

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 14, 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 Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King. Absent: Trustee Black

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments:

Supervisor Owen added Community Action to the agenda. Trustee Galdikas attended the Bloomingdale Honor Awards and was amazed at what remarkable young individuals are coming from our township. She also reported that Bloomingdale High School graduates were awarded over \$50,000.00 in scholarships. Supervisor Owen reported that the sketches have been provided and are now being finalized by the DEQ to move forward on a construction date for Upper Scott Lake dam work. Clerk King reported that the new voting equipment was used in the May election which was for the residents in Fennville School district. Although the turnout was very low, it was a good opportunity to use the new equipment which was paid for by a grant from the State.

Citizen's Comments: Citizen E. DeWeerd thanked Supervisor Owen for his efforts on getting the work scheduled for the Lower Scott dam. She also announced that the local deputy's office has been closed down due to the available technology allowing the deputies to work from their vehicles.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2018 meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Commissioners: Jessup gave his county update. The County Board of Commissioners acknowledge the month of May as Older American's month. In Allegan County there are an estimated 16,000 seniors which are residents 60 and older. It was reported that property taxes are up some which reflects the cost of living. He reported that Allegan County has been in contact with the Tribal Lands Casino which would like to expand another 300 acres. When land becomes tribal it comes off the tax rolls which would be a large impact on the smaller communities. Westside Park will have a rededication on Memorial Day from 2:30 to 3:30 for the WWI memorial. The monument has been refurbished by the county. The park has had to repair the damage to the stairs to the beach by removing some of the stairs that were affected by the high water table. Lastly, Jessup reported that there will be a Primary Election in August. In District 5 there will be 2 other people running for commissioner.

Deputy's Report: No report

Fire Department Report: During the month of April there were 19 calls. Training was ladder and hose. Chief Chamberlain announced that this year marks 100 years of the Lee Township Fire Station. There will be a Pancake Breakfast and a parade including the fire trucks at the upcoming Pullman Pride Day July 21.

First Responders: During the month there were 27 calls of which 23 medical, 3 fire and 1 accident. The total calls for 2018 are 128.

Assessor's Report: During the past month Assessor Kyle has been working on PTA's and deeds and preparing for the annual audit. A PTA Resolution has been provided to the township to be adopted regarding waiving the penalty.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to adopt the PTA Resolution. 4 voted "Aye." 0 voted "Nay" Trustee Black – Absent.

Ambulance: No report

Building Inspection: During the month of April there were 7 electrical, 3 mechanical, 5 building and no plumbing permits. Total improvements to the township are \$230,217.04.

Community Center: It was reported by Committee member Melinda that not much took place in May. She reported that there will be a Flea Market on June 9th and the July's market will be held on Pullman Pride Day. She also reported that the carpets and chairs are scheduled to be cleaned in June.

Cemetery: Committee member Eva reported that a new flag as gone up at the cemetery and with the trees blooming everything is looking very good.

Library: No report

Transfer Station Report: During the month of April the Transfer Station took in \$1,387.00 and 49 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: Committee member Eleanor reported that this week will be the first scheduled weed treatment, weather permitting.

Newsletter Committee: Next board meeting will the deadline for the newsletter.

Holiday Committee: No report

Pullman Pride Committee: Giselly Silva and Esmerelda Nesta were the recipients of the 2018 Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride \$1,000 scholarships. Congratulations to them both.

Road Committee: Supervisor Owen read the road report. Pullman Street is scheduled for new asphalt. Also there will be bridge improvements to 56th at the Black River. The street cleaning was done down 109th which was done to scrap the road to help with water drain off. This year more will be done on gravel roads for safety at no cost to the township.

Clean Team: Committee member reported this year's clean up dates. The Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. More volunteers are needed as the Debts Crew will not be available. This year the dumpster will be monitored so that there are fewer issues. If this doesn't correct the problem then the cleanup site may have to be moved to the Transfer Station. The increased monitoring will include checking residents ID to make sure they are residents of Lee Township.

Unfinished Business:

Water Bills: Discussion took place regarding some issues with the water bills. There have been some meters that are not working and there is a problem with the collection of payments. Clerk King stated that a procedure was needed to have a process in place for the collection of delinquent bills. It was suggested looking into having a set amount added to tax bills to cover the use of the water system that would help cover cost of the system. Treasurer Lowery suggested sending all delinquent residents a certified letter and a deadline to pay their outstanding balances. Issue was tabled until next month's meeting.

Master Plan: Trustee Galdikas commented with all the hours that have already been spent on working on the Master Plan the board should continue with the progress. A meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2018 at 7:00 pm prior to the Regular Board meeting.

New Business:

Dust Control: *A motion was by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to have 2 scheduled applications of dust control in the amount of \$11,000.00 for each application. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Treasurer, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Variance: A request for variance at 4931 104th Avenue was presented. The request to have a mobile home placed on a family member's property in place of the current home. The mobile home is approximately 30 sq ft shy of the size requirement stated in the single family residence guidelines. The home will be taken down and the mobile home is a 1980 with the proper skirting. The move is scheduled to take place by May 31st.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to grant a variance for 4931 104th Avenue to move a mobile home in place of the existing home that will be demolished. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Marathon Class C License resolution: Another request was made by a representative of the owners of the Marathon asking the township to allow them to advance their request to the State for approval. It was stated that they would be monitoring the number of drinks of those having food at the deli to only 2 drinks per customer and they are hiring 4 new employees to their staff for this purpose. The goal would be to have a banquet facility that would be free to residents in the back portion of the store. Discussion took place asking questions about the traffic, space to accommodate an event and how are they going to be able to monitor everyone who is drinking. There were residents in the audience that supported the expansion of the facility and those opposed. It was mentioned that we already have two different facilities in Pullman that can accommodate events such as the Linking Center and the Lee Township Community Center. It was stated to the board that the alcohol would be in the restaurant only and they are taking responsibility for monitoring the alcohol use. Both King and Galdikas commended them for their desire to help the community through the charity work noted, but had concerns about the ability to monitor the alcohol. They both stated that they

would support the request with the understanding that if there were problems the recommendation would not be granted for a renewal.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to allow the Marathon Station to apply for the liquor license process with the State for approval. Roll call vote was taken: Yes: Galdikas, Owen and King. No: Lowery.

Supervisor Owen reported that the township received a grant in the amount of \$5000.00 from the West Michigan Asset Management pilot. The receipt of this grant was possible due to having a master plan in place and Supervisor Owen and Tim Kotas doing the paperwork required.

First Responder Renewal Proposal: *A motion was made by King and seconded by Owen to sign the resolution to have the First Responders millage renewal language added to the August 2018 ballot. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Payment of Bills: *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

A motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to authorize the Clerk to pay the Election Officials for the May election. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Best Way Disposal Contract: Supervisor Owen presented the renewal contract which had a small increase of \$35.00 per dumpster and \$30.00 for recycling fee per dumpster. The rate has not been increased in 4 years.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the Supervisor to sign the renewal contract with Best Way Disposal at the new rate. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Community Action: Supervisor Owen read the proclamation to declare May Community Action month.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by King to adjourn the meeting. All voted “Aye.”

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Minutes Submitted by: Jacquelyn King, Clerk