

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 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 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** Clerk King thanked those who came out to vote in the November election. In spite of the low turnout, the election went well. Supervisor Owen thanked all veterans for their service to our nation. He also commented on the Lower and Upper Scott dam situation. There has been difficulty with the contractor and he is working to get it corrected. The contractor has failed to show up to do the work and has not responded so we have begun looking for another contractor to complete the job.

**Citizen's Comments:**

Attorney Gonzalez presented information regarding the number of townships who have opted to adopt a medical marijuana ordinance. Currently Watson Township is drafting such an ordinance. He suggested a special meeting to discuss with the township board.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the October 9 2017 Regular Meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2017 Special Workshop. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**Commissions Report:** No report

**Guest Speaker:** County Clerk, Bob Genetski reported that a recent election was held and was happy to report that all the results were received without difficulty. He commended the staff for a job done well. Genetski also presented his first annual report and highlighted the year's successes. He had an opportunity to assist veterans with getting their DD214 discharge papers recorded for no charge. Also reported was the purchased by the State for new voting machines to be implemented in next year's elections. Lastly, he reported that he will be running for the Senate seat that has been held by Tonya Schuitmaker. He currently has been the only person to announce his intent to run for the open seat. While serving as State Representative he was able to keep his promise to work towards a balanced budget and to visit all townships in his district twice a year.

**Deputies Report:** No report

**Fire Department:** During the past month there were 5 calls. The training was on the hose with the new truck. Fire Prevention went well and Chief Chamberlain thanked all fire fighters who

participated. It was a very good turnout for the event. The new radio system is up and running and new items will need to be purchased such as chargers, noise canceling microphones and heat resisting cords. Not a lot in the budget this year for communication, but it will be added in next year and giving the department time to decide what is best.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 28 calls which brings the total to 271 calls to date.

**Assessor's Report:** Assessor Harris completed getting the tax records ready to run for the treasurer. He explained a request received for approval of a PA116 for Scenic Dairy. He stated that it doesn't affect the local tax base. It needs to be approved by the board in order to be processed at the State level.

*Motion made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the PA 116 to be signed for Scenic Dairy explained by the Assessor. All voted Aye. Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the land division approved by the building inspector and assessor for parcel # 0312 026-016-00 for Jacobson. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the land division approved by the building inspector and assessor for parcel #0312-003-008-30/02 for Borowiak. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Ambulance Report:** No report

**Building Report:** During the month there were 6 electrical permits, 2 mechanical, 4 building and 2 plumbing permits issued. The total improvements were \$58,950.00.

**Community Center:** No report

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** No report

**Transfer Station:** During the month there was \$1075.00 collected and 79 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board:** Eleanor met with Mary Whiteford in hopes she would be aware of possible grants to help finance the cleanup of the channel. She also hoped that she could help in the permit process.

**Newsletter Report:** Trustee Galdikas reported that the newsletter went out the prior week. Resident S. Lacy complimented Lisa on a very good newsletter.

**Holiday Committee:** Trustee Galdikas announced the upcoming Holiday Social to be held first Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. The event will start at Pizza Plus and there will be caroling and live manger scene before a small parade with Santa will bring the festivities to the Community Center for soup and cookies and time to have a picture taken with Santa and each child will receive a gift. Looking for bakers for cookies and if anyone has a farm animal that could be part of the manger scene please contact Lisa.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Trustee Galdikas reported that she received an email from April Warden appreciative for the opportunity to coordinate the event but she has decided to step down. Galdikas announced that they are now looking for a new person to chair Pullman Pride Day.

**Road Committee:** Supervisor Owen read a letter received by C. Pugh with a review of work completed during the prior year.

**Clean Team:** No report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance Request for Osterhaut Lake:** Owen presented information to the board regarding property on 5093 Lake Drive owned by Stoike requesting a variance. Upon review and with no issues with neighbors, encroachments and adequate room for fire trucks.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the variance for 5093 Lake Drive as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Printing of Tax Newsletter:** *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to approve the printing of the tax newsletter to be place in all tax bills. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Payment of the Bills:** *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the payment of 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 Lowery to pay the election workers for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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