

**Lee Township**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 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:**

No amendments to the agenda. Clerk King announced that the election had a wonderful turn out with 335 voters and the day was well organized and the election staff did an awesome job! Trustee Galdikas commented having a few ceiling tiles in the township hall be replaced due to recent water stains.

**Citizen Comments:** D. Palmby commented on the election. He said that security was tight and the workers were organized and did an excellent job. Also comment on how long 56<sup>th</sup> Street has been closed. It has been roughly four months now and it seems like it should have been done. S. Anderson announced on behalf of herself and the election staff that they would like to recognize the clerk for her hard work with the election. The clerk was presented flowers and cookies were provided. The clerk was very touched and expressed her appreciation for their thoughtfulness. Anderson also commented on the roof at the community center and stated that she had been approached by someone interested in the buildings bell. S. Lacy requested better notification to the Board of Review members when meetings are held to make sure all are aware of the date and time of meetings. C. Lopez stated that the sign at the Lower Scott Lake parking lot is in need of repainting. F. Rawson commented on his interest in the bell at the Community Center building. B. Ferguson commented on the light that was near the railroad on south 56<sup>th</sup> Street and it since it has been dimmed there have not been any more accidents. B. Lewis commented on attending the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at the Fire Station's pancake breakfast and felt that more recognition should be given. He was impressed at the building and its construction.

**Guest Speaker:** Judge Baillargeon spoke regarding the State of the Court. He wanted to give recognition to the court staff that makes the report possible. Allegan Courts are rated the top in the area counties every month. The report covers all the stats for the crimes that are processed through the courts. He also spoke of the Specialty Courts – Drug Treatment Court has been in place for the past 10 years. It has had a great amount of success. The Sobriety Court which started last year. When it filled up quickly it was expanded to meet the need. It provides individuals in the court and following the rules and gives them a pathway to get their restricted license so that they are able to get to and from work, home or school. Mental Health Treatment Court is covered by Judge Skocelas who has a lot of passion and is very effective in the court. Veterans Treatment Court started 4 years ago and has had 10 graduations. It is a regional court covering Allegan, Ottawa, Van Buren counties. The recently recognized Medal of Honor recipient, James McCloughan who came and shared his story with the court. They were very proud to have him there for the occasion. Another graduation is scheduled for September. The Judge was able to answer many questions from the audience regarding the specialty courts.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery the Regular Meeting minutes for July 9<sup>th</sup> minutes all voted "Aye." Motion carries*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Special Fire District meeting minutes for July 9<sup>th</sup>. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**Commissioners Report:** No report

**Deputy Report:** No report

**Fire Department Report:** Supervisor Owen read the report in the absence of the Fire Chief

**First Responders Report:** During the month they responded to 31 medical calls, 4 accident with a total of 227 calls to date.

**Assessors Report:** Processing deeds and handling call from residents. Could not be at tonight's meeting.

**Ambulance Report:** No report

**Building Inspection:** Supervisor Owen read the last month missing report. In June there was 1 electrical and 3 building for total improvements of \$257,000.00. For July there were no electrical permits, 1 plumbing, 10 mechanical and 2 building permits for total improvements of \$128,410.00.

**Community Center:** No report

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library report:** Big thanks to Pam Booth for volunteering her time on Wednesday's to allow patrons to use the library and internet access. They have better internet access on their wish list.

**Transfer station:** During the month there was \$1,232.00 collected and 98 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the third treatment has been applied which is the final treatment for the year.

**Newsletter Committee:** The next edition will be published and sent to go out in November.

**Holiday Committee:** No report

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Trustee Galdikas gave a big thanks to all those who help and was very happy to be part of the community and appreciated all that came out to this worthwhile event.

**Road Committee:** Committee member C. Pugh announced that 56<sup>th</sup> Street is still under construction. They will be starting to pour concrete soon so they are making progress. On 54<sup>th</sup> Street project over Barber Creek (near the railroad tracks) is still open for the county and should be improved this year. The committee have been going over the recommendations and are currently talking about drainage. Citizen D. Palmby thanked C. Pugh and the committee for the fine job they have been doing.

**Clean Team Report:** No report  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the next clean up date and volunteers are needed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Lee Township Municipal Water System:** Superior Owen spoke regarding the water system shut down back in June. A letter was read from Health Department which spoke of the meeting held on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the recent repair to the water system. Lee Township and Pullman Elementary operate on separate water system, but due to an agreement many years ago the systems were hooked together to be back up on each other's system. The school and the township are to make a decision on if the system should be separated as previously or be merged. The DEQ would like a decision made on what way the school and the township are going to proceed. Owen had someone from the BEST labs coming but had to cancel at the last minute so he is hoping to answer questions. Combining would be tested once a month and more expensive but wouldn't expand the system. There is no reason to believe that anyone else would be added. Test results would go to Health Department and DEQ where the results. Galdikas asked if we have been tied into the schools system for a very long time, but Owen was not able to answer how long or who hooked them together. The school has been the entity to test and pay the testing fees. We can combine or separate and there are benefits to both sides. More information will be needed to determine which will be the best decision. The system could be kept together but they are recommending that they be separated. The discussion is tabled until a special meeting can be scheduled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mystic View Water:** Tammy Grigg from Mystic View came to speak regarding the water system at the apartment complex. The township received a request to see if the township wanted to take over the water system at Mystic View. Which would cost more than 100,000.00 for the first year and the again for the next year another 100,000.00 which would be too costly for the township to consider. A resolution would need to be signed under Rule 17.05 for Mystic View to proceed with their project. Owen read the resolution to be signed for the township to refuse ownership of the Mystic View Type I water system.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign resolution to refuse ownership of the Type I water system allowing Mystic View to move forward with the water project. All voted "Aye" Motion carried.*

**Patrol Vehicle:** Supervisor Owen reported that the new vehicle is here and the equipment is needed to be switched over. One estimate was with Mark's Body Shop in the amount of \$4,710.40. The second estimate was with EVO which quoted \$4,612.33. Another quote which is with a local company but will come in by Friday.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to accept whichever bid can do the work the soonest and not to exceed the quote for \$4,710.40. Roll call voted: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Payment of the Bills:** *Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the bills with the addition of the weed control bill for Lower Scott Lake.. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the payment to the election workers for working the August 7<sup>th</sup> election. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to adjourn the meeting. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jacquelyn King, Clerk