

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016

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, Trustee Black, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King
Absent: Treasurer Lowery

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen commented on the arrival of winter after a mild December. He announced that the annual conference was scheduled to take in January and he was hoping to attend. Trustee Black wished everyone a wonderful and safe New Year.

Citizens Comments:

A citizen commented on the directions that are on the Lee Township website. He stated that they directed him to the Midland, Lee Township.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from December 14, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

County Commissioners Report: No report

Deputy's Report: No report.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 6 calls. There was 1 house, 3 downed power lines, 1 personal injury accident and 1 suspicious odor. The total calls for 2015 were 125. The training that took place during the month was extrication training. Chief Chamberlain provided the board with materials to discuss the beginning stages of preparing to purchase a new fire engine. He stated that Engine 16 would need to be replaced in the next couple years. Spencer's has been the company used to provide and work on our trucks. They have offered us an option to save substantial money if we were to purchase the chassis in 2016 and could save us about \$10,000.00. We would not be obligated to purchase it if we decided to wait, Spencer would just sell it to another department. It was also mentioned that there will be a truck show in Indianapolis and if they use our truck for their display, we would get an estimated \$20,000.00 discount. Chief Chamberlain requested board approval to put out new truck for bids. *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to put out for bids if necessary for the construction of a new fire engine to be purchased in 2017. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

First Responders: During the month there were 20 calls. There were 18 medical, 1 personal injury and 1 fire assist. Director Rawson reported 293 total calls for 2015. It was discussed that the ambulance will need snow tires as the tires on the unit are highway tires and with most of the township having rural roads there have been a few problems of getting stuck. Quotes were given for the board to review. *Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to purchase a set of Good Year tires not to exceed \$2,000.00 for tires, mounting and balancing. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: During the month there were 9 building, 2 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 12 electrical for total improvements of \$208,777.30.

Community Building: No report.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for December were as follows: There was \$875.00 collected and 33 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: No report

Assessors' Report: Supervisor Owen reported that Board of Review went well with 1 error corrected. He also reported no land divisions for approval.

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that they were able to get holiday decorations taken down thanks to the help of her visiting guests. A thank you was given to Lisa and Tim for all their hard work in making Pullman beautiful for the holidays.

Pullman Pride: Pullman Pride Scholarship recipient Marty Curley was awarded her \$500 scholarship after completing her first semester and earning a 3.25 GPA.

Newsletter Committee: The next edition is scheduled for March.

Road Committee: No report.

Clean Team Committee: Still need more volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Five Year Plan: To date the township has met once to discuss the creation of a Five Year Plan. This plan would not only be a tool to use in advancing and preparing for the needs of the township, but is necessary in many cases to receive grant monies for township improvements. *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to schedule a Special Meeting on February 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm for further discussion. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Roads & Repair: Supervisor Owen had provided the board with estimates on what the upcoming cost could be in improving some of the roads that are County roads as well as the Township's roads. Discussion to place on the millage money that is collected. Clerk King stated that she felt that the township should try to fund the expense for the repair of the county's roads from the budget and not from the millage monies. Originally the millage money was put in place to help fund the repairs of the roads that are the sole responsibility of the township. Owen stated that the Allegan County Road Commission had set their meeting for January 14th at 7 pm to discuss the schedule for funding options for the townships in our area. The proposed cost per mile would be \$35,000.00 per mile for paving and \$12,000.00 per mile for the graveling of shoulders. Proposed streets were:

54 th Street between 102 nd and 103 rd Avenue (.5 mile)	\$17,500.00
103 rd Avenue between 54 th Street and 52 nd Street (1 mile)	\$35,000.00
52 nd Street between 103 rd and 104 th Avenue (.5 mile)	\$17,500.00
104 th Avenue between 52 nd Street to 1000' west of 50 th Street (.9)	\$40,000.00

If Federal Aid is used, there would be no cost to the township for paved shoulders. The earliest possible time for use of available Federal Aid is 2021. Supervisor Owen also read the Road Committee's report on what has been accomplished in 2015 and listed the remaining roads that will need seal coating as:

54th from 109th to 109 ½ - ½ mile

55th from Baseline to 102nd - 1 mile.

Township roads to be considered were Pullman, North, South, Ravenswood, Highland, Oakley, Bauer, Maas, Grove, Beech and Amelia totaling 3 miles.

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

Correspondence: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk