

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 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 commented on the recent training and a learned of a valuable resource 211 which is a free service to those in crisis.

Citizens Comments:

Elverta asked if the Township keeps a First Aid kit in the building. She was recently injured at Casco and there was no kit and felt that this would be a good thing for us to have.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from January 12, 2015. 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, Owen and King. All voted Yes - Motion carried.

County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Jessup gave an update on the issues in the County. Restoration of the old jail building will be discussed this year. Most likely the old jail building will come down. He reported that the County employees were given a 1% raise. This year the County will look at Capital Improvements and currently they are doing a Compensation study of the jobs within the county. He also mentioned that Jim Hull, Under Sheriff of Allegan County will be retiring and Frank Baker will be his replacement. Lastly he spoke of the \$500,000.00 short fall in the revenue at the State this year, which the suspected cause being the decrease in gasoline prices.

Deputy's Report: No report. Supervisor Owen announced a new addition to Ryan's family. Ryan and his wife had a new daughter born last month both are doing well.

Fire Department Report: During the last month there were 14 calls. The training for the month was ice rescue and ice water drafting. The Fire Academy is two thirds through and everyone did well. Chief Chamberlain reported that the most of the stripping is done on the new vehicle and it is near ready to be painted. The lighting has been done and requested monies for the diamond plating in the amount of \$630.00. He announced that there will be a pancake breakfast coming up on April 4th from 8 to 11 am with an Easter Egg Hunt after. Lastly the purchase of the stoke baskets and CPR training equipment was made with donated funds from the Fire Department, First Responders from fundraisers such as rummage sale and scrapbooking. There was an additional \$450.00 donated by EMS.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Fire Department to spend up to \$630.00 for Diamond Plate for the new fire truck. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

First Responders: During the month there were 26 calls. The vehicle was taken into the Ford Dealership to repair issues with the heating. Lastly there will be Continuing Education starting next month.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black reported that the next meeting is schedule for this upcoming Thursday. The meeting will be to finalize the By-laws.

Building Inspector: During the month there were a total of 7 permits issued. There were 3 building, 2 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 1 electrical for a total of \$10,400.00 in improvements.

Community Building: It was a slow month due to the weather. During the last moving night there were 36 children in attendance. There is an upcoming Craft Night scheduled for next Saturday from 5 to 7 pm. An indoor yard sale is planned for February 21st and is open to all. Another game night is scheduled for February 27th and on March 1st an Easter Egg hunt is scheduled from 1 to 3 pm.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: A special thanks was given to Pamela O’Kane, Pam Booth and Jennifer for their hard work and dedication. New shelves were installed and the books have been sorted, cleaned and the project is almost finished. The library is accepting donations of romance novels. All donations can be dropped off at the library or at Pizza Plus during business hours.

Transfer Station: Totals for January were as follows: There was \$369.00 collected and 16 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: No report.

Assessors’ Report: No report.

Holiday Committee: No report

Pullman Pride: Committee members Samantha and Amber gave an update on what we can anticipate at this year’s Pullman Pride. The committee is in the process of lining up a benefit concert, bike ride, pony ride and games for the children. Anyone who would like to participate in helping can contact Samantha at 269-453-7289.

Newsletter Committee: The next edition of the newsletter will be small, but will include information on the Board of Review, Easter festivities, the pancake breakfast and other upcoming events. Discussion took place regarding adding questions for the residents on what improvements/projects would they like to see in the next 5 years. Currently there is study on Broadband services to rural communities within rural Allegan County.

Clean Team: No report

Road Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: No business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

SWMDC –Dust Control: In attendance was Brad Page to speak to the board on what they could offer in the way of dust control this year. He stressed that they are a local company and love to get the contract back for the township.

Law Enforcement Contract: There has been a 1% raise in the contract for our township deputy. This raise is mostly due to increased health care cost. Supervisor Owen spoke to Frank Baker regarding negotiations in the future on the contract.

Salary Resolutions: The board members are respectfully requesting an increase for wages. The Supervisor, Clerk and Trustee positions have not had an increase since 2005 and the Treasurer has not had an increase since 2009. The decisions will be made at the Meeting of Electors on March 28th after the scheduled Annual Budget meeting.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to accept the resolution for the Clerk position to be raised to \$21,000.00 annually to be presented to the Electors at their Annual meeting. Aye – 5, No – 0. Motion carried

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to accept the resolution for the Trustee position to be raised to \$2760.00 annually to be presented to the Electors at their Annual meeting. Aye- 4, No- 0, 1 – Abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by King and seconded by Owen to accept the resolution for the Treasurer position to be raised to \$22,000.00 annually to be presented to the Electors at their Annual meeting. Aye -5, No – 0. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to accept the resolution for the Supervisor position to be raised to \$17,250.00 annually to be presented to the Electors at their Annual meeting. Aye – 5, 0 – No. Motion carried.

Road Construction (Gravel): Supervisor Owen would like to budget \$20,000.00 to go towards 2 miles of graveling in 2015. The Allegan County Road Commission submitted a work order for 2 ½ miles for 58th Street between 109th and 112th and 58th Street from 104th to 105th Streets.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign the order to have ACRC collect bids for graveling of 2 ½ miles on 58th Street during 2015. All voted Aye, Motion carried.

Approval of Board of Review Publication: *A motion was made to authorize the clerk to publish the Board of Review Notice in the location publications. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

Waiver of Property Tax Penalty: *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by King to waive the penalty for taxes that were paid by March 2nd. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

Land Split: *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the land split as approved by the assessor and building official for Katherine Curley, parcel #0312-016-007-00. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented with additions. Roll call was taken: Yes –Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Supervisor Owen thanked the board for supporting his attendance at last month’s conference.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk