

LEE TOWNSHIP  
Regular Meeting  
May 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:31 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

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

**Board Comments:** Supervisor Owen thanked Chief Chamberlain and the other fire fighters that took time off to go make the trip to Florida to inspect the new truck. Their commitment to the Fire Department and the community is appreciated.

**Citizens Comments:**

Citizen K. Hoffman commented on the public access for Lower Scott Lake on 110<sup>th</sup>. She requested that the gate be lock during the closed hours especially on Holiday weekends due to the noise and late night activity. Hoffman also requested the township consider putting up new signs regarding rules of the parks. Jim Rawson will make sure that the gate is fixed.

*A motion was made by King and seconded by Owen to amend the meeting minutes from April to reflect the Assistant Fire Chief's salary to take place in April instead of May. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on May 1, 2017. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Galdikas to receive the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Commissioner's Report:** County Commissioner Tom Jessup gave an update. He reported that the tax revenue has increased and 1.7 million was given to Allegan County. He estimates that this will go up some each year. He announced that the position for Finance Director has been filled. Ruth Nenciarna has come to the county with vast experience. He spoke of the condition of the Youth Home. It has been discovered that some lead contamination was present. The county has been proactive and now tests show that the problem has been resolved and no lead is present. During the past month a Law Enforcement meeting was held where it was discussed that the number of deputies has gone down from 32 to 24 due to the past budget cuts. The meeting was held and public comment was requested. Discussion is in process on if a request for millage is on a future ballot in an attempt to supplement the Law Enforcement budget. Jessup anticipates that within the next year a millage anywhere between ¼ mill to ¾ mill could be on a ballot for the voters. It was asked by Trustee Galdikas if there would be a cost benefit to townships that

have a contracted deputy. Jessup stated that he liked the idea of contracted deputies, but felt that more could be done in the sharing of cost between neighboring townships. He felt that if the cost could be decreased it would help to put more deputies on the road. A question was asked if the township is billed for the State Police. Jessup explained that they are state funded. Another question was asked if the extra revenue the county received was ear marked for anything. Commissioner Jessup stated that they could use it to help with the pension funding, but this year it went into the General Fund. Lastly, Jessup stated that the Legalization of Marijuana would probably be on an upcoming ballot in 2018 or 2010. There is a continual search for new ways of regulating the industry.

**Deputies Report:** No Report

**Fire Department:** During the previous month there were 14 calls. The monthly training was on propane emergencies. Chief Chamberlain reported that the truck inspection went well. It was a fast trip but they were able to go over the specs with finding only small issues. The truck is set to ship this Saturday. The Fire Fighter and Officer training has come to an end with 10 to 12 more Level 2 fire fighters. The next pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 11 am for Pullman Pride Day. The truck will be there for residents to see. Chamberlain answered a question regarding what happens if a house or structure could be allowed to burn to the ground if not savable. Chamberlain stated that house fires are considered a crime scene and needs to be extinguished as quickly as possible to preserve any evidence.

**First Responders:** During the past month there were 30 calls of which 24 were medical and 5 fire assist and 1 accident. Director Rawson is still waiting for one more quote for a new AED unit and will present quotes to the board upon receipt when all are received.

**Ambulance Report:** No report

**Building Officials:** Supervisor Owen reported that he has received March's report and there were no building permits issued. In April there were 8 electrical, 1 plumbing, 4 mechanical and 8 building permits issued for total improvements of \$339,000.00.

**Community Center:** The Community Center will have the next Flea Market scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> with a \$5.00 set up fee per table. Those with questions can call Melinda at the Love Inc. office.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Library Report:** No report.

**Transfer Station:** During the month \$1,342.00 was collected and 73 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board:** No report.

**Newsletter Report:** The next newsletter is set to go out next month. It will highlight Pullman Pride Day and the scholarship winners along with tax information. Galdikas commented on riding with our officer noting Deputy Borgic has stated that nearly every day there is a call regarding Meth.

**Assessors Report:** No report

**Holiday Report:** No report.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Pullman Pride Day is set for Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>. The day will start with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 am. The day will be full of fun for families until 3:00 pm when there will be more activities for adults such as a beer garden and possibly live music. Banner will be hung next month. April reported that vendor tables are \$15.00. Questions were asked about if there will be a dunk tank and if any group could have a table. April confirmed the dunk tank and stated anyone interested in a table should contact her.

**Clean Team Report:** Committee Member A. Hatfield reported that their last cleanup day was a great success. It was reported by Saturday evening, 2 -40 yard dumpsters were filled to the top. There were 18 volunteers that cleaned the parks, soccer field, walking trail, along 56<sup>th</sup> Street and around the cemetery. The cleanup sessions will be held during the summer with the exception of July because of our Pullman Pride event.

**Road Committee:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tag Line for Community:** During the past few months it was discussed having a tag line for the community with a positive message about Lee Township. The Pullman Pride scholarship contenders were asked to give their suggestions. The 5 suggestions were as follows:

1. Lee Township, Where the Scott Lakes are the town's Great Lakes
2. Lee Township, a home for everyone
3. Lee Township: The Small, With Big Plans
4. Welcome to Lee Township, Loving, Excited and Equal
5. Lee Township: Community Working Together to Make a Better Tomorrow

Treasurer Lowery suggested that students design the sign as well. Supervisor Owen stated that if we agree on a tag line to be used we can acknowledge the winning applicant in our next newsletter. It was agreed by the board that #5 was the winning tag line as it encompassed everything we wanted to promote.

**Payment Date for New Fire Truck:**

A lot of work was done in getting the paperwork together for the new fire truck. When the documents were signed in February the first date was chosen as May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need to do an addendum to change

the first payment date. It was suggested by King to have the payment date changed to the 15<sup>th</sup> so that it is due after the board meeting. This would allow for the payment to be sent out before it was due. This would insure the payment was not late. Supervisor Owen just wanted to make sure that the change would not cause more interest to be accrued.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to request the payment date to start June 15, 2017 until the completion of the loan. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Resolution for Voting Machine Grant from State:** The State of Michigan is upgrading our voting equipment and Clerk King presented the resolution necessary to apply for the grant with the State for funding of this equipment. The State will be paying all by \$2,000.00 for the cost of equipment and the County is looking into other ways to bring that cost down. *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign the resolution. 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 pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn King, Clerk