

**Lee Township**  
**Annual Budget Meeting Minutes**  
March 31, 2018

The annual budget meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 10 am at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the 2017 annual budget meeting minutes. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Supervisor Owen reported on "the state of the Township" and what accomplishments took place in the past year. During 2017 the township participated in the gravel road program and applied 1000 yards of gravel per mile on Baseline Road from 60<sup>th</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup> Street, sharing the cost with Geneva Township. Gravel was also applied on 50<sup>th</sup> Street from 106<sup>th</sup> to 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as recommended by the Allegan County Road Commission. Two applications of dust control were used and a new ultrathin Hotmix was used on portions of South Street, First Street, Gilpin, Pullman Avenue, and Lawrence Street. Additional roads will be recommended for the application of the new ultrathin Hotmix and graveling for the upcoming year.

Supervisor Owen read a report from Deputy Borgic with the yearly statistics, including 1755 calls, of which 33% were handled by Borgic. Owen added Deputy Borgic included a letter of appreciation to the residents for their support for each other and for him during the year. There were 43 building permits in 2017, totaling improvements of \$1,754,108.00. Three open Masterplan sessions were held and with community input. Several goals and objectives were reviewed, which gave the board a direction for the future. The Clean Team held several clean-up sessions and was successful in cleaning and removing much blight from the township.

Fire Department reported 113 calls during 2017, including 17 structure fires. Fire fighters completed all their trainings and all standards are up to where they should be. Engine 16 was added to the fleet and updates were done on some of the existing vehicles. Lastly, Chief Chamberlain reported that the new radios are working well and have exceeded the expectation.

First Responder's Director Albert Rawson reported that they responded to 318 calls in 2017, with an average response time of 8 minutes. During the year a refresher course on CPR was completed along with refresher training on the cardio thumper. During 2017, the helicopter was used twice and training was refreshed.

Supervisor Owen expressed the board's appreciation for all of the dedication and hard work our Fire Department and First Responders give to the community. We are truly proud to have them serving our community.

The board reviewed the proposed budget.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to adopt the budget as presented. Roll call was take: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by King and seconded by Galdikas to adopt and sign the General Appropriations Act as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to adjourn the meeting at 10:43. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Minutes submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk

**Lee Township**  
**Meeting of the Electors**  
**March 31, 2018**

The meeting of the Electors of Lee Township was called to order by Supervisor Owen at 10:43 am at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman Michigan.

*A motion was made by K. Volgman and seconded by T. Chamberlain for T. Kotas to chair the meeting. All residents voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Kotas commended the board for their commitment. Things are moving forward and that is a good thing. With the township's revenue coming from local business, everyone was encouraged to support our local businesses. Economic growth has everything to do with the township's ability to prosper.

Albert Rawson commended the board and thanked them for their support in the needs of the First Responders.

Keith Volgman commented that sometimes board positions can be thankless, but wanted to thank the board for their support of the residents. He requested that the board continue working on the clean-up of blight. He stated that he would be willing to help the board with finding ways to help to increase clean-up efforts.

Scott Owen commended Eva Pacholski for her dedication and hard work in making our cemetery beautiful for Memorial Day and throughout the year. He also commended Eleanor DeWeerd for all her dedication and hard work on the Lower Scott Lake Lake Board.

Jessie Lowery commented on the Clean Team, noting that when the team was established, roadside clean-up was their focus and she would like to see the team work more on our area roadsides.

Albert Rawson commented on encouraging residents to pick up roadside trash when noticed and reminded everyone to watch for bikes and motorcycles.

New Business:

A resolution was presented to the residents for the increase of wages for the Treasurer. The increase was for a \$2,000.00 increase from \$22,000.00 to \$24,000.00 per year. Jessie stated what her office hours were and also reported that she does have the ability and answers many calls at her residence.

*A motion was made by Volgman and seconded by N. DeWeerd to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$24,000.00 per year. All voted "Aye."*

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Minutes submitted by:  
Jacquelyn King, Clerk