

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order 7:32 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

Board Comments: Trustee Galdikas announced that Al-van will be having another low cost spay and neuter clinic coming up soon with \$20.00 for spaying and \$10.00 for neuters.

Citizen's Comments: Citizen B. Lewis wondered why the board wasn't considering putting funds Van Buren District Library requested to our Pullman Library. Trustee Galdikas and Clerk King stated that our library is not a district library and therefore not eligible for those funds.

Citizen E. DeWeerd asked if anyone knew what cell company will be using the tower west of town? Supervisor Owen stated that he wasn't sure, but thought that Verizon has shown interest.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 9, 2017. All voted "Aye." Motion carries.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to receive the treasurer's report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carries.

County Commissioners Report: Commission Jessup gave his update from the County. Currently the Youth Home has been found to have high levels of lead with an estimated cost of \$330,000.00 to replace the pipes. The county employees have just received a 1.5% cost of living increase. He reported that the pension fund was underfunded and the board has been working on solutions to correct. Lastly, the new chairperson will be Commissioner Dean Kapenga.

Deputies Report: During the past month there were 102 complaints with 33 calls handled Deputy Borgic. There has been a few B&E's in summer homes around Eagle Lake area. If anyone sees anything suspicious, please call 911.

Fire Department Report: During the month the department responded to 5 calls. Regarding the statistics on homes that had smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, that incurred fires in 21016, Chief Chamberlain stated that one home did and one did not and one was not able to be determined. Chief Chamberlain provided quotes on the equipment for the new fire truck. When reviewing quotes and comparing the equipment, West Shore was the lowest at \$19,277.00, Apollo at \$22,681.00 and Moses Fire at \$17,584.50 but didn't have all of the requested equipment. The Fire Department is going to receive bids for fire saws from South Haven Small

Engine and Steensma in Plainwell. Chief Chamberlain stated that he would like to go with South Haven Small Engine because they were closer and more convenient. He also asked the board for permission to go between Moses and West Shore for the equipment.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to choose equipment from either Moses and West Shore and South Haven Small Engine for fire saws. Roll call vote was taken: Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carries.

First Responders: During the month there were 28 calls of which 24 were medical and 4 fire assist.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to correct the minutes from January 9th meeting correcting that there were 364 calls in 366 days. The totals had been reversed.

Ambulance Reports: No report.

Building Inspector: There were 2 building permits, 3 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 6 electrical permits issued with total improvements of \$490,000.00.

Community Center: No report

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$787.00 collected and 37 coupons redeemed.

Lake Board: No report.

Newsletter Committee: No report.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Harris reported the county assessment notices will be mailed out shortly. March Board of Review will start March 13th. Discussion took place on the poverty guidelines and the disability exemption for 100% disabled veterans.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to adopt the poverty exemption as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to set the asset level at \$15,000.00. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Holiday Committee: No report.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that the Pullman Pride Scholarship recipient Guadalupe Perales completed her first semester at MSU with a 4.0 GPA. The deadline for 2017 scholarship application is April 15th.

Clean Team Committee: No report.

Road Committee: No report.

Old Business: None

Waiver of Tax Penalty: The tax deadline is usually set as February 14th before a 3% penalty is added.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to extend the date to February 28th. All voted Aye.” Motion carried.

Board of Review: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the publishing of the March Board of Review notices. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.*

Library Contract: Currently 913 citizens currently hold library cards with the Fennville Library which allows them to also use the South Haven Library free of charge. At this time the board agreed that there would be no need to contract with the Van Buren Intermediate Library.

Dust Control Contract: *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to sign work order from the Allegan County Road Commission for 2 applications. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Request for Mowing Bids: *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the clerk to publish request for mowing bids. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.*

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to have Scott Simpson, SH Dependable to finish the snow plowing for this remainder of winter. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Lowery and Owen to authorize payment of the bills with additions. Roll call vote was taken: Yes –, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carries.*

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to adjourn the meeting. All voted “Aye.” Motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn A. King, Clerk