

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:35 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: A request from Supervisor Owen to make an adjustment to the agenda to add abandon road. Trustee Galdikas thanked Mary Whiteford for addressing the public with office hours today. Supervisor Owen wished everyone "Happy Mother's Day".

Citizens Comments:

A citizen asked a question regarding the dam with why it was important to invest money in the repair. This is done to keep the lake levels the same.

A citizen had questions about the new fire truck. Why the lowest bid was not accepted. The lowest bid did not include important features that were needed and with the additions the bid would be about the same or more.

Citizen D. Palmby asked about who would be responsible for any water contamination if any at the old Al's Total Station. He also asked if there is anything in place to address the newly popular mini homes. There is a permit requirement of 760 square feet.

Citizens Vicki and Tyrone Brown commented on the blight situation on 58th and 109th and wanted to know what the board was going to do about the cleanup needed. Mr. Brown expressed his concern about fracking coming to this area.

Citizen A. Hatfield reported that 19 people volunteered for clean up duty and successful cleared out 15 truck loads to the transfer station. Anyone who would like to report roadside trash problems can contact Ann.

A concern was raised about a tire problem at the end of Laraway Drive.

Guest Speaker Representative Mary Whiteford: Representative Whiteford gave an update. She reported having her office up and running and has started on the issues that are happening in Lansing such as the PA 4062 which has redefined the definition of a veteran, Agricultural Department and the issues with gas pumps and skimmers. She was able to be present for the release by students of Salmon in the Kalamazoo River.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Regular Meeting minutes with correction from April 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, Black, Owen and King. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

County Commissioners Report: no report

Deputy's Report: During the month of April there were 96 calls with 35 of the complaints handled by the township deputy. Deputy Borgic asked that everyone be careful during the summer season to not drink and drive. He also reported that there have been some issues with meth and prescription drugs.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 9 calls. The training that took place during the month was officer certification training. They were able to tour the plant where the new truck will be constructed and all were impressed. Some of the upcoming issues will be the upgrade of the radio system to 800 mhz. The question of who will be responsible for payment is still yet to be answered. Lastly, a basketball hoop has been setup behind the station with a special "Thank you" to Scott Simpson.

First Responders: During the month there were 23 calls of which 20 medicals and 3 fire assist. Director Rawson reported that the batteries have been replaced in the cardio thumper.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector: No report.

Community Building: Melinda reported that the next flea market has been scheduled for the first weekend in June. The bathrooms had to be fixed at the community center and Melinda thanked Scott for taking care of scheduling the repair. Lastly, Ridgepoint church has generously donated \$1000.00 back to the community.

Cemetery Report: The water has been turned back on for those who will be planting and need to use the water.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: Totals for April were as follows: There was \$1059.00 collected and 78 tickets redeemed.

Lower Scott Lake Board: Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the last payment has been approved and the project is done. She reported that they may have to test again next year.

Assessors' Report: Supervisor Owen read the report from Assessor Harris. He reported that he is working on property assessments, answering emails and will have a split for next month.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride: Trustee Galdikas reported April has set up a GoFundMe page to help raise funds for the scholarships. Senior Honors & Awards will be held May 11th and 3-\$500.00 Pullman Pride scholarships will be given. The winners will be announced at next month's meeting.

Newsletter Committee: No report.

Road Committee: No report. Chuck Pugh will be back the 1st of June.

Clean Team Committee: Committee member Ann reported that it was an awesome weekend of clean-up. She asked if anyone knew of any elderly citizens that might need help as they are looking for projects. She also asked that Ruby Hernandez be added as a contact and committee member. They are having a contest for the best improvement. Send in a before and after picture of your clean up and you could win a \$100 gift card from Meijer's. One card has already been awarded. If anyone would like to help or has knowledge of a resident that needs help please call Love Inc at 236-6295. The committee meets at 10 am and still needs more trucks to aid in the cleanup project. They also provide lunch after the cleanup. Trustee Galdikas gave a special "Thank you" to Fred and Jim Rawson for their help.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Installment Agreement: The purchase agreement is for the financing of the new fire truck for the amount of \$419,000.00. The money from the Fire Department's lowest interest paying account be closed and used to pay off station with the balance to be placed on the purchase of the new truck. Supervisor Owen presented to the board a resolution and purchase agreement to be approved and signed by the board.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign the resolution which enables the purchase. All voted "Aye." Motion carries.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to sign the purchase agreement providing our commitment to purchase the new fire truck as quoted. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Abandon Road: There has been a request for road abandonment where 102nd and 51st street dead-end. The Allegan County Road Commission has already researched and will approve but is giving the township an opportunity to comment.

A motion was made by Owens and seconded by Galdikas to acknowledge that the board has no objections to the request of road abandonment at 102nd and 51st street at the dead-end. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black 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

Citizen S. Lacy announced that she is a notary and will not charge for the service as her bonding is covered. She stated that the residents could feel free to call her at 236-5700 if they need a document notarized.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk