

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 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, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** Trustee Black reported that he had received a call regarding trash being dumped on 106<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> there was a blight situation. Clerk King reported that there was a good turnout for the March 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary election. There were 404 residents who cast their votes. She also commended the staff for a job well done.

**Citizens Comments:**

Resident R. Russell reported that a portion of 51<sup>st</sup> street had been shut down due to erosion of a culvert. The repair will not be taken care of until 2017 when Federal funding will become available to the Allegan County Road Commission. Resident P. Booth reported that the local chapter of the Modern Woodman was looking for community project ideas that could be done in the area. They have a limited budget, but unlimited volunteers to help and this might be a valuable resource for the township in the way of spreading chips in playgrounds or other type projects. It was recommended that this could be a good resource for the Clean Team who is always looking for volunteers. Resident M. Cerda spoke about a fund raising project that will aid in the creation of a "Girls & Boys Club" and Ann from Love Inc. spoke about their idea to do a "Community Pride Clean up" project. They requested that the township provide the funding for a dumpster to be placed at the township hall for a weekend allowing residents to dispose of any debris from their yards.

**Allegan County Health Department – Ben Williams:** Williams spoke on the County's Resource and Recovery program. The program is part of PA 138 of 1989 that allows any city or township in Allegan County to charge a set \$25.00 to each resident which would cover recycling services. The County charges an administrative fee of 15% of the total collected from residents through their tax bills. The program allows for residents to opt out of the program but requires the township to keep track of those that do not want to participate. As presented was PA 69 of 2005 which allows the township to adopt a resolution that would put the issue on the ballot for the residents to approve a \$36.00 fee per year for the funding of this program as well. The Health Departments Resource and Recovery program also offers tire removal, paint, hazardous chemical and TV collection disposal for additional fees. The Health Department also offers a program for the collection and disposal of needles.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from February 8, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 8, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**County Commissioners Report:** No report.

**Deputy's Report:** No report.

**Fire Department Report:** During the month there were 17 calls. The training that took place during the month was fire fighter rescue that included participation with Clyde Township. Chief Chamberlain noted they had received requests for address signs from residents based on article in newsletter. The bids that had been collected for the new proposed fire truck were opened and are as follows: Spencer's bid was for \$474,877.00

and West Shore Services presented a bid for \$484,870.00. The bid details were discussed and the committee thought that the West Shore Services bid included more of what was needed. A special meeting was set for 9 am March 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss details on proceeding further with the new truck.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 28 calls of which 24 medicals and 4 personal injury.

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Building Inspector:** During the month there was 0 building, 6 mechanical, 2 plumbing and 4 electrical.

**Community Building:** Mike Jones gave the report in place of Melinda. He announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm with a raffle for an Easter basket. They will be serving hot dogs and chips as well.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Library Report:** No report.

**Transfer Station:** Totals for February were as follows: There was \$755.00 collected and 25 tickets redeemed.

**Lower Scott Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the containment site is done and now they are working on the brush. She commended Pat Knapp on a job well done.

**Assessors' Report:** No report.

**Holiday Committee:** No report.

**Pullman Pride:** Anyone that is interested in helping can contact April at her email address: aprilferrell82@yahoo.com.

**Newsletter Committee:** The newsletter was mailed out a week or so ago with copies available at the township office.

**Road Committee:** No report.

**Clean Team Committee:** Need someone to chair this committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Chip Cost and Fog Seal Approval:** Supervisor Owen reported the work to be done as 110<sup>th</sup> between 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Street, 51<sup>st</sup> from 102<sup>nd</sup> to 101<sup>st</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup> from 50<sup>th</sup> to almost 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Nadeau from 53<sup>rd</sup> to 54<sup>th</sup> Street. This totals 2.8 miles and the work order was signed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Publication Approval for the Budget Hearing:** *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the clerk to publish the Annual Budget Hearing and Meeting of the Electors. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King.*

**SWMDC Dust Control:** A quote was provided for 2 applications at the cost of \$11,000.00 each which is the same price as last year.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to accept the bid for 2 applications at \$11,000.00 each treatment with SWMDC. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Dam Proposal:** Supervisor Owen reported receiving 4 bids ranging from \$5000.00 to \$58,000.00 per dam depending on the work to be done and the method we chose to take. There is time to decide what type of

repair will be best because the permit process takes about 2 to 3 months. This issue was tabled until next month.

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

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the clerk to pay the election staff from the March 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, 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 8:50 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk