

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 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 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** Treasurer Lowery reported that the tax bills have been mailed. Supervisor Owen reported that the last treatment dust control has been applied and reported that there has been a change on 109<sup>th</sup> by the school with new speed limit signs that have changed the speed to 25 miles per hour during school hours. Clerk King reminded residents that August 6<sup>th</sup> would be an election with the renewal of the road millage and the corrected millage question for the First Responders. The First Responders renewal was on the August 2018 ballot, but it was discovered that the language was incorrect and would need to be placed back on the August 2019 ballot.

**Guest Speaker:** The speaker this month was Allegan County Circuit Court, Judge Bakker to speak to residents about the Allegan County Legal Assistance Center. The non-profit program is located in the basement of the County courthouse and assists individuals with forms and instruction on the completion of forms. The hours of operation are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday. The program has assisted 14,000 individuals during its operation in Allegan County.

Also in attendance was Allegan County's Sheriff Frank Baker. During his 30 years in law enforcement, deputies were not allowed to give advice but since this program was started in the County, they can now refer those in need to the center to get the help that they need. Their budget is about \$65,000.00 and employees 2 part time employees.

**Citizen's Comments:**

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2019 Regular Meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2019 Special 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:** County Commission Jessup gave his month update on the happenings in the County. The County will be requesting renewal of millage on the August or November 2020 ballot to bring the millage back to its original amount due to the Headlee Rollback. There has also been discussion regarding a renovation of the courthouse. The board has approved for another consultant to do a study to see what is needed to bring the building up to date. Commissioner Jessup was not in favor of this because a similar study has already been done.

Lastly, Jessup reported that the Westside Park has had to close the stairs and beach area due to the high water table which has risen so high that part of the stairs are under water.

**Deputies Report:** Sheriff Baker gave the monthly report for Deputy Tatrow who was unable to attend. During the month there were 109 calls with Deputy Tatrow taking 32 or 29% of calls. He also talked about Bond Reform. The Allegan County Sheriff's Department has applied for a grant through the Michigan Department of Corrections to try a program call Pre-Trial Services. Some are not sure it will correct the problems experienced with those that are getting in trouble while out on bond causing an overload to the system.

**Fire Department:** During the month there 11 calls. The training for the month was hose testing and vehicle extraction. Chief Chamberlain reminded all that the Fire Department would be doing a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 am during Pullman Pride.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 29 calls of which 28 were medical and 1 fire assist. To date there have been 200 calls which is over an average of 1 per day. The vehicle is having more work done on the air conditioning. This will be the second time in the shop to try to correct the problem.

**Assessor:** Assessor Harris reported that the July Board of Review is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Residents can contact him with any questions.

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the land division for parcel #0312 630 001 00 for Maynard at 5482 Frank Street in Pullman as approved by the assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the land division for parcel 0312-027-011-00 for Rawson located at 381 54<sup>th</sup> Street as approved by the assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowey to approve the land division for parcel 0312-004-003-10 located at 1172 54<sup>th</sup> Street as approved by the assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the land division for parcel #0312-007-015-00 located at 5940 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue for T. Laraway as approved by the assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Ambulance Report:** Trustee Black read the report from the last ambulance meeting that took place on June 13, 2019 at the Fennville Emergency Services building. The agenda and meeting minutes were approved. The board reviewed the quarterly report from AMR. Saugatuck Township requested and was approved to participate in the contract, and the board agreed to stay with AMR for another 5 years beginning August 1, 2019.

**Building Report:** During the month there were 11 electrical, 3 plumbing, 3 mechanical and 5 building permits with total improvements of \$80,760.00.

**Community Center:** Committee member K. Morris gave the Community Center report in the absence of V. Brown. Morris reported that the Man Up program will start July 9<sup>th</sup>. Clean up will start this Thursday.

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** The Pullman Library has been open on Wednesdays thanks to Pam Booth volunteering her time. All the computers are working and are available to those that need to use this resource. The Book Club continues with 6 members and are always looking for those that love to read. They will be joining a group, Lakeshore Read, which is put on by Hope College. Anyone interested can contact Deb Laraway at Pizza Plus for details.

**Transfer Station:** During the previous month there was \$1,296.00 collected and 57 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd report that the 2<sup>nd</sup> lake treatment has been done with one more remaining. She also reported that the Allegan County Sheriff's department has been monitoring the lake during the July 4th holiday.

**Newsletter Report:** The newsletter was sent out during last month. Trustee Galdikas reported that the food truck distribution has assisted 225 families with over 500 children. Spring Hill camp had 64 children attend this summer. The Linking Center will be closed until July 15<sup>th</sup> and will start their summer program. The next 6 weeks, they will provide children with lunch and a sack dinner two days per week.

**Holiday Committee:** No report

**Pullman Pride Committee:**

Trustee Galdikas has flyers available for Pullman Pride and announced that there is still room available as a vendor or at the flea market. Contact information is provided on the Facebook page. All activities will take place on 56<sup>th</sup> Street this year. There will be live music at the Pullman Tavern and outdoor games starting at 5pm.

**Road Committee:** Chuck Pugh is still in Texas tending to a family health concern. Clerk King requested that the signs promoting the road millage be put up for the August 6<sup>th</sup> election.

**Clean Team:** There will be one more free dump weekend this summer scheduled for Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Community Center Usage:** The Township has been approached by group that would like to use the Community Center. With a previous nonprofit group that has been using the facility for the last 5 year with contributing to the Township each year and the question is if we should set a fee for those that would like to use the Community Center. MTA recommends that everyone is charged but stated that it up to each board. Currently the guidelines that have been established states non-profit or for those that would like to use the facility for a memorial or funerals there is no fee. After much discussion it was decided to follow the current guidelines.

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

**Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King  
Lee Township Clerk