

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:31 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: Supervisor opened the meeting with a moment of silence to recognize the victims of 911. Trustee Galdikas made an announcement that Al-van will be offering a low cost spay and neuter clinic on Tuesday September 19 and October 17th. There are still spots left for male cats at a cost of \$10.00. Treasurer Lowery reminded everyone that the deadline for payment of taxes without a penalty is September 14th. Taxes paid after this date will be assessed a 1% penalty, but still can be paid to Lee Township. Supervisor Owen announced that he received a call regarding the Lower Scott Lake dam but is still waiting on a start date.

Citizen's Comments: Citizen S. Lacy commended the Road Committee on the three new sections of road and stated that they are great. The company knew what they were doing and the work was impressive. She wanted to thank the committee for a job well done and for posting the signs to remind us of our tax dollars at work. Citizen D. Palmby commented on the closing of the bridge on 109th Avenue. He stated that he tried to go through and was stopped. Deputy Borgic stated that there have had a lot of people going through the road block and officers have been enforcing it.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the August 14 Regular Meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Commissions Report: No report

Deputies Report: During the month there were 133 calls with 43 calls handled by township. Deputy Borgic spoke of the closure on the 109th bridge and the strict enforcement. He asked that the residents not try to drive through. Deputy Borgic also brought to the attention of the board that the police vehicle is in need of some work. The vehicle will need coil packs, a tune up, alignment, both catalytic converters are plugged, O2 sensor is bad and needs 4 new tires. The current mileage on the vehicle is 123,000.

Fire Department: During the past month there were 8 calls. Chief Chamberlain stated that Engine 16 is back and 90% of the equipment is on. There was a small accident with the ladder truck which caused minor damage. This will be turned in to the insurance company for repair. Lastly, Chamberlain reported that the radio system will not be done in time to be put on the new truck until the County is ready.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery for the purchase of 3 replacement sets of turnout gear. Roll call was taken- Yes: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Motion by King seconded by Owen to purchased up to 650.00 for Fire prevention materials. Roll call was taken – Yes: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

First Responders: During the month they had 22 calls of which 21 were medical and 1 fire assist. The unit will go back in again to correct the same problem.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Harris has been busy with recording deeds and doing PTA's. The deadline for PRE (Principle Residence Exemption) is November 1st. Any property purchased by the 1st has until the end of the year to get their paperwork into their Assessor.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Report: During the month there were 5 electrical permits, 5 mechanical, 3 building and 1 plumbing permits issued. The total improvements were \$9500.00

Community Center: Ann brought calendars and food distribution flyers for passing out. The new linking center is scheduled to open in the spring. Committee meeting is coming up on the 18th of September at 4:30 pm

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$1082.00 collected and 70 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: Committee member E. DeWeerd announced that the next Lake Board Meeting would be held on October 5th at 7 pm to determine assessment. The lease payment will decrease from \$500.00 to \$250.00 for the use of the Hackel property.

Newsletter Report: Next letter will come out in November. Anyone with ideas please let Lisa know.

Holiday Committee: Holiday Social first Saturday, December 2nd

Pullman Pride Committee: No report

Road Committee: Committee member C. Pugh reported the recent road work done with the new "hot mix." Roads that received this new treatment were Laurence, First Street and Pullman Avenue. Other work to be done will be Lester Lake to 102nd to be chip and seal, 54th between 102nd to 103rd Avenue. The County will be working on the bridge construction south of the Black River by Osterhaut Lake. Lastly, Larry Brown will be retiring and Craig Atwood will take over the position.

Clean Team: Committee Member A. Hatfield reported that in last month's clean up a lot of trash was brought in. By noon on Saturday the dumpsters were full. Next cleanup is on the September 23rd and will be the last one this year. She reported that someone has been doing construction work

and showers and other large items were left prior to the start of cleanup. She reported that they will be having people sign with name and address.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I2K Internet: I2K has provided internet service to the area along with free internet service to the township offices. They have upgraded their service with better fiber optic lines and would like to continue serving the township. A contract has been drafted and will be for the term of 5 years. The lease has the option for both parties to terminate at any time.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to sign the lease agreement with I2K as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Plow bid Publication:

A motion was made by Galikas and seconded by Lowery to publish the snow plowing bids. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to publish the Cemetery Fall Cleanup notice. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Marathon Class C License: Supervisor Owen read a letter of recommendation for the request of a Class C liquor license. The request came from the owners of the Marathon station. They would like to serve alcohol with the food they are currently serving food in the deli.

Discussion took place and concerns were discussed regarding alcohol being served in the same facility as a gas station. The approval is made by the State of Michigan but they allow the local municipality to either recommend or denied the request.

Supervisor Owen called a roll call vote on if the board would support signing the recommendation for liquor license. Roll call voted – Yes: Lowery No: Black, Galdikas and King. Supervisor Owen abstained.

Supervisor Owen will fill out the paperwork and send to LARA reflecting the board's vote.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – 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 8:45 pm

Minutes submitted by:
Jacquelyn A. King

Lee Township Clerk