

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 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:** Trustee Black wished everyone a Happy Father's Day. Trustee Galdikas extended condolences to Scott Owen on his mother's passing on behalf of the entire board. Trustee Galdikas also reminded citizens of the Food Truck distribution scheduled for June 26, from 6-8pm.

**Citizen's Comments:** Citizen Carlos Lopez commented on how nice the Memorial Day parade and ceremony at the cemetery was. He also wanted to recognize Sandy Anderson and all those that work hard to organize it every year.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2018 Regular Meeting with correction. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**Commissions Report:** None

**Deputies Report:** Deputy Tatrow reported total 102 complaints of which he responded to 27%. He reminded everyone to slow down and remember to share the road with bicyclists and walkers this summer.

**Fire Department:** During the month there were 8 calls and training was search and rescue and hose training. Chief also noted Lee Townships ISO rating went from a 9 to 8B and encouraged residents to check with their insurance companies for a possible rate reduction.

**First Responders:** During the month of May there was a total of 24 calls of which 19 were medical, 4 fire and 1 accident and for June there were 31 total calls of which 27 were medical, 3 fire and 1 accident. To date there have been 174 calls in 161 days.

**Assessor's Report:** No report

**Ambulance Report:** No report

**Building Report:** Supervisor Owen reported that during the month there were 9 electrical permits, 2 plumbing, 8 mechanical and 5 building permits for total improvements of \$430,800.00.

**Community Center:** Committee Coordinator Brown reported that 2 rentals were scheduled for the month of June. Trustee Galdikas wanted to relay some concerns that had been brought to her regarding the Community Center working with our local partners and directed the issue to Committee Chair, V. Brown. Brown felt that this discussion should be in a private meeting and felt that it was not appropriate at the township meeting. Discussion was set to continue at the Community Center meeting scheduled June 21, 2019 at 3 pm at the Lee Township Committee Center.

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** No report

**Transfer Station:** During the month there was \$1,194.00 collected and 55 tickets redeemed. J. Rawson noted that tires are starting to pile up and the board needs to continue to look for disposal options. Many tires are brought in on free dump days and township clean up days when local volunteer groups assist. He suggested having a fee for tire disposal even on special clean up days.

**Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the first lake treatment has been done. Supervisor Owen reported that the Upper Scott Lake dam repairs have been completed and the Lower Scott dam work is still in progress. Currently, Eleanor is looking for suggestions on getting weeds out of the channel. Supervisor Owen recommended calling the Allegan Drain Office and will provide her numbers.

**Newsletter Report:** Trustee Galdikas reported that the newsletter is scheduled to go to the printer on Thursday.

**Holiday Committee:** Trustee Galdikas on behalf of the board, thanked the VFW for a wonderful job with the Memorial Day parade and ceremony at the cemetery. Also noted was the beautiful display at the cemetery by the Lee Township Fire Department.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Trustee Galdikas announced that Pullman Pride Day is coming up quickly, scheduled for Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a flea market and vendors, free community picnic sponsored by People Helping People, horse & buggy rides, and activities for the children. There will also be adult activities such as live music and beer garden at the PT109. Everyone is encouraged to come out and have fun while supporting the Pullman Pride Scholarship fund.

**Road Committee:** No report. Scott stated that we are waiting for the first dust control.

**Clean Team:** No report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Blight Control:** Last month we started the discussion on what can be done regarding blight control and general code enforcement. Supervisor Owen invited a representative from MTS to attend a Township meeting for further discussion. This was tabled until August's meeting when they could be present.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Meals on Wheels:** A presentation to the board was given by Lisa Wideman from Meals on Wheels regarding the non-profit organization that provides meals to seniors, at the request of Community Center coordinator, Vicki Brown to see if the center can be a congregate meal site for 3 hot meals a week for seniors for a donation. The board was given information and had questions regarding if the Community Center would be a location that would be feasible. The challenges with the building are that the well and septic system are old and would have to be inspected by the health department. Most likely the cost to bring both the well and septic could be more than \$35,000.00. Other issues would be the remodeling of the kitchen and rooms to house the necessary set up for the meals. More information could be gathered to see if the requirements could be met if the meals were served with disposables and the Health Department will be contacted. Clerk King commented that this was a wonderful idea and that we should try to find other locations in case the Community Center isn't able to be used. More discussion will take place in the Community Center meeting scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm.

**MRTMA:** Michigan Regulation & Taxation of Marijuana (recreational use) requires townships to officially act if they want to opt out. Supervisor Scott went over the pros and cons based on numerous legal opinions he received at the recent conference. Once LARA is ready to take application the township can no longer opt out and it has been recommended to opt out now until the State has the problems worked out of the legislation. Townships have the ability to "opt in" later if they choose.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to adopt the ordinance to opt out of MRTMA. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owens and King. Motion carried.*

**Township Facebook:** The Township has a new Facebook page which will be used to announce events and provide information to residents. It will be monitored by the webmaster and a link will be added to the Lee Township website. Supervisor Owen suggested that a township disclaimer be added.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Jessie to activate the new township Facebook page. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Additional free dump day:** It has been recommended to do another free dump day on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Transfer Station be open from 9 am to 3 pm. This will assist a volunteer clean up group in the community on the 20<sup>th</sup> as well.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to have June 20 and 22<sup>nd</sup> as free dump days and supply 2 additional dumpsters at transfer station and establishing August 17 & 18 as free dump days as well. Roll call voted taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

**Tax newsletter:** *A motion was made by King and seconded by Black to publish the newsletter with any corrections along with supplying 2 transfer station tickets per tax bill. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

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

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Owen reported correspondence received from Rose Bronson to thank all those who came and cleaned up her property on 54<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King  
Lee Township Clerk