

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:00 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 expressed condolences on behalf of the board to the Rawson family with the passing of Wilma Rawson. She will be missed. Clerk King gave an update on the May 6th election. There was an extremely low turnout.

Citizens Comments: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from April 14, 2014. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Galdikas 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: Commissioner Jessup gave his monthly update current issues with the County. The Senior millage will be on the August ballot. The citizens will be asked approve an increase to 4.36 mills. This would be about \$30.00 per average household. He also stated the 911 is also on the ballot with a request to increase the surcharge from \$2.80 to \$3.00 per month. The County Dental Adjustment Care plan is being discussed and is a lot like the Dental program with Intercare. There will be a town hall meeting held on July 17th at 9 am. The Sheriff's department will be moving into the new jail soon once the work is finished on the ventilation system.

Deputy's Report: Deputy Brown read the report for the previous month. During the month of April there were 80 calls. Ryan stated that his report was all complaints responded to including the calls he responds to as well. Some of the complaints taken were: 5 domestic, 1 civil, 1 juvenile, 2 driving on suspended licenses, 1 suicide, 1 stolen vehicle and several other miscellaneous complaints. Regarding blight complaints, the property on Nadeau has been cleaned up and still trying to locate the owner of property on Highland.

Fire Department Report: During the last month there were 18 calls. The Fire Academy is finished and 5 have passed the practical portion and are waiting to take the written exam. There is an additional firefighter who will be also taking the exam to finish for certification. Chief Chamberlain made a request for additional helmets and bunker gear. The cost of the helmets will be \$1803.00 and bunker gear will cost \$6753.00. A request was also made for funds for a radio tower at a cost of \$2750.00.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to authorize the purchase of 6 new helmets in the amount of \$1803.00 and 3 new set of bunker gear in the amount of \$6753.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to authorize the payment to have tower moved at a cost of \$2750.00. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

First Responders: During the previous month there were 31 calls. There have been 129 calls for 2014. The ambulance is in having the protective diamond plate installed.

Ambulance Report: Supervisor Owen went in Trustee Black's place. The current issue of ambulance service has been resolved. It was decided that AMR would remain for another year and then sealed bids will be taken for next year's contract. This will make the process more fair.

Building Inspector: For the previous month there were 4 mechanical and 3 plumbing permits issued for a total of \$126,049 in improvements.

Community Building: The report was read by Trustee Galdikas in Shirley Kay's absence. A big thank you was given to Shirley for all the hard work. Currently there is a Walking Club on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 pm and there will be a showing of the movie "Frozen" on May 31st. There is a box at the Community Center with the current schedule of activities listed and anyone with suggestions or ideas for other events, please contact Shirley Kay.

Cemetery Report: The cemetery has been cleaned and a special thank you was given to Jim the removal of the leaves.

Library Report: A special thank you was given to volunteer Dena for helping out from October to April. Dena came from Michigan Works and did a wonderful job. A new volunteer named Pam Booth will be working Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 pm. There are plans for summer programs for the children and local business have been asked for donations for gifts and prizes. The book club has room for new members. Anyone interested can contact Shirley Kay, Nancy Endres or Deb Laraway.

Transfer Station: Totals for April were as follows: There was \$987.00 collected and 92 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Eleanor reported that no meeting was held. There are no plans for dredging this year.

Assessors' Report: The State is conducting an audit on May 1st. It will take about 3 hours and will cover making sure forms are correct, checking minutes from the Board of Review meetings and the checking of assessments.

Holiday Committee: An announcement was made regarding the Memorial Day Parade which has been schedule on Monday May 26th at 2:30 pm.

Pullman Pride: No report

Newsletter Committee: The next edition will be out in June. There will be articles highlighting events at the Community Center, a flyer from the transfer station, Pullman Pride, information on August election, update on PHP summer activities as well as summer tax information.

Clean Team: Still in need of volunteers.

Road Committee: Chuck had called and reported the graveling has been done on 48th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Single Family Ordinance: Supervisor Owen has sent the ordinance to Cooley Law to have the language reviewed. Some changes were made to the wording. The fees were questioned and it was confirmed that the court and supersede the township with the fees for violations.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the publishing of the Single Family Ordinance revisions in the local news. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

LLC Dumpster & Sign: There were questions regarding the reasons for the choice of Disposal Company. Republic was chosen due to the pickup day would work best. There is a meeting planned tomorrow with committee and more discussion will take place regarding who will be responsible for payment of service.

NEW BUSINESS

Al-Van Contract: Al-Van provided information regarding services provided. Lee Township continues to have the second highest intake from the 2 counties served at a cost last year of \$24,000.00. They have been successful at relocating 83% of animals in new homes. There was a free spay and neuter clinic done last year for 70 animals from Lee Township. A new contract has been presented and a request for more funds has been

made. Last year \$750.00 was the contract price, but with the high volume of animals from our township, consideration should be given to see if more can be given.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign the contract for the amount of \$1000.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, King, Owen. No – Lowery and Galdikas – abstained

Treasurer Lowery brought to the attention of the Board an error that was made on the collection of the Winter Tax bills. When the bills were reviewed the Fennville tax was overlooked and was not collected. It will be added with an explanation on the next collection cycle, but the amount of \$2,940.13 will need to be paid in advanced. Lowery requested approval from the board for this payment.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to pay the Fennville School District the amount of \$2940.13 in advance which will be recovered in the next tax collection. Roll call: Black, Lowery, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Crown Vic# 2 –Prepare for Sale: The decals have been removed and it is ready for sale. The car will be placed for sale and the highest offer will be taken.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to place the retired patrol vehicle for sale. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Van Buren District Library: The director of the Van Buren District Library was unable to attend. No discussion took place.

Property 024-00 Frank Street and Woodland Ave: Supervisor Owen presented a request for the purchase of property for the purpose of camping and recreation. The property is not large enough to build on. The current taxes are around \$100.00 annually. There were questions was presented on if bids will need to be taken. More information is needed and this issue was tabled until more information is gathered.

Land Division:

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorized the Land Division has approved by Assessor for Hatfield. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,363.40. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Many letters were written by the students of Pullman Elementary thanking Treasurer Lowery and Supervisor Owen for the trip to the township hall to learn about local government. The majority of the students expressed that their favorite part of their trip was “easy button”. The letters were enjoyed by all.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk