

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 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.

Board Comments: Trustee Galdikas noted an Allegan County peanut butter drive will be taking place through the month of February. Supervisor Owen asked the residents to keep the young teens involved in an accident in their prayers through their recovery. He also asked that everyone keep Sally Lacy's daughter, Tammy who has been in the hospital since before Christmas in your prayers. Lastly, Trustee Galdikas announced that a grant for a \$1,000.00 was submitted to continue the progress in making township welcome signs, with the assistance of local youth and the Linking Center which will use their wood shop to make the signs. Township will receive notice by February 15th if it is selected to be part of the (voting) contest.

Citizen's Comments:

Citizen S. Lacy wondered when the water bills will be added to the tax bills. She didn't see anything on the agenda and had just received a bill. She stated that she received her bill in December but the reading didn't look correct. She also stated that she didn't see her bill for September. Clerk King will look into the reading discrepancy for December's bill and send her another copy of September's bill. The process for adding the water usage to the tax bills will take place this year and be on the 2019 bill. The bills will continue to be done quarterly until then.

Citizen C. Lopez commented on the teens in the accident, asking for residents to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. He also reported that the Christmas Dinner that took place in Pullman served over 300 people. It was a success and they are looking forward to doing it next year.

Guest Speaker :

Mary Whiteford – State Representative: Representative Whiteford stated that it had been an honor and privilege to serve her district and she is looking forward to continue. She is always amazed that Lee Township's residents are very involved and the township meetings are well attended. She handed out her newsletter with the updates on the current issues. She reported that the Linking Center now has internet and she will be reaching out to Bloomingdale Communications. She spoke of a 20 million dollar grant program for communities which could help with the issue of internet in the rural areas. She encouraged the township board to look into the areas where fiber optics are needed so to be ready when you apply. She also suggested that the board set up a forum with Frontier and that she would be happy to attend as well. Supervisor Owen stated that fiber optic lines were being installed after the Governor signed the recent bill this past fall. At the current time nothing has been done with the issue with automobile insurance. Whiteford is hoping to have a proposal together this summer. Other issues she is working on are Behavior Health, Mental Health and opioid abuse. She has put a bill out to set up a hotline. A pilot program has been signed into office on New Year's Eve and should be in place

by summer. She will be chairing the committee for the Health and Human Services budget and hopes to make some positive changes in fixing the broken mental health system.

Guest Speaker – County Clerk Bob Genetski: County Clerk Genetski gave a brief update on the services that are provided by the Clerk's office. Currently they are available to file to be a notary, registering military separation or DD214's, plat books and passport services. Genetski provided the board with the 2017 Annual report covering the increase of their delivery in services.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting with correction. 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: No report

Fire Department: Total calls for the month were 10. Some of the calls responded to were 2 structure fires, down power line and other miscellaneous calls. The training for the month was on hoses and deployment. During 2018, the department responded to 151 calls, which was 1 short of the previous record. Chief Chamberlain requested scheduling a special meeting to discuss his proposal for covering the shortage of day shift staff. The special meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Lastly, Chamberlain reported that Ray and Ted were able to install the generator at station 2 and it is working great.

First Responders: During the month there were 21 medical, 1 fire and 1 accident. During 2018, there were 346 calls.

Assessor's Report: Supervisor Owen read the Assessor's report. The Assessor has been working on processing deeds, talking to residents and preparing for the March Board of Review.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black read the minutes from the Ambulance meeting. They discussed AMR's future proposition with ambulance services.

Building Report: During the month there were 7 electrical permits, 4 plumbing, 5 mechanical and 2 building permits, with total improvements to the township of \$50,166.00.

Community Center: Community chair will be Vicki Brown and you can contact her 269 236 9350, 534 58th Street Pullman, MI and email vicky91744@yahoo.com.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month there were \$1,249.00 collected and 46 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: No report

Newsletter Report: No report

Holiday Committee: Christmas decorations were taken down and banners will be changed in the spring.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that the scholarship application has been sent to the schools and are due date is April 12th. The application can also be found on the website.

Road Committee: Committee member Jim Rawson reported that 15 miles are still very bad with the current cost to repair it will take a while for the repairs to be done.

Clean Team: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Road Projects : Supervisor Owen reported that they are wanting to use the 1" HMA instead of the chip seal on 2 miles of road per year. The Road Commission stated that with our current project and the condition of the roads, we would need to use 2" which would increase the cost to \$160,000.00 per mile. A request was made to see if we could use 1 ½" which would possibility last 12 years reducing the cost. After driving 58th between 106th and 108th, he determined this to be our biggest concern and would like to send a request to ACRC.

Motion by Owen and seconded by Lowery to request the ACRC give quote on the 106th to 108th on 58th Street. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve BOR Training: *Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to approve payment for Board of Review training for B. Lewis in February. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Approve Annual Conference: *A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve Supervisor to attend the Annual Conference dated April 2nd – 4th in the amount of \$799.00 for registration and travel. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

Municipal Water Capacitors: Supervisor Owen reported that the second well was put in the previous Saturday and with no interruption to the water supply. While working on the system it was discovered that the capacitors were corroded and it will cost around \$1,200.00 to replace with labor.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the repair of the capacitors for the well in the amount not to exceed \$1,200.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King
Lee Township Clerk