

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 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:** Supervisor Owen noted the passing of Chuck Pugh's wife Judy and asked to keep Chuck in our thoughts and prayers. Supervisor Owen also shared a comment from his father who recently attended our meeting and was very touched by our township's patriotism with keeping the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of our meetings.

**Citizen's Comments:** Resident F. Rawson commended Trustee Galdikas and her husband Tim's commitment and hard work in making the Holiday Social a special event. Resident K. Morris inquired about the Christmas Cards and expressed interest in one to display in front of Northwood's. Trustee Galdikas stated that it was about time to do new boards and anyone interested could contact her. Resident S. Anderson commented to the board that should be interested in purchasing the Community Center if the board ever decided to sell the building. Resident S. Lacy stated that she is stepping down from her position with the Board of Review as of the January 1st. She also stated that she will no longer be a notary public.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Owen 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:** During the month there were 112 complaint with Deputy Tatrow taking 20% of the calls at 22 complaints. During the month there were no break-ins but an increase in weather related accidents.

**Fire Department:** During the month there were 12 fire runs. The training for the month was FEMA classes which are a requirement when applying for grants.

**First Responders:** During the month there were 25 medical, 1 fire and 2 assist calls for a total of 28. The year to date totals were 380 calls in 343 days.

**Assessor's Report:** Board of Review has been set for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. The board will meet to correct clerical errors and errors of mutual fact.

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Building Report:** During the month there was 7 electrical permits, 6 mechanical, 4 building and 2 plumbing permits for a total improvements of \$117,300.

**Community Center:** Events scheduled: Karaoke/Band from Canada on December 30<sup>th</sup>. A request was made for heat tape and it was mentioned that there was a leak that needed attention around the kitchen window.

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** The Library continues as it normally does but recently had a donation from the DeWeerd's in memory of Arlene Laraway. As a lifelong reader, Arlene volunteered much time in the library.

**Transfer Station:** During the month there was \$953.00 collected and 54 tickets redeemed. A new flag will be ordered for the transfer station.

**Lake Board:** No report. The permit fee was requested by E. DeWeerd. She hadn't heard anything from Aquatic Doctors about getting the permit for the year.

**Newsletter Report:** Trustee Galdikas reported the newsletters have been mailed and some have come back. The Clerk will look into addresses to correct the issue. Currently there are 3 informational kiosks located at the post office, township office and health center if anyone interested in getting a copy or it can be viewed on the township's website [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org).

**Holiday Committee:** Trustee Galdikas reported that the holiday decorations have been put up and that only 2 Christmas cards were placed this year to enhance the live manger scene. Some of the cards are looking worn and it might be time to replace the boards with new artwork. The Holiday Social took place on December 7<sup>th</sup> and with good weather, 105 children and about 60 families attended for soup and cookies and a visit with Santa with each child under 12 years receiving a gift. A special thanks to Doug and Deb Laraway for providing delicious soups, Shirley Kay and family, and to all the bakers for the many tasty cookies. Also, a special thanks to the fire department for help with Santa and making sure that the area was well light and safe for the families.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Trustee Galdikas reported the scholarship information is online and the deadline is set for April 15, 2020.

**Road Committee:** Supervisor Owen reported that the Allegan County Road Commission will be doing 103<sup>rd</sup> to 104<sup>th</sup> in 2020. The project will be using federal aid and will be done with 2' borders. The township board will be responsible for \$35,000 per mile.

**Clean Team/Beautification Committee:** The beautification committee would like to survey the community to see how to best use the parks especially the park at the Lower Scott Lake on Ravenswood. If anyone would like to share their ideas, they are encouraged to bring them to the Masterplan meetings.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Snowplowing Bids:** Last month the issue was tabled until more information could be provided. Questions to be answered were regarding the removal of snow piles and if each contractor had equipment that could handle the situation if it arose. It was discovered that none of the contractors had their own equipment, but Jeff's Services could work with the Laraway's if it was needed. Trustee Galdikas suggested the board try to support as many local businesses as we can, and since Able Services does our mowing that we should split the snow plowing with Jeff's Services and S & H Dependable Services. The township board decided that S&H Dependable Services would plow the fire stations 1 & 2 and Jeff's Services would taking care of the township properties.

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by King to accept the bid for the Fire Station's 1 & 2 by S & H Dependable Services and bid for the township hall, office and community center from Jeff's Services. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Micro-Brewery:** The board was addressed by Tim Kotas regarding his State licensing application to open a small micro-brewery at the old Camp Channing lodge. The approval process is done at the State level, but the township will need to sign off on the application before the application is sent in. This brewery will be set up in a small section of the lodge and will have a very small tasting room for small groups.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to sign off on the application which will be sent to the State for approval. Black, Lowery, King and Owen voted "Aye." Galdikas abstained.*

**Consumers Energy:** A representative for Consumers Energy was in attendance to speak about the recent request made by Consumers to all townships regarding the renewal of Franchising Ordinance. Consumer's Energy is in the process of renewing their franchise agreements with all township and this is the same ordinance that has been in place for the past 30 years. Supervisor Owen contacted the township attorney and it is standard and can be adopted. Consumers Energy will be responsible for the cost and the publishing of the ordinance.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to adopt the ordinance that is a renewal of a current agreement that was in place with Consumers Energy for the maintenance on trees with their power lines. All voted "Aye." Motion carries.*

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

**Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jacquelyn A. King-Lee Township Clerk