

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 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.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen added the Master Plan meeting to the agenda. Treasurer Lowery reminded everyone that residents have until Friday September 14, 2018 to pay taxes. After that date, there will be a 1% penalty.

Citizens Comment: Resident Tyrone Brown introduced himself and talked about the GED program he taught last year in conjunction with Allegan County Schools. This summer a new location for the class was requested by Allegan Public Schools. The Community Center was chosen as long as a schedule could be worked out and a reasonable rental fee agreed to. Mr. Brown stated he personally was willing to pay the fee. However, the location selected would not be solely available for the GED class, and Mr. Brown felt that the quality of the student's education would be compromised if class was interrupted by visitors. Vicki Brown clarified that the township board is not the reason they are not participating in the GED program but rather a difference of opinion with Allegan School district.

Resident Dick Palmby expressed his frustration with Allegan County Road Committee over their policy of not painting the cross walk signs on the road because the township does not have sidewalks. He is very concerned for the safety of those children at the school and those that walk to the park.

Resident Ben Lewis stated the bridge project will be delayed because of the current strike going on with the crane operators.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Commissioner's Report: Commission Jessup reported that on October 11th a public hearing will be held regarding the budget. The budget is currently being reviewed but is at around 34 million. The Hearing will be an evening meeting and he encouraged the public to attend the 7 pm meeting. Indigent defense is changing. In past it has been shared with contracts with the local attorneys. The State of Michigan is trying to sort this out by creating an office to do that. They are considering having expenses shared with Van Buren County and having the office housed in one of the open spaces at the Allegan Court House. It is supposed to be done as a grant, but counties will want to add this to their budgets. The county is concerned that they could have to pay more but feel it will be a better service. Commissioner Jessup spoke of the current water problem in Otsego. He reported that the results were due back shortly. The samples generally take 3 days to receive results. There were 64 wells sampled and 16 had concerns. The testing went from of Trowbridge to Alamo Township. The Health Department is not sure where the

dioxins are coming from, but they suspect it could be a factor. The State of Michigan is also wanting to take over the assessing for the state but has backed off of this idea since it is not well received in the townships. Jessup is in favor of keeping the assessing in the local municipality. Legislators are also looking to pass a law this fall that would require septic testing to be done every year for all homeowners. Realtors and the DEQ are in favor of this issues and this is an issue to be watching for.

Deputies Report: No report

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 13 calls. The training for the month was on Radio Communication and Search and Rescue. The new radios are being tested to make sure everything is working well and there will be more training done. In addition, roof hook techniques training was done. All air packs are in service. Trustee Galdikas asked how many times the ladder truck is used and Chief Chamberlain stated that at every fire. The ladder is very stable when used on the roof making it safer for the fire fighters. Chief asked for approval for funds for Fire Prevention materials.

Motion made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve up to \$600.00 to be spend on materials for Fire Prevention week. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and king. Motion carried.

First Responders: During the month there were a total of 28 calls of which 24 were medical, 2 fire assist and 2 accidents. To date there have been 256 calls in 253 days.

Assessor: The assessor is processing transfer affidavits, deeds and answering calls and emails from residents.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Inspection: During the month there were 3 mechanical permits, 1 plumbing, 5 electrical and 5 building permits issued for total improvements of \$297,287.00.

Community Center: No report

Cemetery Report: The water is set to be turned off in October.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to publish the Cemetery Fall Clean up. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$980.00 collected and 68 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: The Lake Board reported receiving a letter dated 9/5/2018 from DEQ reporting that the dredge containment site is determined to be clean and the final step of capping the test wells can be completed.

Newsletter Committee: No report

Holiday Committee: No report

Pullman Pride: No report

Road Committee: No report

Clean Team: September 22nd is the next community clean up day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Signs for Upper Scott and Lower Lake: Supervisor Owen reported that the signs have been completed and ready to be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sealed bides for the Community Center Roof-

The roof on the backside of the Community Center is in need of repair and bids were requested. Supervisor Owen reported that the bell will be removed and there will need to be demo done. A question was asked regarding who is responsible for the repairs. Supervisor Owen reported that the building belongs to the township and is responsible for any repairs. He also stated that the other part of the roof had already been repaired.

Bid #1 - Professional Roofing: Materials and labor \$20,223.00. Bid was not itemized. Bid also didn't cover bell tower.

Bid # 2 - Richwood Contracting LLC 5913 106th Avenue, Pullman: Materials and labor \$6,175.00. Bid was itemized and covered the removal and replacement of the chimney but didn't cover the bell tower. (If not the amount of wood is not used it will be deducted from bid if more wood is used it could be \$200.00 more for more wood.)

Bid #3 - Dan Hogmire Construction: Materials and labor \$10,800.00. Itemized bid but did not mention chimney or the bell tower.

The current roofing has lasted since the 1960's with patching. Question regarding if an approval up to \$10,800.00 is given with more research between the two bids to see which one is better.

A motion was made Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve bid of upto \$10800.00 for the repair of the community center roof providing that it is the best bid. Roll call voted – yes: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Master Plan meeting set for Monday, November 19th at 6:30 pm.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken – Yes: Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carries.

No Correspondence:

Motion made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.