

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 13, 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 Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King
Absent: Trustee Black

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen gave a special thanks to Tim for cleaning up his computer and Trustee Galdikas wished Scott a “Happy Birthday.”

Citizens Comments:

Citizen C. Pugh made a request to see if the board could arrange to have the lot across from the hall mowed. It is property owned by the Lee Township.

Motion was made by Owens and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from June 8, 2015 meeting. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Special Meeting minute from June 15, 2015 and the Special Meeting minutes from June 25, 2015. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

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

County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Jessup gave an update on the current value of the county. The current county property value is 11 billion and has steadily increased for the past few years. The old jail will be taken down in October making space for an estimated 100 additional parking spaces. The county has produced a new edition of the platbook. The new copy will be sold for \$20.00 per copy. The Westside Park project will allow for more parking and open up for a better view of the lake. This project is estimated at \$400,000.00. Lastly, Jessup shared some statistics for Allegan County Senior Services. They have provided 59,000 home delivered meals, 12,000 hours of Adult Day Care and traveled 199,000 miles in transportation for seniors.

Deputy’s Report: No report.

Fire Department Report: During the last month there were 8 calls. The annual hose testing was completed. Chief provided a rough draft of the burn ordinance for review. The newest truck, number 55 is near completion and will be displayed at Pullman Pride. There will be a recruitment booth at Pullman Pride as well as a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 am. The fire truck parade will begin at 2 pm and take the route from Pullman Intercare to the blinker and around to the school. Lastly Ted explained that the bills were higher than normal due to payroll and repairs on truck 55.

First Responders: During the month there were 23 calls of which all were medical. This makes a total of 83 for the quarter. Director Rawson stated that the battery needs to be replaced in the suction unit with an estimated cost of between \$700.00 -\$1000.00.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: During the month there were 5 building, 4 mechanical, 0 plumbing and 6 electrical for a total of \$154,900.00 in improvements.

Community Building: Melinda read the monthly report which covered the success of the Flea Market. An outdoor movie is planned for Pullman Pride, and there will be a Flea Market with a set up at a cost of \$15.00 .

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for June were as follows: There was \$899.00 collected and 55 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the second of the three weed treatments has been completed. There is a Lake Board Meeting on July 29th at 6 pm. Eleanor has been doing some research on the weed problem in the Dam area. She has contacted the DNR who referred her to an individual. The weeds are not invasive and can be sprayed, but pulling the weeds might be a better option. It will take some work to keep it looking good. The annual Lower Scott picnic is coming up and this might be a good time for recruiting volunteers to help with the weeds.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Mitchell wrote a letter thanking the township for the time she served as assessor. She and Kyle Harris are currently preparing for the Board of Review. Board of Review date is July 21, 2015 at 2 pm.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride: Pullman Pride is Saturday July 18th. Residents were encouraged to get the word out to their friends and neighbors about this annual event.

Newsletter Committee: The newsletter went out last month. There will be extra copies printed at the township office.

Road Committee: Committee member C. Pugh reported that 3 miles of seal coat will be done. The area of Grand Junction on 54th and 102nd is scheduled for work.

Clean Team Committee: Still need more volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Change in Contracts with Electrical and Mechanical Inspector: Treasurer Lowery presented the board with information regarding the way the contractors are paid noting it is not the most efficient. Currently, checks are written to Lee Township and have to be deposited, and a check written back to the contractor after subtracting 10%. This has been an unnecessary amount of work and there have been issues with NSF checks. She made the recommendation that the contracts be changed to allow the checks to be written directly the inspectors and have them submit a check to the Township for the 10%. This information would need to be changed on the website and a clause added to the contracts.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the contracts to be changed to reflect the new process of allowing the inspectors to be paid directly and then pay the 10% directly to the township within 30 days. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to have the inspection applications redone to reflect the changes. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Principle Payment for Fire Station: A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the principle payment of \$100,000.00 to the USDA loan for the new fire station. Roll call vote was taken: Yes –Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented with additions. Roll call was taken: Yes –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 8:33 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk