

**Lee Township**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order 7:34 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

**Board Comments:** Supervisor Owens wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he was looking forward to working with everyone in the upcoming year. Also mentioned were residents we lost this past year, including Pat Knapp, Les Rawson, Elverta Maas and Ed Garfield. They will be missed.

**Citizen's Comments:** None.

**Guest Speaker:** Ryan Weiber – Van Buren District Library – Introduced himself and asked the township to consider a contract with VBDL for library services. This would make the Bloomingdale Library available to the children from Pullman elementary as well as the Bloomingdale Middle & High School. He provided the board information regarding the contract that would be presented from VBDL and reviewed our current contract with Fennville District Library. The decision should be made by April in order to have everything in place for the upcoming year. Currently there are over 500 children in the Bloomingdale school system that could access the library and half of those children come from Lee Township. The cost to the township would be \$2500.00 with the rest of the funding from State penal fines and State Aid monies. Another option would be to have a millage placed on a ballot for the voters to decide.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 12, 2016. All voted "Aye." Motion carries.*

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

**County Commissioners Report:** No report.

**Deputies Report:** Deputy Borgic reported that during the month of December there were 76 complaints with which he answered 19 or 25% of the calls. He noted the B&E's in the Osterhaut Lake area. He thanked everyone for their cautious driving and reminded everyone that all road complaints go to the road commission. Lastly, he reminded residents that animals must have shelter, food and water (not frozen) during the cold months.

**Fire Department Report:** During the month the department responded to 14 calls, including structure fires, downed power lines, carbon monoxide complaints along with mutual aid. The training was Search and Rescue and the equipment maintenance has been completed for the year. The new truck should be ready by the end of next month and they will be ready to get quotes for the equipment to fit the new engine which is estimated to be around \$35,000.00. The total calls for the year were 145 making Lee Township the 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest in the county.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 32 calls of which 30 were medical and 2 fire assist. Totals for the year were 366 calls in 364 days.

**Ambulance Reports:** Trustee Black reported that the Ambulance Committee met last month and the contract has been signed and is good for another 4 years.

**Building Inspector:** There were no building permits, 6 mechanical, no plumbing and 3 electrical permits issued. December was a slow month.

**Community Center:** No report.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Transfer Station:** During the month there was \$821.00 collected and 18 coupons redeemed.

**Lake Board:** No report.

**Newsletter Committee:** No report.

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

**Holiday Committee:** No report.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** No report. Trustee Galdikas reported that the Pullman Pride Scholarship recipient Victor Nesta completed his first semester at MSU with a 3.8 GPA.

**Clean Team Committee:** No report.

**Road Committee:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**Snowplowing Contract:** Supervisor Owen stated that after the passing of Pat Knapp there was some uncertainty of what would happen with the contract for snow plowing. Patty Knapp assured him that Pat's Excavating would still be able to continue plowing for the township.

**Mowing Contract:** Discussion took place by the board on if the contract for mowing and snow plowing would continue to be perpetual after new bids are accepted in 2017. The board will want to publish a request for bids on mowing this spring and again for snow plowing in the fall.

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

**Correspondence:** None

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carries.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Minutes Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn A. King, Clerk