

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8, 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: Treasurer Lowery commented on this is tax season and bills will be in the mail in July. Supervisor Owen commented on the second graders that took a tour of the township office. He read some the comments made by the students. The students were impressed with the “easy” button and enjoyed the candy.

Citizens Comments:

Citizen C. Pugh wondered if the township board had decided on increases on salaries for township employees.

A representative from TransCanada, Dennis Skinner came from Ironwood, Michigan to give a presentation. He reported that TransCanada is the third largest in United States in building and operating infrastructure for energy. They have 250 billion feet of gas pipeline in the state. They recently have been upgrading the lines as need to larger pipe and continually do Hydrostatic testing to check for safety. Dennis answered many questions about the safety of the lines in the township, how lines are protected, and how are residents notified when work is to be done.

Motion was made by Owens and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from May 11, 2015 meeting. 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: Commission Jessup gave an update on the process for livestock claims. It was enacted as the Dog Law of 1919 and is in place to financially compensate owners of loss of livestock when caused by the attack of a dog. The claim is to be made to the Township Supervisor, who will verify the claim and do the necessary paperwork for the county to process. Questions were asked regarding what happens if the owner of the dog can’t be located? The answer is that the County is still liable for the claim. He also spoke about the Senior Millage increase.

Deputy’s Report: Deputy Joe Borgic reported the number and types of calls taken during the month. There were 147 calls taken with 64 by the township deputy. Deputy Borgic reported that there were no major crimes reported during the month. He also encouraged residents to keep their vehicles locked. There has been some reports of petty theft. A questions was asked about the noise ordinance. He stated that it goes from 7 am to 10 pm and for noise that can be heard from 25’ away. Obviously this is not like lawn mowing etc.

Fire Department Report: Last month was a busy month at 16 calls. During the month there was a test burn done. Ted reported that 3 students of the Fire Academy have passed 1 will need to retake the written test only. All did really well on the practical test. Chief Chamberlain gave an update on the burn permits which is still in the process. It currently is operating the same as previously. He also reported that Cheshire is working on getting their own department in place and are talking about a water system and looking at a dry hydrant system. Truck 55 was in the Memorial Day parade. The interior is still unfinished and the tires will need to be replaced. The estimate is coming along and the truck should be in

service by mid July. The fire department is planning a pancake breakfast at Pullman Pride and they will have a recruitment booth and a fire truck parade. They have invited other communities in Allegan and Van Buren counties to participate in the parade.

First Responders: During the month there were 29 calls of which 25 were medical, 2 personal injury and 2 fire assist.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: During the month there were 5 building, 1 mechanical, 3 plumbing and 4 electrical for a total of \$1,025,013.75 in improvements.

Community Building: No report.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for May were as follows: There was \$1262.00 collected and 85 tickets redeemed. The increase is due to a five week month.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the first of the three weed treatment has been done. She wondered about the check for the insurance premium. The bill will need their board's approval and then the check can be written and sent.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Mitchell gave the report. She has been finishing up in preparation for the new assessor to take over. This will be her last meeting and the board presented her with a plant and card in appreciation of her service to our community. She has done a wonderful job and will be missed.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride: The report was given by April Warden with the update on the annual event. The banner still needs to be hung. She mentioned that donors have requested a tax ID number. She added she will start a Facebook page to advertise. The date is set for July 18th from 9 am to 4 pm. There will be a Flea Market at the Community Center. There will be hot dogs, water, soda donated. There will be canvas art, glass blowing, Sam's BBQ food, games, a DJ playing music all day and a beer garden along with many other fun activities. She noted that volunteers are still needed.

Newsletter Committee: The newsletter will be out in the mail by on the end of the month.

Road Committee: Committee member, C. Pugh reported that work to be done on 104th between 48th and 50th Street will be bid through the State so it has been delayed. The potholes in the community have been identified and marked.

OLD BUSINESS:

Assessor Contract: Supervisor Owen reported that only one letter and resume was sent in, but was highly recommended. Kyle Harris has had 2 years of experience and is the current assessor of Coloma and Cass County Assessor's office. The contract had an increase, but it was suggested that we keep the same terms the township had with H. Mitchell. The same office hours will be kept. The 3% increase would be the difference of \$400 per year. Trustee Galdikas suggested that we request the same contract that was currently held. It was agreed on by Ben from Appraisal Associates.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen for the same contract with Appraisal Associates at 3% increase in the 2nd year with Kyle Harris.. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax Newsletter: Treasurer Lowery presented all the board members with copy of the tax newsletter to be sent out with the next tax bills. Corrections were made to add new assessor Kyle Harris.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorize the printing of the tax newsletter with additions. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Transfer Station: Treasurer Lowery reported that we are almost out of the transfer station tickets and asked if the board still wanted to proceed with the distribution of the tickets in the tax bills. To order tickets it would be \$98.00 for 3000 tickets and an additional \$15.00 for shipping.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to authorize the printing of the tickets not to exceed \$125.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery 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 requested a Special Meeting to be set on June 15, 2015 to discuss a policy on collection of water bills, 5 year plan, dust control and discussion on ordinances.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk