

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2017

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Trustee Black commended the Road Commission for the roadside mowing. Supervisor Owen commended those involved with the Memorial Day parade. It was a great success. He added that it was a great honor to be able to ride with the firefighters in the new truck.

Citizen's Comments: Citizen B. Lewis had a question about renting the community center. It appeared there was a misunderstanding regarding the rental process and he also asked who the township's attorney is and what is a situation that would be considered "hold harmless."

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2017 Regular Meeting with correction. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Deputies Report: During the previous month there were 97 complaints with 39 complaints handled by our township deputy. Deputy Borgic stated that it had been a normal month, but the previous weekend had been busy. They had received a lot of noise complaints from the Geringman Speedway area with one of their events which is in Van Buren County. Citizen D. Palmby suggested that a crosswalk should be placed near the school and his suggestion will be forwarded on the Allegan County Road Commission.

Fire Department: During the past month there were 9 calls which there were 2 assist, 1 downed power line, and a transformer explosion to mention a few. The training was on new engine 16 and engine 12 pumping. There are 4 new firefighters and all firefighters are trained in Firefighter II level. Chief Chamberlain stated that the Fire Department does have money in their budget to help with getting an AED unit for the new truck. This will make them compliant as well as it is a great safety feature.

First Responders: During the month they had 28 calls of which 26 were medical, 1 fire assist and 1 accident. To date there have been 148 calls. Director Rawson provided the board with 3 quotes for AED unit. The Life Pak quote is the one that Rawson is recommending since one quote is a refurbished unit at no much of a savings. The Fire Department will be covering \$456 for the jump bag and 1 AED unit and the First Responders will be purchasing 2 AED units.

A motion was made by King and seconded by Black to approve the Fire Department to purchase 1 AED unit and jump bag and the First Responders to purchase 2 AED units from Allied 100

(Lifepak CR Plus) in the amount of \$4198.20 and \$456.00 for the jump bag totaling \$4,654.20. A roll call vote was taken- Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: In Assessor's absence, Supervisor Owen read the report. There will be two land splits that will be approved next month. Board of Review is coming up on July 18, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

Ambulance Report: Report will be available at next month's meeting.

Building Report: During the month there were 8 electrical permits, 4 mechanical, 3 building and no plumbing permits issued. The total improvements were \$18,000.00.

Community Center: Committee Member A. Hatfield will provide calendars at the township office with all events for the month.

Cemetery Report: Committee Member E. Pacholski thanked Supervisor Owen for handling the issue at the cemetery. She stated that she was amazed how beautiful the veteran flags were and the number of veterans in the cemetery. Citizen E. DeWeerd stated that it was a beautiful ceremony and it was exceptionally beautiful with the large flag displayed by the Fire Department. It was also stated that Able Services has done a fine job with mowing the cemetery.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$1,107.00 collected and 72 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: The Lake Board is scheduled for a meeting on June 19th at 6 pm at the Township Hall.

Newsletter Report: Trustee Galdikas stated that the newsletter just went out in the mail this past month and anyone interested in a copy can either print one from the website or contact the Clerk for a copy of the latest edition.

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas stated that there were 2 new banners ordered with "Welcome to Pullman" to replace the spring banners which are only out a short time. There were 4 additional "Pullman Pride" banners that were graciously donated by Tim Kotas and Trustee Galdikas to the township.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas gave the report in April's absence. The event will be held on July 15, 2017. The day will start with a pancake breakfast at the Fire Stations. The fun event will include a jumping castle and games at Pizza Plus for the children, fire truck parade, dunk tank and still working on ponies and food truck. Anyone interest in renting a booth can contact April or Lisa for the information. The Lake Board graciously donated \$1,000 to the Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride Scholarship fund.

Road Committee: Committee member C. Pugh announced Jim Rawson as the newest member to the committee. Road work on 104th to 58th has been completed. The section of 54th street between 102nd and 103rd will be done this year. The road will be widened and more shoulders along with the clearing of brush. The complete road is scheduled to be completed in 2020. This will be much safer for the school buses and emergency personnel. The projects scheduled for this year are: Lester Lake Drive, First and South Street (by the school), Osterhaut Lake and

Laurence from 50th to 103rd and Pullman Street to Gilpin. The board is looking forward to seeing how the new mixture works out.

Clean Team: Committee Member A. Hatfield reported a very good turnout for last month's cleanup. She reported that 2-40 yard containers will filled. They only had 3 volunteers but a lot of people brought their items in making it very successful. The next clean up is scheduled for June 17th and 18th and they will have the help of the community service workers from the Allegan County jail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Printing of Tax Newsletter: *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by King to authorize the Treasurer to print the newsletter to put inserted in tax bills. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Tax Reverted Properties: *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to decline the request from the County to purchase foreclosed properties. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

A motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to write the first payment for the new fire truck in the amount of \$30,591.97. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Reminder: Master Plan meeting/work session will be held on June 19th at 6:30 pm.

Correspondence: Trustee Galdikas received correspondence from former resident George Wesbey and he wanted to extend his appreciation to the residents of Lee Township and expressed his excitement for the upcoming Pullman Pride celebration.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King
Lee Township Clerk