

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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:** No comments

**Citizen's Comments:** Attorney Caleb Gonzalez from Shek Law office has been approached by a client who would like to have a dispensary in the area.

Citizen T. Brown made an announcement that Allegan Public Schools has agreed to bring the GED program to Pullman. This will be temporarily held at the Mt Calvary Church until the new Linking Center is completed. The classes will be held on Mondays from 12-3pm and Thursdays 5-8pm, and will begin on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. They will focus on improving computer skills, resume writing and other GED testing. The teaching staff will include Mr. & Mrs. Brown and Sue Chapman of Allegan. The service will be free to those in the community. An Open House will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Mt Calvary from 5 to 8 pm.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. 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:** Tom Jessup summarized the county report. This Thursday, there will be a public hearing to discuss the budget. The County Budget for 2018 will be \$31,819,541.00 plus 1.3 million capital projects. This does not include the Senior Millage, Road Commission millage or the courts. The meeting will be held at 7 pm. The State Treasurer has estimated that the budget could go down some in the next 2 years. In regards to the law enforcement millage, no decision has been made yet. In an update with the State, Legislator is looking into countywide assessing. They are thinking about changing this statewide or regional but Jessup wasn't sure how successful this would be. Lastly, he mentioned that the Lower Scott Lake channel. He wondered when cleaning would start.

**Deputies Report:** During the month there were 118 calls with 43 calls handled by township. Deputy Borgic did recover a couple of stolen vehicles, none from Allegan County. During the month there were more OWI's reported. He did request the need for new tires on the police vehicle. He would need them by January if we could approve now to get on order so they would be ready when needed.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the purchase up to \$800.00 for new tires for our police vehicle. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Fire Department:** During the past month there were 10 calls which included stove fires, vehicle and house fires and 1 assist. New Engine 16 is now in service and the ladder truck is back. There was a crack found in part of the ladder and the radio was out. A repair was done so now the ladder should pass the test. October is Fire Prevention month and on October 19<sup>th</sup> they will present to the children from Pullman Elementary. A question was asked if our township has free smoke detectors. Chief Chamberlain stated that he could possibly get one for someone in need but no giveaway program is available in Lee Township.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 14 calls bring a to date total of 247.

**Assessor's Report:** Assessor Harris was out for a family matter.

**Ambulance Report:** Meeting was held at the Fennville Emergency September 14. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. and adjourned at 7:11 pm. AMR was not present so the issues could not be discussed during the meeting.

**Building Report:** During the month there were 6 electrical permits, 8 mechanical, 3 building and 0 plumbing permits issued. The total improvements were \$12,358.00

**Community Center:** October 26 will be Fall Festival. Last year was a great success. If anyone is interested they can call Melinda.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Library Report:** Doug Bale gave a report. The Library is open on Wednesday afternoon with the help of volunteer Pam Booth. They currently house a Knitting Group and also a Book Club along with internet access. With the help from Love Inc. there will be some maintenance repairs done. The library is run by volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Deb Laraway.

**Transfer Station:** During the month there was \$ 871.00 collected and 92 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that an assessment meeting was held this past Thursday and it was decided that the new assessment would be over 2 years.

**Newsletter Report:** The next edition is scheduled to go out in the middle of November. Contact Lisa if there is anything to be added.

**Holiday Committee:** Holiday Social will be held 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 short parade to the Community Center. Soup and cookies will be available, time to have a picture taken with Santa and each child (under 12) will receive a gift.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Next year's event will take place on the third Saturday in July.

**Road Committee:** The improvements over the last 6 years were highlighted. There has been much improvement with the Township road millage.

**Clean Team:** Committee Member A. Hatfield reported that in last month's cleanup was very successful. They will consider finding a new way to monitor the collection to help eliminate some of the trash that is being left outside the dumpster.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Snow Plowing Bids:** Only one bid was received from Jeff Komplin and his quote was as follows: Fire Station \$45.00, Fire Station 2 \$35.00, Community Center \$35.00 and Township Hall \$35.00. He will need to provide proof of insurance and there needs to be clarification regarding the amount of snow required to plow and to make sure that the parking lot is plowed on the second Monday of each month for meetings.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to accept the bid from Jeff Komplin with the proof of insurance and clarification in writing on the number of inches in snow to require the facility to be plowed. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Variance Request for Osterhaut Lake:** A request for variance was requested by Chris Dahl for property address 196 51<sup>st</sup> Street, parcel 0312-035-029-60. The Road Commission, Fire Department and neighbors have been consulted and they have no issues.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to grant variance which meets all requirements. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Trick or Treat Hours:** *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to set the Halloween hours for Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 pm. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Payment of the Bills:** *A motion was made by Galdikas 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.*

**Correspondence:** Supervisor read the correspondence of an anonymous letter expressing concern about the sale and use of a private citizen's property.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm

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