

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:31 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: Clerk King gave an update on the August 2nd Primary. Lee Township had the lowest turnout in the County at 7%. The road millage passed with 79 yes and 49 no votes.

Trustee Galdikas thanked Chuck Pugh for his dedication to educating and advocating for the improvement of roads in Lee Township. She also wanted to thank Deputy Joe Borgic for the great job done in regards to the capture of the bank robbers at Chemical Bank in Bloomingdale. His sharp perception and quick action help lead Van Buren Deputies and State Police to the robbers.

Supervisor Owen gave an update on the concerns the speed limit on 102nd between 50th to 53rd Street. He has spoke with Bruce LaBrie at Allegan County Road Commission on the process to assess speed limit concerns.

Citizens Comments:

Pam Rawson gave special thanks to the First Responders who responded when she had an injury and called for assistance.

Ann Hatfield brought information to share regarding the PHP 9th Annual Picnic on September 10th from 5 to 7 pm. Come join for free food, music and games.

Sally Lacy wanted to comment on how happy she is that everyone is working well together and is glad that the board members are all running again.

Special Guest Speakers:

Undersheriff Frank Baker and members of the Allegan County Sheriff's Department came to recognize our Lee Township Deputy Joe Borgic for his quick action in playing a crucial role in the capture of the bank robbers at the Chemical Bank in Bloomingdale. He also read a letter of recognition from Sheriff Dale Gribler from Van Buren County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Borgic was presented a certificate of appreciation and special lapel pin.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from July 11, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the Fire District Meeting minutes from July 11, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

County Commissioners Report: No report

Deputy's Report: During the month of July he reported speeds being down from month prior. He has been busy with a small rash of burglaries. He encouraged residents to photograph your electronics, computers and firearms for identification purposes in the event they were every taken.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 13 calls of which was 2 structure fires, 1 assist, 2 down power lines and carbon monoxide leak along with a assisting other agencies. Training took place with engine drills and drafting.

First Responders: During the month there were 33 calls of which 31 medicals and 2 fire assist. The totals to date are 214 calls in 221 days.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Inspector: For the month of July there were only 7 electrical permits. The building report had not been received due to the meeting early in the month.

Community Building: No report.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for July were as follows: There was \$1226.00 collected and 87 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the third lake treatment had been completed and a call has been made to report the algae problem has started again.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Kyle Harris reported that he has been processing transfers, exemptions and the July Board of Review went well with a couple small things handled. He gave the details for the two splits to be approved by the board.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride: Trustee Galdikas reported that a nice article had been placed in the Allegan News regarding the Pullman Pride celebration and Wesbey donation.

Newsletter Committee: No report.

Road Committee: Committee member C. Pugh reported the success in the recent renewal of the Road Millage. He gave an update on what has been accomplished since the millage started in 2010. It has been a successful way to cover the upkeep on the township roads.

Clean Team Committee: Committee member Ann reported that there was a cleanup scheduled on July 23 & 24th. Due to the heat the committee worked three hours. Next clean up is scheduled for September 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

First Responders Request for Payroll Increase: It was explained to the board the increase to the payroll rate request. Currently they are paid \$15.00 for being on call 12 hours. If they respond to a call during that time they are paid \$15.00 for the call only and not the \$15.00 for being "on-call." The request is to get the on-call rate along with the rate to respond if a call comes in.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the new change with process of paying for the on-call pay and the stipend for responding to calls. Roll call vote was taken: Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. All voted yes. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Splits:

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the land split #015-00 for Greg Unema as approved by the assessor and building official. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the land split #031-00 for VanLatten as approved by the assessor and building official. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Township Lots for Sale:

The township has lots that reverted back from tax sale and discussion was opened on selling the lots. There has been a request for 2 lots to be purchased. Title insurance would need to be done and the township can do the closing. We will need to determine who will pay for what fees. This was tabled to next meeting.

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

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by King to approve payment for the election inspectors from August 2nd election. Roll call was taken: Yes – Owen, Galdikas, Lowery and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk