

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019

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.

Amendments to the agenda are: Community Center bell and discussion of Ordinance Officer.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen thanked everyone for supporting his request to go to the annual MTA Conference. The training covered many good topics and Trustee Galdikas was able to attend a few of the classes. Trustee Black stated he was proud of Supervisor Owen for taking the initiative to take a week of training to assist him in his job as Supervisor.

Citizen's Comments: Citizen C. Lopez commented that the inside of the Community Center still needs fixing now that the roof is being repaired.

Citizen E. DeWeerd wondered what is recommended for disposal of oil, gas or pesticides. It was recommended that she contact the Allegan County Health Department.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes with correction of Lieutenant Ensfield's name from the March 11, 2019 Regular Meeting with correction. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting March 27, 2019. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the Annual Budget meeting. All voted Aye. Motion carried

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

Commissions Report: No report

Deputies Report: Deputy Joe Borgic introduced new township deputy Dakota Tatrow who will be taking over on Monday. Deputy Borgic thanked everyone for their support. He has enjoyed working with everyone and appreciated all that they have done. During the past month there were 97 calls of which 31% were taken by Deputy Borgic.

Fire Department: During the month of February there were 27 calls, with training on ice rescue. In March there were 23 calls, with training on hazardous materials and ladder truck training. Chief Chamberlain stated that Clyde has given the Lee Fire Department a truck for \$1,000.00. The truck originally came from Coloma Township.

First Responders: During the month of March there were 30 calls of which 26 medical, 2 fire assist and 2 accidents. To date there have been 115 calls in 98 days.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Owen reported in the assessor's absence that he is doing all the normal duties and has now turned in all reports from the Board of Review.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black read the report from the March 19th emergency meeting. Members in attendance were Clyde, Ganges, Lee and City Fennville along with the AMR management. Minutes were approved for the December 18 and September 18. Life EMS presented but the board decided to stay with AMR.

Building Report: During the month there was 10 electrical, 7 mechanical, 0 plumbing and 5 building permits for total improvements of \$324,760.00.

Community Center: Committee member V. Brown reported that they have 2 rentals on Saturdays and a senior project fund raising event on April 13th to raise money for classmate battling cancer. Upcoming improvements are scheduled with K. Morris donating flowers and plants. Work days are scheduled for April 13th and April 20th. Lastly, Vicki thanked Carlos for sign to post upcoming events.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$1,432.00 collected and 46 tickets were redeemed.

Lake Board: E. DeWeerd reported Lower Scott Lake is officially done with dredging. Might get a final bill.

Newsletter Report: Next issue will go out in June and working on the possibility of having a translation in Spanish. Contact Trustee Galdikas if you know anyone that can translate.

Holiday Committee: Welcome/Spring banners are up and winter banners have been put away.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas stated that the deadline for scholarship is April 14th. Scholarships are \$1,000.00. The theme for this year's Pullman Pride Day is "Working together for a better tomorrow."

Road Committee: No report

Clean Team: Committee member, Ann Hatfield has resigned. The board thanked her for all of her service to the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of mowing Bids: The board decided not request bids for mowing and to stay with the current contractor who is doing a fine job. This year, a request will be made to the contractor to have the cemetery done the Friday before Memorial Day.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to remain with the current contractor for 2019 season with plans to put out a request for bid in 2020. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Cost Recovery Ord. & Resolution:

The cost recovery ordinance and resolution have been reviewed by the board in the past special meeting. Discussion took place regarding how the ordinance would impact the residents. It is only charged if the homeowner has insurance. Lowery stated that Consumers has contested it because they are a top taxpayer in the township and don't feel that they should have to pay. It was also discovered that the township does not have a Hazard Materials Ordinance. Most of the recovery will come from the railroad, trucking companies and Consumers Energy. Trustee Galdikas felt that the fire millage should cover the fire protection. With the many questions and the language still not clear, it was decided to table until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to table the issue until next month's meeting so that errors can be corrected. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Road Millage: The Road Commission submitted tabulation bids. It was recommended to use Michigan Paving for a bid in the amount of \$141,856.00.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to accept bid recommended by the Allegan County Road Commission. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Community Center Bell Tower: Supervisor Owen has received a bid from the same contractor used for the township hall but is waiting for the township hall to be finished before work on bell tower. Decision on where the bell will go has yet to be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Adjustment: *Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Galdikas to authorize the recommended budget adjustment requested by the Clerk. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Revenue Adjustments: *Motion was made by King and seconded by Owen to authorize Revenue Adjustments recommended by the Treasurer. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Al-Van Animal Service Contract: Trustee Galdikas read the 2018 Annual Report. During the past year, Al-Van has moved their adoption center to the former Blue Star Glass building. During the year they spayed/neutered 424 animals with 877 animals served, 565 animals adopted, 120 animals micro chipped, 67 animals returned to their owners with a 90% live release rate. The number of animals surrendered from Lee Township has gone up with 21 animals in 2016, 27 in 2017 and 28 animals in 2018. The new director is Rachel Delaney and Lisa is no longer on the board but will continue as a volunteer.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign contract for 2019 in the amount of \$1,750.00 towards the care of animals surrendered from Lee Township. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Owen and King. No- Lowery. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: Correspondence was received and read. Letter by Doug Bale regarding a disc golf recreational sport field near the water and well site and the baseball field. It would be no cost to the township or school district. The work would be done by volunteers who will remove brush, leaving all trees. He would like Township's blessing to proceed.

Trustee Galdikas stated that during the MTA Conference, ordinance officers were discussed, and she indicated that she would like the board to have discussion on if this would be a benefit to our Township.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King
Lee Township Clerk