

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:31 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI 49450

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to appoint Trustee Galdikas to chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Owen. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

**Board Comments:** Trustee Galdikas stated that Supervisor Owen had an upcoming birthday and wished him a Happy Birthday.

Treasurer Lowery reported that the tax bills were all out and Board of Review will be held On July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

**Citizens Comments:**

Citizen D. Ohlman inquired on what the process was to get the speed limit changed on 103<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup>.

Citizen S. Lacy stated that it would be helpful to report to the Sheriff's department so that it could be taken to the state to do a study.

Citizen C. Pugh stated that the State does a study that takes number of driveways and set minimums. That is why the speed limit had been increased from where it was prior. He encouraged the board to send a letter requesting that it be lowered for safety reasons.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from June 13, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes from June 20, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**County Commissioners Report:** Commissioner Jessup gave his county update. He stated that the County has decided to purchase radios and pagers for the 911 system upgrade. The purchase will cost about 11 million dollars. The County had set aside 4 million for project and the balance will be covered the 911 surcharge. Commissioner Jessup also reported that the State funding for the past year increased by 1.5% and is anticipated to increase more for the current year.

**Deputy's Report:** During the month of June there were 126 calls with 37 of the complaints handled by the township deputy. Deputy Borgic reported the criminal offences as 27% of calls. He also reported that complaints about fireworks enforcement require a local ordinance.

**Fire Department Report:** During the month there were 15 calls of which was a structure fire, life assist, 2 motor vehicle accidents and several downed power lines and a gas leak. The training that took place during the month was hose training and search and rescue. The Chief also reported that they have 3 new fire fighters on board.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 31 calls of which 28 medicals and 1 fire assist and 2 PI accidents. Director Rawson requested the board to consider increasing the pay for First Responders. It would change the way they are paid when on-call and would probably be an increase of \$700-800 per payroll to the budget. The board tabled to the next meeting.

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Building Inspector:** No report.

**Community Building:** No report.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Library Report:** The Pullman Library Book Club continues to read and meet monthly to discuss book selections. The committee is encouraging anyone interested to join by calling Debbie Laraway 236-6206 or speak to Shirley Kay or Nancy Endres. Also a request for keeping Library Volunteer Pam Booth in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Lastly the Library Committee will be partnering with the Migrant Summer School program for visits to the library for story time. They will also be reading to Head Start children at the Migrant Head Start facility and other outreach locations.

**Transfer Station:** Totals for June were as follows: There was \$1060.00 collected and 54 tickets redeemed.

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

**Assessors' Report:** No report.

**Holiday Committee:** No report.

**Pullman Pride:** An update was given on what events will take place at this year's Pullman Pride Day. The event is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> starting with a pancake breakfast at the fire station from 8 to 11 am. Many vendors will be located in the center of town along with a beer garden, face painting, Mike Rawson will be providing music and Hale's Kitchen will have a food cart available. Citizens are encouraged to participate.

**Newsletter Committee:** No report.

**Road Committee:** Committee member C. Pugh reminded everyone that the millage renewal is set for the upcoming August 2<sup>nd</sup> elections and requested everyone to come out to support. He reported all the improvements that have been made and explained why it was beneficial for the township to maintain the roads with seal coat to extend the life of our roads.

**Clean Team Committee:** Committee member Ann reported that there would be another clean up event on July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that the committee has beautified the community with flowers. Some of the locations were Ravenswood Park, Community Center and Post Office.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Variance 915 Melville and 216 Lawrence Avenue:** The board reviewed the request and a *Motion was made by Galdikas and second by Lowery to deny the request for variance. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:** None

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

**Correspondence:** Trustee Galdikas stated that normally she wouldn't address an anonymous letter, but stated that she received one that had a list of properties that the writer believed to be blight. Trustee Galdikas stated that she and Deputy Borgic did look at these properties and there were no blight situations as per the

ordinance. She stated it is not blight if someone does not have garage or shed to store some of their items. The ordinance is for trash, litter or debris.

Citizen M. Cerda asked to comment on the clean up effort. There has been 80 individuals and 250 tires cleaned up. She also gave an update on the new youth center with recent clearing of the area and stated that they also created a walking path behind the school.

Visitor Abigal Noble, candidate for State Representative wanted to introduce herself and state her reasons for running for the seat. She pasted out cards to the board and the resident and asked to be considered in the upcoming August election.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk