

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
November 11, 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 Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery and Clerk King.  
Absent: Trustee Black and Supervisor Owen

A special reading was given by Clerk King to honor our veterans for Veteran's Day.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*Motion was made by Clerk King and seconded by Treasurer Lowery to appoint Trustee Galdikas as chairperson of the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Owen.*

**Additions to the agenda:** Approval for the printing of the tax newsletter

**Board Comments:** Trustee Galdikas gave condolences on behalf of the board to the Laraway family for the recent passing of Arlene Laraway. A request to keep the family in thoughts and prayers was made. In other information to share, Galdikas stated that the county was hosting an Open House on Thursday Dec. 5 at 5pm to discuss the Coastal Flood Map. Love I.N.C. has been in Pullman for 10 years and has help over 11,000 with food assistance and personal care pantry, 548 from the baby pantry, 552 families with back packs for students, 3000 winter coats and have been blessed with over 26,000 hours of volunteer service. During the past year, the Linking Center has focused on partnerships with Bloomingdale School District, Lee Township and Love I.N.C. During the summer they offered a summer school program and Summer Camp which made a huge impact on the children in the community. Scholarships were offered to help those children who might not been able to participate otherwise. The Linking Center also worked with Red Cross during the past winter's Polar Vortex and was open as a warming center, partnering with the Lee Township Fire Department to help many families through the winter storm. During the past few months they have offered after school program to around 60 students to give these students a place to go after school where they are able to get their homework finished, have fun, and all students leave with a sack supper.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2019 Regular Meeting with correction. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**Commissions Report:** County Budget has been passed. The budget amount for next year is 33 million due to a 4.3% growth in property tax revenue. The county has added 4 new positions for next year. There will be openings in the Sheriff's Department, IT Department and Prosecutors office. Commissioner Jessup commented on the recent cut in programs by the Governor's veto of the 2020 budget. Some of the areas cut were veterans' services, senior programs, programs for children as well as other services that will affect the residents of Michigan. Also discussed was the current erosion problem along the lakeshore. Currently the stairs to Casco Nature Preserve and the County's Westside Park are closed due to damage by the erosion. Lake Michigan is at a 100-year high and another 12" is expected this spring. Lastly, Jessup announced that the Commissioners will meet on December 12<sup>th</sup> for the final meeting of the year. Meetings are open

to the public and details on time, date and location can be found on the county's website [allegancounty.org](http://allegancounty.org).

**Deputies Report:** During the month there were 105 complaint with Deputy Tatrow taking 23% of the calls at 25 complaints. He reported that car deer accidents have been on the rise with about 30 complaints every day countywide. Also, Deputy Tatrow announced that a portion of Lakeshore Drive in the Glenn/Saugatuck area has been closed due to the current erosion along the lakeshore.

**Fire Department:** During the month there were 9 fire runs: 1 rubbish fire, 3 wires down, 4 auto accidents and 1 miscellaneous. The training for the month was on tool maintenance. The month of October was Fire Prevention month and the assembly at Pullman Elementary went very well. Chief Chamberlain asked if the board had made any decision about a possible trade on a command vehicle with Fennville. He was referred to the Supervisor to see where things were at.

**First Responders:** No report

**Assessor's Report:** No report. Board of Review has been set for December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Building Report:** During the month there was 9 electrical permits, 4 mechanical, 3 building and no plumbing permits for total improvements of \$259,500.00.

**Community Center:** No report

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** A big thanks to volunteer Pam Booth for helping with Wednesday hours at the Library. The Library is always looking for more volunteers to help to expand hours of service. Anyone interested can contact Deb Laraway at 236-6206 for more information. The book club met this month to discuss the current book "What the Eyes Don't See," a book written by pediatrician Mona Hanna Atisha about the Flint lead crisis. The books were provided by a grant from the Michigan Council of Humanities and books will be available to loan by contacting the Library.

**Transfer Station:** During the month there was \$1,092.00 collected and 73 tickets redeemed. Over 200 bags of leaves were removed from the cemetery during the clean. Future clean-up of tires will take place in 2020 through a grant received.

**Lake Board:** No report

**Newsletter Report:** Trustee Galdikas reported the newsletter has been published and went out last month. Anyone interested in getting a copy can contact the township for a copy or view on the township's website [leetwp.org](http://leetwp.org).

**Holiday Committee:** Trustee Galdikas reported that the holiday decorations have started go up in the township and the Holiday Social will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at the parking lot of Pizza Plus for caroling and a live manger scene with a short parade to the Lee Township Community Center for soup and cookies. There will also be time for family photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus with children under the age of 12 receiving a gift from Santa.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Trustee Galdikas reported the scholarship information has been passed on to schools to be given out to local seniors and is available on the township website.

**Road Committee:** Committee member J. Rawson reported that the monthly report was received after the past meeting and the committee will continue to keep working toward recommending the worst roads to the board for future improvements.

**Clean Team/Beautification Committee:** Needs volunteers. The committee for beautification has been looking into ideas for improvements into the community. It was mentioned about what could be done with weeds at the Lower Scott Lake channel and improvements to the park at the same location. Trustee Galdikas reminded everyone that the next Master Plan meeting will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Snowplowing Bids:** The sealed bids were opened by Clerk King and read aloud. There were 4 bids received by Able Services, South Haven Dependable Services, Mike Curley (for cemetery only) and Jeff's Services. The lowest bid was by Able Services, however, more information will be needed to make decision in regard to the accessibility for heavy equipment in the event of large snow removal. The members of the board tabled discussion for all properties with the exception of the cemetery which can move forward for approval.

*A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by King to accept the bid for Mike Curley for the cemetery only. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Variance/ Bauer Lane:** Discussion took place with concerns regarding the ability for emergency vehicles having enough space to access the property if needed and adequate space for septic field in relation to surface water. It was reported that the Health Department had already approved the application. The Fire Chief indicated that they would be able to access property in needed.

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to approve the variance as requested and approved by the Allegan County Health Department. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

### **Land Divisions:**

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to approve the land split as recommended and approved by the building inspector and assessor for 4850 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tax Newsletter:** *Motion was made by King and seconded by Galdikas to approve the Treasurer publishing the Township Tax Newsletter to be distributed in the December tax bills. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Payment of the Bills:** *A motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery 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 Galdikas and seconded by King adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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