

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: With no amendments to the agenda, Supervisor Owen wanted to extend condolences to the family of Paul Hapke. He served Lee Township as a fire fighter and will be greatly missed.

Guest Speaker: State Representative Mary Whiteford presented an update of current issues in Lansing. Some of the current topics included Whiteford's goal of creating a long term plan for the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County with a Planning Grant through the Clean Michigan Initiative contaminated sediments funding. Some of the other issues discussed were solutions for Rural Broadband and a plan for affordable auto insurance. Whiteford is working hard as an active member of the C.A.R.E.S. Task force (commitment to community, access, resources, education and safety) which has taken her statewide to work with officials regarding individuals with mental health challenges. The task force is gathering information and intends to draft legislation that will improve healthier lives.

Citizen's Comments: No comments

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. All voted "Aye."

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Galdikas to receive the treasurer's report as presented – Roll call –Yes: Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Commissions Report: Commissioner Jessup reported on the current issues within Allegan County. Well and septic fees have been increased in an attempt to solve the backlog of processing which has taken 6 weeks to 3 months in the past. They intend to expand staff to cover the volume. The new fees can be found on the Allegan County website. Jessup also reported that Judge Cronin will be retiring on the 12th of January and his position will be filled by Rob Kengis from the prosecutor's office until the next election. The salaries of the County employees have been reviewed by a recent study and adjustments have been made. Lastly, Jessup spoke of the lost revenue from the State resulting in \$850,000.00 for Allegan County.

Deputies Report: Deputy Borgic reported that during 2017 he handled 423 complaints and during December there were 170 complaints of which he handled 30. During the past month they apprehended a suspect for the home invasion. He thanked the residents for their careful driving during the hazardous weather. An update was given on the decrease of meth labs during 2017. There was only 1 within the township last year and 10 to 12 during 2016. Most issues with drugs are south of Baseline and even though there is an issue of heroin in larger communities, there is not an issue in Lee Township. Lastly, he reported that the patrol vehicle will need some repairs.

Discussion took place about the timing of replacing the vehicle and using it within another area such as a command vehicle for the Fire Department.

Fire Department: During the month there was a total of 14 calls of which included 2 brush/grass, 1 barn fire, 2 car fires, 1 downed power line and 1 low power line, 2 lift assist, 4 private injury and a false alarm. The annual number of calls will be provided at next month's meeting. The training was class room training on Ice Rescue and the remainder of training will be held on the 9th. Chief Chamberlain attended the annual Fire Chief's meeting which covered the new radios. Currently Lee hasn't had as many issues as other communities. He also reported that they have started on the new grass truck and plan to get it into use this spring/early summer. It is their intention to replace the old one after 20 years of service.

First Responders: During the month there were 33 calls of which there were 26 medical, 4 accidents and 3 assist. Year to date totals are 318 with 270 medical, 17 accidents and 31 assist. Director Rawson reported having to replace the battery which was used for 7 years.

Ambulance Report:

Trustee Black read the minutes from the Ambulance meeting held on December 14th held in Fennville at 7 pm. The agenda and minutes were approved. Discussion took place regarding the leaking roof on the station and information is being gathered for the repair. Fennville hired a new city manager and Manlius Township is looking for a new Supervisor. Next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2018 at 7 pm.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Harris has been processing deeds, splits and updating building permits, address and preparing assessment notices. The Board of Review meeting was very quick. Board of Review member, S. Lacy made a comment praising Assessor Harris for being very organized and supporting the board of review members.

Building Report: For the month of December there were 2 electrical permits, 3 plumbing, 0 mechanical, and 6 building permit of which 2 were for demolition. Total improvements were \$361,161.00

Community Center: No report

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: For the month of December there were 29 tickets and the total of \$798.00 collected.

Lake Board: No report

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas stated that the Christmas Decorations will come down as soon as there is a break in the weather.

Newsletter: No report

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that Chris Brundzo has volunteered to take over the organizing duties for Pullman Pride and is working on a website. Scholarship information has gone out to the schools and the deadline is April 13th.

Road Committee: Annual meeting will be held on the 11th of January and Scott will attend. The Lee Twp road committee will be looking into what is next on the list of roads to be fixed, to be reviewed at the next regular board meeting.

Clean Team: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clean Team: Dumpsters - Discussion took place on a more efficient and regulated location for the dumpsters. Still looking to continue with this positive program and a suggestion was presented to move dumpsters to the transfer station. In the previous year, it was reported that the dumpster was full by mid-day Saturday. Supervisor Owen stated that this was a suggestion and more discussion will take place. Questions were brought up regarding items that cost to dump such as mattresses and couches.

NEW BUSINESS

Gravel Road Program: The board reviewed the map provided by Road Commission with what projects are affordable.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to allow bids from the ACRC on suggested projects for 2018 budgeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Leaders Conference:

Supervisor Owen requested approval to attend the Leaders Conference. Member fee is 329.00 and expense would cost around \$300 and travel at \$100.00 for the 2 day conference.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the training request for the Supervisor in the amount up to \$750.00 for the Leaders Conference. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: yes –Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Correspondence: None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9.09 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jacquelyn A. King, Lee Township Clerk