

Lee Township  
Special Meeting  
November 10, 2016

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 6:00 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 purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the sale of properties that were reverted by tax sale and consider the need to regulate the use of out-door furnaces in the township.

Trustee Galdikas questioned if the township could sell township properties for profit. Supervisor Owen indicated that it depended on how the property was originally acquired.

The information that was provided to the board was re-reviewed. Supervisor Owen was in favor of selling the properties, and suggested contacting the neighbors to see if it would be beneficial to their properties. The township has been approached about purchasing some properties but no process is currently in place.

Trustee Black raised the question of selling property via auction but it was determined to be too costly. The need for a survey was raised and suggested that a quit claim deed should be prepared by an attorney. It was suggested by T. Kotas that a hold harmless waiver should be required to release liability to the township and minimize attorney fees. A standard sales agreement could be most likely be used.

The board will provide legal counsel a copy of a standard sales agreement for review. The board recommended a closed bid process if more than one resident want to buy the same piece of property.

The properties will be researched to determine what can be sold and what is not saleable. If properties are land locked the adjoining property owners will be notified.

The board members will research more information. Supervisor Owen will work on getting a standard sales agreement, Trustee Galdikas will put together the request to purchase property form and Clerk King will contact MTA on the proper process for posting for the next board meeting.

On the matter of an ordinance for outdoor furnaces, the board discussed the issue and gave their opinions. Trustee Galdikas did not feel that it was the boards place to restrict how residents choose to heat their homes. She also felt that until we are able to go over our current ordinances to make sure that they fit the township and are enforceable we should not be considering any new ordinances.

The board collectively decided not to pursue an ordinance on out-door furnaces but did agree to review all current ordinances within the next few years to make sure that they are effectively written for enforcement for the safety of the community.

*Motion Black and seconded by King to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. All voted "Aye".  
Motion carried.*

Minutes submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk