

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:35 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56th Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Galdikas, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King
Absent: Treasurer Lowery

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from January 13, 2014. 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, Owen and King. All voted Yes - Motion carried.

County Commissioners Report: No report.

Deputy's Report: No report.

Fire Department Report: During the month of January there were 5 calls. The fire fighter training is still in progress and going well. Valley Township has expressed interest in signing a 3 year contract. This would be the whole township instead of the mutual aid as presently done. A grant was received which covers 50%. The grant will be used for fire hoses. Chief Chamberlain made a request for funds to have the donated 2009 Chevy Trailblazer repainted and equipped with the light from the patrol vehicle. This vehicle was donated by the DNR to be used as an official fire department vehicle.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorize up to \$3,400.00 for the painting and equipping of the command vehicle. Roll call: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Another request was made for an additional computer. This new computer would be set up for a response system. Chamberlain is able to set up the computer to do a type of response that would work through the cell phones of the fire fighters in the event of a fire. It would allow for more organization in the communication in dispatching to the fires. This type of system is very expensive, but the Chief is able to set this up himself, but would need a more current computer. The new computer should run around \$500.00. He will bring more information to the next meeting. Lastly, there is a new system that is being considered with the County in changing all the township identification to numbers. It requires participation by townships if adopted. Anticipate additional expense to township for new decals for equipment if this change is adopted.

First Responders: The total for the year is 40 calls which have been mostly medical. The Responders will be doing their recertifications in the next month.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: During the month of January there was 1 building permit and 2 electrical permits.

Community Building: Committee Member S. Kay reported that the community center is off and running. The children's programs are well attending. Basic Computer training class is scheduled for Tuesday's at 6 pm. There will be a card games for Senior planned for Wednesday at 1 pm. Currently the advertising is all being done with flyers due to no current budget in place for advertising. There is a Facebook site and the calendar is on the township's website. Kay also reported with the harsh winter, the ceiling is starting to come down in the main area. This was not the area that was previously renovated.

Cemetery Report: The request has been made to order the Debt's Crew from the jail for cleanup of the cemetery. The scheduled dates are April 10th & 11th with April 25th & 26th has scheduled rain dates.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: No report was given. The totals will be given along with next month's report.

Lower Scott Lake Board: No report.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Mitchell reported the tax rolls are completed and notices will be going out in the mail. She reminded everyone of the date for the organizational meeting is Tuesday, March 4th at 1:30 pm. The Board of Review dates are Monday, March 10 from 10 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm and Wednesday, March 12th from 1 to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm. Lastly she stated that our township has been scheduled for a routine audit by the State. She will provide copies of the rolls and database. This is done to all townships' randomly to make sure that requirements are being followed.

Holiday Committee: The decorations are still up due to the weather, but will be removed during the first stretch of good weather.

Pullman Pride: The request for building usage for Pullman Elementary School has been sent and vendors are being scheduled. So far there are 2 crafters and a lead on a car show. Nancy has also talked to Love INC and Pullman Health Center. Anyone interested in volunteer or participating as a vendor should contact Nancy Maas at 236-5732.

Newsletter Committee: The deadline for the newsletter was to be tonight, but it was extended to save money and to send out closer to advertising for Pullman Pride. New transfer station rules will also be included in next issue. Information for Pullman Pride scholarships was emailed to local high school guidance offices.

Clean Team: Still in need of volunteers.

Road Committee: Supervisor reported that he attended the Allegan County Road Commission meeting on January 16th at 7 pm. Discussion took place regarding what projects needed to be done this year. The question was asked if the road commission would only do the worst portion of 102nd Avenue. It was also discussed to delay the payment by separating into a couple payments. The estimate was given of \$35,000.00 for mile of shoulder to be done unless we wait for 2017 when the county will receive federal funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Work Orders for 36" Culverts: The Drain office has sent a request for a new 48 inch culvert to be installed in Birch Drain with an estimate of \$16,000.00. This was tabled for more information.

Work Order for Gravel Roads: Discussion took place regarding graveling the shared portion of 60th between 109th and 112th roads shared with Casco. The estimate is between \$8,000.00 to \$11,000.00 per mile to be split with Casco Township. Also 48th Street between 101st to 102nd to be split with Cheshire. The estimate is 500 cubic yards at \$4000.00 with \$2,000.00 to be the responsibility of our township.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to complete the work order as presented. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to sign the work orders as presented by the Road Commission to do work as recommended by the Road Committee as presented in 2013. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Waiver of Penalty for Property Taxes: With the winter being harsh and many closings, the property tax penalty was discussed to extended to the 28th of February

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the extension. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

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.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the Board of Review notices. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk