinson's dementia or even frailty related to older age can sign up for the service. Each individual that signs up receives a visit in his/her home from a registered nurse to do a mini-assessment of their needs and devise a plan. The plan might include managing comfortable living, scheduling of medications, setting up a medicine box, establishing an affordable and healthy diet and securing volunteered support to help with chores, emotional support and respite for the family as well as connecting with medical and community services. An important part of this service is that it is free to those in need. For more information or to sign up, call Wings of Hope Hospice at 269-686-8659.

Payment of the Bills:

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

Correspondence: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk