

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 13, 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, Trustee Black, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: None

Citizens Comments:

Citizen Lewis had some questions that he wished to address the board. He wanted to know who is responsible for power grid; why is natural gas not available; who determines what roads are fixed and he had heard that the Assessor can come to your property and request to see in your house. Supervisor Owen stated that citizens comments is a time for comments and that he would be happy to answer his question one on one. He also stated that many of his questions might be answered during the course of the meeting.

S. Kasinger wondered when the roadsides are scheduled for mowing.

Guest Speaker Bob Geneski: Bob addressed the residents with information regarding his campaign for Allegan County Clerk. Would like to be more visible in the public with coffee hours and attend board meetings. His experience with laws and working in Lansing would be beneficial and he would like to modernize the office by putting deeds online.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from May 9, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Jessup gave his county update. He stated that May was Elder's Abuse month. He stated that a dental plan was under discussion due to over 9000 children having no access to dental. He reported that the State has just passed the budget which could create changes for the local governments. He also spoke of the replacement of the radio system to 800 mHz system. The funding will come from the 911 surcharge with the county paying for the Motorola radios.

Deputy's Report: During the month of May there were 123 calls with 37 of the complaints handled by the township deputy. Deputy Borgic reported OUI's have increased with 8 to 10 calls last month. He also stated that he had a collision with a turkey during the past month and the patrol vehicle will need to go in for repair. The estimates are under \$1000.00.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 9 calls. The training that took place during the month was practical training. The truck committee is done reviewing the new truck plans making sure that they are all correct. The Chief discussed the new radio system with concerns about the Motorola phones having some problems. The concerns have been brought to the County Commissioners. Trustee Galdikas thanked the Fire Fighters for the fine job at the memorial parade and cemetery ceremony.

First Responders: During the month there were 37 calls of which 33 medicals and 1 fire assist and 3 PI accidents. Director Rawson reported that the unit is working well.

Ambulance Report: The ambulance committee met on 6/10/16 at 7 pm. Trustee Black read the minutes and he reported that the contract was renewed with the rate stay the same for the duration of the contract. The contract was for 5 years. Once this contract is up there is a high likelihood that the cost will increase significantly.

Building Inspector: The Supervisor read the report for April with 3 plumbing, 4 mechanical and 10 electrical permits. For May there were 4 plumbing, 2 mechanical and 8 electrical for a total of \$25,100.00 in total improvements.

Community Center: Melinda provided copies of the schedule of events for the next month.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for May were as follows: There was \$866.00 collected and 58 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the first lake treatment had been completed. She had requested that the channel be treated as well, but upon checking noticed that channel had not been treated. She contacted the company which scheduled it to be done on 6/16/16.

Assessors' Report: Assessor Harris reported that he is working on property assessments, answering emails and will have a split for next month. He answered the question presented by citizen regarding the assessors entering a residence. This is not allowed. There is no reason for an assessor to ask to enter a home. The assessor sometimes does have to take measurements on the property for assessment purposes.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride: Committee member April reported on the upcoming activities planned. This year's event will take place July 16th. There will be lot of vendors, a flea market, Michael Rawson will DJ and clowns will be present. A pancake breakfast has been scheduled for 8 to 11 am and a Fire Truck parade is scheduled at 2 pm. Trans-Canada has donated a check for \$500.00. A GoFundme page has been set up for donations. Trustee Galdikas announced a donation received by the Wesbey family to honor Dee Wesbey in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will be received as 2- \$5000.00 payments in 2016 and the again in 2017. Trustee Galdikas stated that the scholarship will now be called the Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride Scholarship. This year's recipients of the scholarship are Hannah Harris, Guadalupe Morales and Victor Nesta. Their information will be in the next newsletter.

Newsletter Committee: Trustee Galdikas stated that the newsletter was ready and has gone to the printer. Residents should see it in their mail boxes in the next 2 weeks.

Road Committee: Committee member C. Pugh gave the report that the township has been working on a graveling project. He reported the roads that have already been done and stated that the cemetery road will be the next road for improvements. The road millage is up for renewal and will be on the ballot for August 2nd Primary. Chuck was able to address a question asked by a citizen regarding on who chooses what roads considered for repair. The committee meets and assesses the township roads and rates them in the order of condition. Roads are Chip & Seal coated because of the cost. A mile of road can be done for about \$40,000.00 where it about \$180,000.00 to repave.

Clean Team Committee: Committee member Ann requested 2- 40 yard dumpsters for the scheduled clean up days. They will have about 40 volunteers and with nice weather they plan to get a lot accomplished. She made a request for \$2150.00 from the township for dumpsters for the new few months to be used in several clean up dates. Citizen S. Lacy asked if the Public Improvement money could be used. *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to Owen to approve the payment of \$2150.00 for the cleanup project. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. No- Lowery.* The board commended Ann for her passion and creativity in the clean up that has been taking place in the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Special Meeting scheduled for the Five Year Plan on Monday, June 20th at 6:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Variance 915 Melville and 216 Lawrence Avenue: After reviewing the information provided in the variances, the board decided that there was enough information to approve the property at 216 Lawrence Avenue.

Motion was made by Owen and second by Black to allow the variance at the original plans. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The property at 915 Melville Place was tabled until the next meeting for more information to be sought.

Tax Newsletter Approval: A copy was provided to all the board members and a *Motion was made by King and seconded by Galdikas to approve the printing of the tax newsletter to be sent out in tax bills. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

July Board of Review: The July Board of Review will be scheduled for July 19th at 1 pm for clerical errors. *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to publish the July Board of Review notice. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Land Divisions:

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the land division for parcel 005-001-10, Michael Peters as approved by the building official and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Galdikas and second by Owen to combine parcel 012-001-12 at 110th and 50th Street as approved by the building official and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve changes on parcel 036-027-00 located at 101st & 102nd Avenue as approved by building official and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve changes on parcel 026-014-10 as approved by building official and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Tax Properties: A resolution was provided with a letter to Allegan County Treasurers office to revert the listed tax properties back to the County. *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to sign resolution and send letter to Allegan County Treasurers office to revert tax properties back to the County. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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 –Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen 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 9.29 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk