

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 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, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen thanked all those who have been patient with him during the learning process of his duties as Supervisor. Trustee Galdikas noted her appreciation of Supervisor Owen's help with porch and roof work with volunteers at the community center.

Citizens Comments:

Citizen Lacy presented questions regarding the sale of the last old patrol car and if the audit had come back from the State regarding the assessments in Lee. The car had been sold to a local individual for \$1500 and the State's audit has not come back as of yet.

Citizen Vehe wanted to express his concerns regarding his road and the unwillingness of the ACRC to take his complaints seriously. Supervisor Owen stated that he would advocate for him at the Road Commission.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from May 9, 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, Lowery and King. All voted Yes - Motion carried.

County Commissioners Report: None

Deputy's Report: Deputy Brown read the report for the previous month. During the month of May there were 93 calls. Some of the complaints taken were: 2 domestic, 2 B&E's, 4 assaults, 7 harassment, 2 resisting arrest, 12 civil, 3 juvenile and 2 CSC. There were various other complaints. Questions were presented regarding the death investigation. Deputy Ryan stated that it is still under investigation.

Fire Department Report: During the last month there were 10 calls. In the Fire Academy 4 of the 5 passed. One retest will be taken in June. The purchase of the helmets will be partially taken care of by Valley Township purchasing 4. The new fence is up and special thanks were given to Nick, TJ Chamberlain and Scott Simpson for their help. The tower construction has begun with help from Winkles. The training during May was Drivers Education, which was a refresher. Lastly, Ted would like to budget for dividers next year to help with keeping the new station organized.

First Responders: During the previous month there were 30 calls. Director Rawson requested the board consider the purchase of the Cardiac "Thumper". He will bring quotes to the next meeting.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Inspector: For the previous month there were 6 permits issued. Supervisor Owen only had the permit report for the electrical and will bring information to next month's meeting.

Community Center: The community center hosted a Flea Market on Saturday which was open to all. Each vendor received their proceeds. The proceeds from the baked goods went to the Community Center. A special thank you to the Ridgpoint volunteers for all they do. There will be for Teen Bash for ages 13 to 16 years old coming up in the near future.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: Totals for May were as follows: There was \$910.00 collected and 70 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Eleanor reported that the first application of weed control was done.

Assessors' Report: The State Audit has not been received. The conversion of software is complete with BS&A getting the update information on the system.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride: No report. Trustee Galdikas reported Nancy Maas indicated things were going slow and anyone who is interested in participating should contact Nancy Maas. The event is scheduled for July 19th.

Newsletter Committee: The next edition has gone out in the mail.

Clean Team: Still in need of volunteers.

Road Committee: Chuck read the report. There have been real improvements since the millage has been collected. This year roads to consider are 50th Street between 102nd to 104th (1 mile), 52nd Street from the river to cemetery 105th and 105th from tracks to 58th Street. The recommended repairs should cost around \$112,000.00.

LTCC Dumpster: Supervisor Owen reviewed contract with Ridgepoint Church which states they will pay for utilities. He suggested that the township provide the service. This issue was tabled to next meeting.

Property 024-00 Frank Street /Woodland Avenue: Supervisor Owen has been in contact with Cooley Law and we are able to sell property without doing notices or public auction. A Quit Claim Deed can be drafted. Clerk King stated that we will need to prepare a Warranty Deed to transfer ownership and as owners of the property we can prepare one or have our attorney draft one. It is simple to prepare and she can prepare it to eliminate the fee for our attorney to do it.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded Lowery to sell the property 024-00 to resident Branum once the survey is completed. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Road Gravel: The cost for gravel for the section on 60th Street/109th Avenue after the split with Casco will be \$7,965.00. It will be \$2,107.50 for the section of 101th Avenue/102nd Avenue after the split with Cheshire. Discussion took place on what was budgeted for work and what the township will be responsible for on the drain project.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to have the graveling projects 60th/109th split with Casco and 101th/102nd project split with Cheshire with the remaining balance used towards other work to be done. Roll call vote was taken: Yes -Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Blight Ordinance Officer: Discussion took place on the ongoing blight situation and if it would be beneficial to hire an independent person to handle the processing of blight complaints. Currently the township has been handling the complaints with the help of our contracted deputy and has used the dump tickets as a tool to help get properties clean up. Currently the township has not allowed for such an expense and the budget.

Approval of Tax Newsletter: *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the printing of the newsletter brochure insert for the tax bills. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

Fire Department Truck Approval: Chief Chamberlain did a presentation to educate the board on how the ISO rating is determined and what we can do to bring our rating down in the township. It is based on a point system and currently we are a 9. Ted would like to get the township to a 7 or 8 which would allow residents to save on their homeowners insurance. The requested purchase of the new vehicle would allow us to have

better pumping capacity to meets criteria to lower the rating. The purchase price of the truck is \$25,000.00 and \$1,600.00 travel expense to bring the truck back to Michigan.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorize the purchase of the new engine presented in the amount of \$25,000.00 with the travel expense of 1,600.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. No – Lowery. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$60,626.95. 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 10:15 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk