

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 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: Trustee Black commented on the all the beautiful holiday decorations both residents and the township holiday decorations. Supervisor Owen stated that the repair on the roof of the Community Center is still waiting for decent weather. Trustee Galdikas gave an update on the recent master plan workshop held on November 20th. Meeting lasted 90 minutes and a lot was discussed. *She requested regular quarterly meetings be scheduled to continue moving forward.* Treasurer Lowery stated the collection of winter tax bills has begun and is going smoothly.

Citizen's Comments: Resident S. Lacy wondered when the water bill charges will be put on the tax bills. Treasurer Lowery stated that it was too late to place on 2018 so quarterly billing will continue until charges can be added to the 2019 taxes.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting with correction. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Commissions Report : Commissioner Jessup commented on the record turnout from the November election. The County Commission is now working on the new budget which is around 32 million of which 22 million is from property tax. This is a 3% increase from last year. The Allegan County Road Commission has appointed former director Larry Brown as the new Road Commissioner. Jessup also updated the Indigent Defense *Fund*, which was supposed to be funded by the state, but was not in their latest budget. The Smart 911 enhanced system will be available soon which will allow for texting. They are hopeful that it will be available next year. *Lastly*, it looks like County Assessing will remain with local units if all goes well.

Deputies Report: No report

Fire Department: Total calls for the month of November were 11, *with the Chief* providing a report to the board with breakdown of all calls. Training for the month was hoses, company training, and equipment check. Chief Chamberlain also reported that the department participated in the Holiday Social and it was a success.

First Responders: In the month of November there were 16 medicals, 2 fire assist and 1 accident assist with the year to date total of 331.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Harris reported that the Board of Review is set to take place tomorrow at 3 pm and is set to take care of clerical errors and to finalize the rolls.

Ambulance Report: No report – next meeting is scheduled for *December 20 in Fennville.*

Building Report: During the month of November there were 7 electrical and 2 building permits with total improvements to the township of \$441,780.00. There was no mechanical or plumbing permits for the month.

Community Center: The **Holiday** Social was held this year inside the Community Center due to the rain. **Love, INC will be adopting families for the month to assist with the holidays and have provided a winter coat drive.** They are looking for donations of wrapping paper. For more details you can contact Ann Hatfield at **Love, INC.**

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month the Transfer Station collected 1,219.00 with 34 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: No report

Newsletter Report: Trustee Galdikas reported that the next newsletter will come **out** in the spring. Discussion took place regarding translation of newsletter into Spanish with this version being available on the township's website.

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that the Holiday Social was held inside this year due to the weather. Although rainy, the live manager still happened and 162 children received gifts with about 325 residents in attendance. Thank you to all those who **helped** by making the event a great success and a special thank you the Shirley Kay and her family who **come to town** every year to help out. The committee wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that **one of last year's Pullman Pride scholarship winners helped translate for families at the Holiday Social.**

Road Committee: Supervisor Owen gave the recommendation made by the Road Committee on what roads should be considered for repair this upcoming year. Recommended was 103rd from 56th to 53rd Street and 53rd Street from 105th to 104th which is 2 miles. The estimated cost for using the hot mix would be \$156,000.00 which is over our budgeted amount. If only 1 ½ miles are considered it would be \$117,000.00 which is closer to the amount collected by millage. In the past 3 years there has been a total of 14 miles completed of which 3 miles have been done in the hot mix.

Clean Team: No report

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Master Plan Workshop: The next workshop will be held tentatively the 3rd Tuesday in February 2019. Supervisor Owen will check to see if presenter Julie Pioch is available.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Review Members: Supervisor Owen listed those who were **interested** in being reappointed **to** Board of Review. Members were Sally Lacy, Shirley Kay, Ray Russell and new alternate member Ben Lewis. Those in **attendance** at the meeting will be sworn in.

Road Millage: Supervisor Owen presented the recommendation by the Road Committee with a map with roads listed from worst to best condition. Currently the road in the worst condition

would be 105th from 53rd to 56th (1 ¼ mile) and Cemetery road, 53rd from 105th to 104th (3/4 mile) which is the worst on the map. The 2 miles recommended exceed our millage which is around \$116,000.00 per year. Supervisor Owen recommended that we request from the Road Commission bids so that we can decide how to proceed. Resident, E. Brock wondered why no roads have been considered on the north side of the township as some of those roads have not been graveled in years. Resident E. DeWeerd stated that she had talked to the Road Commission back when she lived on 58th and was told that the moisture content of the north end of 58th street was high and that is why it has not been considered for paving. Owen stated that he would have 58th street added to the bid from the Road Commission.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to send a letter requesting bids for 105th from 53rd to 54th, 53rd Street from 105th to 104th and adding 58th Street from 109th to 105th. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery with the addition of the BOR payment to pay 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 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King
Lee Township Clerk