

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:34 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> 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 Galdikas thanked Shirley Kay for all her hard work making the Community Center Open House a success. Supervisor Owen also thanked Lisa and Tim for their quick response to starting the process in turning off lights and taking down the holiday decorations.

**Citizens Comments:**

Citizen S. Lacy wanted to confirm the Supervisor's office hours. Supervisor Owen is in the office on Fridays. Citizen P. Rawson presented a question regarding if there was a \$100.00 deposit for all of the agencies that would like to use the Community Center. There is a request for a deposit, but this is still work in process. The deposit was set more for private use center.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from December 9, 2013. 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 was present to give the County update. He reported that the Governor had passed a bill proposing the end to land lines by 2017. He strongly encouraged residents to contact their representatives to voice their opinion on this matter. With cell phone coverage so sporadic as well as many who may not be able to easily use a cell phone, this is not a good option for the residents of Michigan. He also stated that the Board of Commissions approved a wage study to be done on all county employees. Depending on the outcome of the study, there could be a wage loss or adjustments in job descriptions. He stated he was not in favor because he felt that not enough information was given. The study will cost \$100,000.00 to conduct and will cover over 300 employees. An update on the jail project was given. Currently it is estimated that the staffing will remain the same in the facility. The current staff totals 38 but will have to increase as the number of inmates increases. The facility will be open in March 2014. There will be tours held on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 7 pm for public officials and March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm for the general public.

**Deputy's Report:** Deputy Brown was not present do to family emergency, but his report was given. There were 90 calls of which 20 were taken by the township deputy. The report was as follows: 3 domestic, 2 breaking & entering, 1 larceny, 6 civil, 3 welfare checks, 5 threats, 4 alarms, 1 fraud, 7 suspicious persons and 5 miscellaneous. He also reported that the new radar was phenomenal!

**Fire Department Report:** During the month of December there were 7 calls. There was 1 electrical fire, 1 personal injury, 2 down power lines, 1 carbon monoxide check and 2 life assist. Chief Chamberlain reported that the fence was purchased and will be installed when weather has improved. He reported that they were midway through the Fire Academy and all students are doing well. He reported training in Search and Rescue and Fire Fighter Down to be done.

**First Responders:** During the month of December there were 35 calls. This makes a total of 87 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. During 2012 there were a total of 333 calls and in 2013 there were 353. So far, 2014 there have been 14 calls.

**Ambulance Report:** A meeting was held on December 12<sup>th</sup> but without enough attending the meeting was rescheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Building Inspector:** During the month of December there were 3 building permits and 3 electrical permits issued. There were no plumbing or mechanical permits. A question was presented regarding the charge from MTA in which Supervisor Owen was going to check into and report at the next meeting.

**Community Building:** Committee Member S. Kay thanked all those who attended the open house and those who provided treats for the event. She presented a schedule with tentative event dates. There is Basic Sewing, Medical Seminar series, General Nutrition, Diabetes, Chess and a Mom and Tots Coffee social. Anyone interested can contact Shirley Kay with suggestions or go to the Lee Township website for events. The website is [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org).

**Cemetery Report:** Committee member E. Pacholski gave a reminder that this is the time to contact the County Sheriff's Department to schedule workers for Spring Cleanup.

**Library Report:** No report..

**Transfer Station:** During the month \$659.00 was collected and 16 tickets redeemed.

**Lower Scott Lake Board:** No report.

**Assessors' Report:** Assessor Mitchell reported that all studies are in from the County. This year the studies were based on 2 years instead of one, so the figures will be more stable. The rate of inflation this year is 1.4% instead of last year's 2.5%. The Board of Review dates have been set. The Organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The review dates are Monday, March 10 from 10 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm and Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm.

**Holiday Committee:** No report, but Trustee Galdikas reported that they are in the process of removing decorations.

**Pullman Pride:** There has been interest expressed by Nancy Maas to share in planning and organizing of the Pullman Pride event. Anyone who would like to also help can call Nancy at 236-5732.

**Newsletter Committee:** The newsletter deadline is schedule for February's meeting. The next edition will go out in March.

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

**Road Committee:** Supervisor reported that the Allegan County Road Commission will hold their annual meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Transfer Station:** An update was given by Supervisor Owen. Our current provider has been contacted with a 60 day notice to cancel as requested in the contract. The transfer of dumpsters should go smoothly. A question was presented about putting a dumpster at the Community Center which will be up for discussion in the future.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance Lower Scott Lake:** A request has been submitted to the Allegan County Health Department in placing a home on Lower Scott Lake which was approved as long as the Lee Township Board would allow a variance in the set back. The usual set back is 65 feet, but this would only be able to be at 42 feet.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the variance for set back as requested. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

#### **Land Divisions:**

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the land split for Beekman 03-012-007-008-06 as approved by assessor and building officials. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the land split for Sherman 5269 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue as approved by assessor and building officials. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

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

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence, but Supervisor Owen gave a quick update on the 911 Grove property. He read a small history of the property and stated that the niece is not POA for the owner and that the owner would need to sign off on the deed. Taxes due from 2011, 2012 and 2013 totaled about \$1445.00 if the property were to be taken by tax sale. Discussion took place on what was the better route to take, but the township will need to own the property in order to apply for a grant for cleanup.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk