

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:36 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** Supervisor Owen attended Representative Geneski's conference earlier in the day and found it to be very informative.

**Citizens Comments:**

Cindy Gamrat, Republican candidate for State Representative, handed out brochures and introduced herself and spoke briefly on her values and what she would like to bring to the voters in this district. She believes strongly in preserving our liberties, protecting small business and being knowledgeable about the issues. She was proud to say that she read all 2000 pages of the Affordable Health Care Act.

Citizen S. Anderson spoke on behalf of the local VFW. She announced that the post was in the process of getting their bingo license and invited all to attend the upcoming bingo nights. She also stated that many years ago there was a sign displayed near the VFW that had the names listed of the all the service members that served during war. The sign had been taken down and they were working to replace and update the sign to have it displayed again. A suggestion was made that instead of "The Community of Pullman" to "The Community of Lee Township".

Citizen S. Lacy asked about Mr. Black.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from June 9, 2014. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by King to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Galdikas, Lowery and King. All voted Yes - Motion carried.*

**County Commissioners Report:** Commissioner Jessup gave his monthly update on the issues at the County. There will be a Designer Serrate to be held on July 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> to relook at the design of the Court house. Commissioner Jessup stated that he was not in favor of it. There will be a tire cleanup on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Trowbridge Township, Otsego Township and Salem Township. Anyone interested in disposal of tires can contact Ben Williams from the Allegan County Health Department at 269-673-5411. Another issue that has been up for discussion was Off Road Vehicles; it is early in the discussion. Jessup believes that this issue should be handled at the township level. Lastly, the jail is close to the move in date. The delay has been an air quality issue; they are waiting for the final permit.

**Deputy's Report:** During the month of June, there were 98 calls. The Lee Township deputy handled 35 of the calls. The breakdown of complaints were as follows: 4 domestic, 3 assaults, 5 juvenile, 8 civil, 2 suicidal, 3 DUI, 2 traffic arrest, 2 trespassing and 2 loud noise. Trustee Galdikas stated a spreadsheet to keep track of blight complaints has been developed. There are currently 12 on the list and she or Officer Brown have viewed each one. The property on 4<sup>th</sup>/Highland has had some progress with contacting a family member, but more research is needed to find the daughter. Property 911 Grove Street has delinquent taxes due and is about to be seized by the county.

**Fire Department Report:** During the last month there were 9 calls. The installation of the tower is still in progress. The cost has increased due to the tower being 4 channels. This information was discovered after talking to the FCC. The cost is about \$200.00 per channel but the license is good until 2022. The yearly hose

tests were completed. A grant with the DNR is being considered with more details to come. There was training done during the month on the drafting pump at Scott Creek. Ted is researching the use of the Scott Creek drain on 56<sup>th</sup> street south of 109<sup>th</sup> to help cover the local businesses. Chief Chamberlain gave a report on the Texas trip. The vehicle was not as it was described and had more issues than disclosed. It was also agreed upon with the seller to service the vehicle and that was not done as well. It was not something that would be good for our township, so the decision to not purchase was made. Lastly, an update on the yellow house on 109<sup>th</sup> Street will not be rebuilt due to the fire damage.

**First Responders:** During the previous month there were 31 calls. P. Rawson requested the board to consider the purchase of the Cardiac “Thumper”. She provided the board members with a quote in the amount of \$14,469.60 and would get a \$1,000.00 rebate on the old unit. This would make the cost \$13,469.00. Discussion took place regarding what was available in their budget. There was money in Capital Outlay as well as training dollars that would not be used for the year that totaled \$13,000.00 covering the expense. A demonstration was given on how the unit is used and details were given about the unit. It has an expected life of 10 years and a 1 year warranty.

*A motion was made Owen and seconded by Galdikas to purchase the cardiac thumper in the amount of \$14,469.60. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Ambulance Report:** No report

**Building Inspector:** Tasha from MTS gave the report for May at 1 permit, June at 3 permits and July is going well. Questions were presented regarding dangerous buildings. This issue is to be handled by the township and not MTS. There was also a question about a trailer on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue that does not have water and is unlivable.

**Community Building:** The community center will host another Flea Market on July 26<sup>th</sup> which is open to all. Each vendor receives their proceeds. The proceeds from the baked goods goes back to the Community Center fund. There is a Christian concert scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> and the new sign is here to replace the damaged one. There were new schedules left out for the residents with the upcoming events.

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** No report

**Transfer Station:** Totals for June were as follows: There was \$1027.00 collected and 76 tickets redeemed.

**Lower Scott Lake Board:** The report was given by E. DeWeerd. There has been no meeting during the previous month and the second lake treatment has been done for the weeds.

**Assessors' Report:** The July Board of Review is scheduled for July 22, 2014 at 1 pm. The BOR will meet to correct errors of mutual fact and homesteads. The personal property changes were discussed on the upcoming proposal. This would eliminate personal property collection from a business under \$80,000.00 with the State supplementing the local municipalities for the loss of revenue. Assessor Mitchell went over the audit and requested that the board adopt a policy that corrected the hours of the assessor as well as other recommendations that were made by the audit. *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to adopt the recommended policies. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

**Land Divisions:** *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve on Armijo, parcel 0312-020-008-20 which was approved by building inspector and assessor. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the land split for Latchaw, parcel 0312-019-033-80 as approved by the building inspector and assessor. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

**Holiday Committee:** No report.

**Pullman Pride:** The annual Pullman Pride celebration will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 5 pm. The Fire Department will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 am.

**Newsletter Committee:** No report.

**Clean Team:** Still in need of volunteers.

**Road Committee:** Chuck read the report. The work has been done on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and looks great. The road was done 2" thick and the road has the hills shaved for safety. The mowing has been done and the dust control is working great. Work to still be done is: 105<sup>th</sup> from the railroad to 58<sup>th</sup> Street, 52<sup>nd</sup> Street to 104<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> between 102<sup>nd</sup> and 104<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> Street between 109<sup>th</sup> and 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**LLC Dumpster:** Supervisor Owen did research on what the cost would be to have a container placed at the Community Center. The service would be picked up on Friday and cost around \$18.00 per month. It was decided that we collect this trash in the same way the office trash is collected by our Transfer Station Superintendent. The trash is also picked up on Friday's at the office and the Community Center is only one block away. The township will provide an outside container for the garbage.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Board of Review:** Previously covered in the Assessor's report.

**Pullman Branch Drain:** Discussion took place regarding the cost associated with the maintenance of this drain. In the past the cost has been with the Road Commission. The Drain office has stated that a resolution was done to transfer responsibilities to the Township. A request has been made for this documentation with other documents provided, but not the one in question. A Freedom of Information request has been sent giving the Drain office 5 days to respond. We are awaiting response. This issue was tabled until information has been received.

### **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 was taken: Yes –Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk