

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:33 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

**Members Present:** Trustee Galdikas, Trustee Black, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** The board members extended condolence in the recent passing to the families of Doris McCracken, Mike Laraway and Donna Christensen. Both Donna and Doris were involved with the township. Donna served as Clerk and also Trustee and Doris had served as an Election Inspector. All three will be missed.

**Citizens Comments:** Citizen R. Russell announced that there would be a fund raiser at Osterhout Lake for First Responders at the Lee Township Fire Station 2.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from August 10, 2015 meeting with corrections. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**County Commissioners Report:** Commissioner Jessup gave a County update. There will be an election in November for District 80 due to the expulsion of Cindy Gamrat. The deadline to file the necessary paperwork for State Representative is Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. He announced that the 911 system has been enhanced along with the County receiving an Emergency Preparedness Award. The County budget is in good shape and they are working on a 5 year budget plan. The old jail will soon be demolished to be replaced by a new parking lot, and lastly, Westside Park has been revamped with many new improvements. Commissioner Jessup commended the Lee Township Board and residents in all the improvements to the township and the well attended meetings.

**Deputy's Report:** Deputy Borgic reported 116 complaints for the month of August. He reported that he handled 31 of these calls. He stated that there had been some break-ins, mostly pole barns along the railroad. He asked that anyone noticing suspicious activity to report it. He gave a reminder that school is back in session and to watch for the children walking and waiting for the bus between 6:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**Fire Department Report:** During the month there were 14 calls. Training took place with truck 55 which is now in service. A copy of the burn ordinance was sent to Cheshire Township. Chief suggested that a special meeting be scheduled to discuss the cost recovery ordinance. Next month is Fire Prevention month and Chief Chamberlain made a request for authorization to purchase materials.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase up to \$650.00 in materials for the Fire Prevention program. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**First Responders:** During the month there were 24 calls. Director Rawson passed out quotes to the Supervisor to share with the board regarding the suction unit. The lowest bid was \$683.00. The work on the ambulance steps will exceed the approved amount of \$500.00 and a request for an additional \$150.00 was made. Discussion took place regarding if the approval limit for the director should be increased to \$1,000.00 so that in an instance where the expense exceeds what was expected, it can be done without waiting for board's approval. Some reservations by the board were concerning keeping budget on track and also having the additional approval being a good set of checks and balances for audit purpose. The board realizes that there are times when a purchase is needed and would support the decision to increase the spending limit to \$1,000.00.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorize the purchase of the suction unit in the amount of \$683.51. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to increase the spending limit without board approval to \$1,000.00 for First Responders and Fire Department. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.*

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Building Inspector:** During the month there were 4 mechanical, 4 plumbing and 11 electrical and no building.

**Community Building:** No report.

**Cemetery Report:** No report by requested that the Fall Clean up notice be published.

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the Fall Clean up notice. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.*

**Library Report:** No report.

**Transfer Station:** Totals for August were as follows: There was \$1066.50 collected and 106 tickets redeemed.

**Lower Scott Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd reported the next Lake Board meeting was scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessors’ Report:** Supervisor Owen read a report provided by the assessor. Currently Harris is answering calls regarding splits as well as processing them.

**Holiday Committee:** Annual Winter Holiday Social will be the first Saturday of December instead of Friday. The date is set for December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Pullman Pride:** No report.

**Newsletter Committee:** Deadline set for next meeting.

**Road Committee:** Committee member, C. Pugh reported that the seal coat company has not arrived to start work yet. He also gave the update of what areas were to be completed and noted that 58<sup>th</sup> bridge has been widen and guard rails added.

**Clean Team Committee:** Still need more volunteers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Variance for Lot 16:** A request was sent to the township for a variance request on Melville Drive. Supervisor Owen made contact with each neighbor either in person or by mail to make sure any issues could be addressed. The building is a 30x60 construction building and would be on 2 lots with a side of the building being within 7 feet of the line.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the variance for Lot 16 in Melville Drive. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.*

**VFW Water System:** A request was made by the local VFW to be added to the water system. The VFW’s well is currently running dry and they are in need of finding another source. Discussion took place regarding the number of remaining spots on the water system and there is room for one more business.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the VFW to hook up the Pullman water system. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Land Split:** *Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the land split for 923 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, parcel #0312-010-003-00 which has been approved by assessor and building inspector. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk