

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:32 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: Clerk King gave an update on the recent election which was for Fennville School election held on May 7th. She reported an extremely low turnout of only 8 voters attending.

Citizen's Comments:

Jeff Kruthof provided an update on activities being offered at the Linking Center, including day camp for elementary school aged children, food truck distribution June 26, Springhill Camp, and summer programs offered to local school children in lieu of no summer school being offered. Martha Cerda provided an update on Love, INC services, including providing support to 100 families in need of food and housing. They are also preparing to provide 225 back to school backpacks in August.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting with correction. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from the Master Plan workshop. 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: Commissioner Jessup was in attendance and gave an update. The commissioners are looking into remodeling the courthouse to add space for the indigent defense department and a new entrance. They are looking towards having a security desk at the entrance to increase security. Discussion has taken place about placing a millage increase to restore the headlee rollback that has decreased the millage each year. It is possible that if decided, the question will be on a ballot in August or November of 2020. The county has not decided how to proceed. During the last year, the fee schedule was adjusted for wells and septic, and this year there is more discussion to revisit more service fees at the County. Jessup will report more in the future.

Deputies Report: No report. Trustee Galdikas stated that she has had an opportunity to ride with him on some blight complaints and he is working with Pullman Elementary on truancy issues.

Fire Department: During the month there were 18 calls. It was also reported that the Skid Unit is now done.

First Responders: No report

Assessor's Report: Assessor Harris is keeping up with posting deeds, affidavits and sales. He presented a land division to the board for approval. Land has structures that are hazardous, and assessor noted owner is aware and plans to clean up. Township to monitor.

Motion made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the land split 12-017-018-00/10/20 Combination that has been approved by MTS and Assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Report: During the month there were 11 electrical permits, 3 mechanical, 5 building permits. There were no plumbing permit issues. The total improvements to the township were \$416,950.00. Trustee Galdikas stated that there has been complaint regarding residents being told by plumbing inspector he is only available before 7 am and after 6 pm for Lee Twp. Supervisor Owen will follow up with him.

Community Center: The cleanup went well. There were 22 bags of leaves collected. A special thanks to Martha Cerda for the coordination of the painting project with Allegan Community Mental Health. There will be 3 rentals in June. The committee would like to get Meals on Wheels to come and use the center as a congregate meal site. It would be a no cost meal for seniors. Additional information will be gathered and brought to the board.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$1,252.00 collected and 53 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: Weed treatments are scheduled for May, June & July.

Newsletter Report:

Next edition will go out in the end of June. The next master plan meeting will be held on Monday June 24th at 6:30 and dates for all meetings for 2019 will be printed in newsletter. The committee is working on improving infrastructure, protecting natural amenities, promoting safety and inclusion.

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day and deferred to Sandy Anderson for Memorial Day plans. The Memorial Day service will be held on the 28th of May. The parade will start at 2:30 pm with the service to follow at the cemetery. There will be a meal hosted at the VFW and donations will be accepted.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas attended the Senior Honors Night at the Bloomingdale High School and presented the Dee Wesbey Memorial Pullman Pride Scholarships to Abigail Gonzales and Jennifer Martinez-Mendez. Both graduated with honors. Pullman Pride Day is the third Saturday of July. This year the event will be held on 56th Street, from the Community Center to Love, INC. Events scheduled so far are a pancake breakfast at the fire station, community picnic hosted by People Helping People, Inflatables and children's games, music and the Pullman Royalty will be there. Anyone interested in a booth for the flea market/craft fair should contact Ann at Love, INC.

Road Committee: No report

Clean Team: The township board is talking to the beautification group in town and have hopes of gathering more volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gravel Bids: Supervisor provided 3 recommended roads for graveling recommended by Road Commission. It is necessary because some of the gravel roads have not been done in years. The township tries to allocate 2 roads per year, but price has gone up experientially.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded Galdikas to approve gravel for location 1 – 53rd street to Nadeau, and location 2 for Amelia Street for gravel. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, and Owen. No-King and Lowery.

Cost Recovery Ordinance & Resolution: *Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black Section 3 strike “in Lee Township” in the cost recovery ordinance. Motion carried.*

Motion made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve to adopt the Cost Recovery Ordinance. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion made by Owen and second by Black to adopt the bill of cost provided by the Fire Department. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Motion made by Owen and seconded Black to adopt the resolution to establishing the fire fees. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Municipal Water System –Separation: Supervisor Owen reported the cost will be \$809.23 through Pro Services. This will take place on May 15th and the water will be shut off for 45 minutes. If there are any problems, please contact Scott.

NEW BUSINESS

Exterior Paint for the Community Center: On May 17th a group will be coming from Holland to help with clean up. Love, INC requested access to the transfer station that day. Discussion about offering free dump days at the transfer station for residents as part of the township clean up commitment took place.

Motion made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to approve the additional dumpsters at the Transfer station for designated community cleanup days. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Gravel for Cemetery: A request was made by the cemetery sexton for 32 yards of gravel at the cemetery in the amount of \$509.00.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to have gravel delivered and spread at the cemetery not to exceed \$570.00.

Blight Control: Trustee Galdikas gave a summary about a possible ordinance officer to help with the enforcement of blight and other ordinances through MTS. She also reported that the township is receiving more complaints regarding dangerous buildings. Surrounding townships served by MTS spend about \$8,000.00. There are other fees involved but this is an important issue and the township needs to strive to move forward in enforcing our ordinances. Topic was tabled until next month’s meeting.

August Ballot Language: Clerk King has presented 2 resolutions for millage renewals on the August Ballot. The Road millage will be on the ballot to renew at the 2 mills as previously. Clerk King received notification from the Allegan County Equalization Department regarding the millage renewal that was passed in August of 2018 for the First Responders. It was brought to the attention of the Clerk that the language was not sufficient to collect millage and that new

language needed to be drafted. The township attorney has drafted new language to correct this issue. The millage language list for First Responder services as well as fire protection which would cover services that are provided by the Fire Department in support of the First Responders. The millage is set for 1.5 mills which is what the renewal rate from past elections. The language also states that the millage passed in August 2018 will not be collected. This proposal on August 2019 ballot replaces 2018 incorrect ballot proposal.

Motion was made by Clerk King and seconded by Treasurer Lowery to adopt the ballot proposal for renewal of Road Millage. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clerk King and seconded by Supervisor Owen to adopt the ballot proposal which will correct and replace the incorrect ballot language for the First Responders to continue with the 1.5 mills as previously done. 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 Black to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to pay election workers for the August election as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Owen read a letter from the Bauer family who wanted to commend the fire department for their help with the recent fire.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King
Lee Township Clerk