

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 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 Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King.
Absent: Trustee Black

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Trustee Galdikas read a report from the Linking Center. The summer program lasted 5 weeks and had about 40 kids per day participated. They learned about Pullman history, area agriculture and Michigan insects and geography, and pet safety. They worked on reading and math skills as well. During the school year 4 days a week they host 40-50 students in the after-school program working on schoolwork and providing a meal as well as a sack dinner to take home. Youth have been building pinewood derby cars in Todd's Toolbox at the center and will race on Nov. 2 at 1-4pm. Adult basketball is held Monday and Wednesday 6-8pm. GED classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings. Linking Center working with Love, INC to provide anyone in need of a winter coat. Apply through Love, INC office.

Citizen's Comments: Resident S. Kay reminded everyone that the Fall Festival was to take place on October 24th and if anyone would like to bake and donate a cake, there will be a cake walk for the children along with games, candy and lots of fun. The event will take place at 4:30 pm. Resident S. Anderson announced that there will be a dinner on Veterans Day, November 11th which is the day of the next board meeting. Dinner is from 4 to 6 pm with Veterans can eat for free and others will be charged \$7.00 per meal. T. Brown expressed frustration regarding poor service from Frontier Communication.

Guest Speaker: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 Regular Meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Commissions Report: No report.

Deputies Report: During the month there were 132 complaint with Deputy Tatrow taking 27% of the calls at 35 complaints. During the summer there were a number of break-ins, but that activity has decreased. They have been able to solve some of those cases. All cases from September have been solved.

Fire Department: During the month there were 5 fire runs: 1 car fire, 1 wire down, 1 assist, 1 fire alarm and 1 cancelled call. Training was on chimney fires. The chief reported that October is Fire Prevention month and the department will be conducting a program for the students of Pullman Elementary. Due to conflicts with the school schedule the program will be held on Friday, November 1, 2019. S. Anderson thanked the fire department for their help with a recent fundraiser for a local family in need.

First Responders: Total calls for the month were 41 of which 40 were medical and 1 fire assist. The year-to-date total is 327 calls in the 287 days.

Assessor's Report: No report.

Ambulance Report: Treasurer Lowery read the minutes from the Ambulance Meeting in the absence of Trustee Black. The meeting was held on Thursday, September 12th at 7 pm. There were 5 in attendance with 2 absent for the meeting. The agenda and minutes from the prior meeting were approved. Discussion took place regarding response time and the contract was discussed.

Building Report: During the month there was 4 electrical permits, 8 mechanical, 5 building and 3 plumbing permits for total improvements of \$177,820.00.

Community Center: Committee member V. Brown reported that a generous donation was received from D. Todd. There are 2 rentals scheduled; the committee plans to hand out candy during the Oct. 30th school parade; and she discussed the possibility of hosting a party at the CC in late November. Lastly V. Brown asked about the process for winterizing the building.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: Clerk King read the library report. During the month the library received a grant from the Michigan Council of Humanities for the book “What the Eyes Can’t See” about the Flint water crisis. The council provided the library with 6 copies along with signage and related materials for discussion. The library is open on Wednesday thanks to volunteer Pam Booth.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$1,231.00 collected and 63 tickets redeemed. Jim will take care of some roof work to the shed on site.

Lake Board: Committee member Eleanor reported that the assessment meeting has taken place.

Newsletter Report: Trustee Galdikas reported that the newsletter will be going out in November. Anyone with information to be placed in the newsletter, please contact Lisa as soon as possible.

Holiday Committee: The Lee Township Holiday Social is set for Saturday December 7th starting at 6:30 pm. The event will begin with caroling in the Pizza Plus parking lot with a parade to the community center where families will be able to have soup and cookies. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there for family photos and pass out gifts to children 11 years and under.

Pullman Pride Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that the previous winners will be highlighted in the next edition of the Lee Crossing Newsletter.

Road Committee: No report.

Clean Team: Per D. Laraway correspondence: The new planter in front of the township hall has received butterfly flowers, daffodils and mums. Discussion with the Linking Center regarding projects that can be done with the children. Plans are in the works to build bat boxes for the cemetery and Martin boxes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween Hours: A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to set the Halloween Hours as previous years at 5:00 to 7:00 pm on October 31, 2019. All voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

Snow Plow Bids: *A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to publish the request for Snowplowing bids to be open in the next meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Office Computer/Printer: Treasurer Lowery reported that the main office printer is no longer working. She has priced getting the printer repaired but if repaired it would be only a temporary fix. A new printer would cost around \$980.00. The printer is more than 5 years old and is outdated. She is also requesting a new computer as the one she is using is several years old and is no longer able to handle the current programs without problems. A new computer that is able to handle the tax program as well as the accounting program would cost between \$1,300 to \$1,500.00.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approval the replacement of a main office printer as well as a new computer not to exceed \$2,500.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Farmland Agreement:

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to sign and submit the paperwork provided for the Farmland Agreement as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Lake Board –Eleanor’s Retirement: After 14 years, Eleanor has decided to retire from her position as Treasurer for the Lake Board. All thanked her for her many years of dedication and wish her well in the future. Her replacement will be decided by the Lake Board with a candidate in mind.

Land Divisions:

Motion as made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the land division as provided and approved by the assessor and building inspector for 922 Potawyn #0312-280-020-00. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Land Divisions for 4830 102nd Avenue (0312-280-020-00) which is to be split into two parcels will be tabled until the next month meeting.

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

Correspondence: None.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jacquelyn A. King-Lee Township Clerk