

**Lee Township**  
**Annual Budget Meeting Minutes**  
March 31, 2019

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 Black, Trustee Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King.

*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. He started by thanking the residents of Lee for supporting the millage to keep up on the township roads. In the past year improvement to the township included the Upper Scott Lake spillway which has been completed and plans to have the Lower Scott Lake are in the process. He also wanted to thank the Community Center volunteers who have given their time to help keep center available for programs and events that are being scheduled there. The township has been working on their Master Plan and the meetings have taken place throughout the year and will continue in the future. These meetings are open to public participation with the next meeting coming up on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. During this past year, the First Responders have responded to 296 medical calls, 23 fire and 23 personal injury calls. We commend them for their professionalism and respect to all residents. The Fire Department had 152 calls which is very busy for a volunteer department and was one of their busiest years. Their dedication to our residents is commended by all members of the township board. The Supervisor also recognized our Board of Review members, Parks and Transfer Station attendants as well as our Election Inspectors who are dedicated and give so much of their time. Their time and efforts are all appreciated by the members of the township board.

The board reviewed the proposed budget and adjustments were made.

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

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

*Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 10:37. 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 10:40 am at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman Michigan.

Supervisor Owen requested a chair to be appointment for the electors.

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

Kotas had been reading recently about "Hoppertown" which 150 years ago the first township meeting was formed and a collection was taken and the treasury was started with about \$250.00. This consisted of 22 families and the community took care each other. The common thread is if we continue to do positive things and speak positively about the community, this will bring individuals in who will want to help us thrive in the future.

Albert Rawson thought it would be great if we had some ingenious people that could bring new ideas in bringing commence into our community.

Sally Lacy stated that she feels that is already starting to happen with the Master Plan and she feels that the Township reputation has changed and is becoming very positive.

Scott Owen added that we are hearing from guests who come to speak at our meetings, that they are impressed to see how many residents come and participate in our township meetings.

Lisa Galdikas wondered if having an annual meeting is still necessary since our best attendance is in regular meetings and "special" meetings are not so well attended. Scott Owen stated that it was voted in and would have to be voted on the electors to no longer hold it. Galdikas thought that with regular meetings so well attended that maybe that is where we should focus. That would be the best way to get the public more involved and get input on future issues.

Sally Lacy stated that she would suggest that we should follow through with no longer having the annual meeting. The Board has done such a good job in bringing issues to the table during regular meetings along with having county representation as well.

Tim Kotas stated that usually the largest turnout is during controversial issues so don't be afraid to bring those issues up at meetings because this opens it up to hear the feelings of those in the community and will get more public engagement.

Eleanor DeWeerd expressed the difficulty in hearing in the room and wondered about the speaker system and wondered if that was still an option.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Minutes submitted by: Jacquelyn King, Clerk