

**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 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:** Trustee Galdikas mentioned that our November regular meeting will be on Veteran's Day. Clerk King will order a new flag to replace the current worn flag. Supervisor Owen received a brochure on an informational session for township officials. Trustee Black commented on the beautiful weather. Treasurer Lowery reported that September 16<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to pay taxes at the Lee Township office. After this date, tax bills will start being charged 1% penalty. The Treasurer will be in the office on the 16<sup>th</sup> for collection.

**Citizen's Comments:** None

**Guest Speaker:** Community Action Allegan County – Lisa Evans presented The ACCA 2017-2018 Community Impact Report. Some of the information provided was that in Allegan County there are 11% of individuals living in poverty, 26% individuals are under employed and are struggling. The Community Action of Allegan County provides residents of Allegan County emergency assistance, Senior Project Fresh, senior transportation, home delivered meals, early education and crisis utility assistance. During the year reported, 3,559 households received outreach information and referral services. Those in need can contact the ACCA at 269-673-5472.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2019 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:** Commissioner Jessup reported that the County is holding a budget hearing on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The evening meeting will be held at 7:00 pm. The County is currently negotiating with the employee unions for 1/2% increase. The courthouse is in the planning stages for renovations with estimated cost at 1.4 to 2.0 million dollars. The county commissioners are also looking into solutions into the holding cells to accommodate the increase of women that have been booked at the jail. Lastly, Jessup reported that the Indigent Defense program is now operating with a budget of 2.4 million per year.

**Deputies Report:** Total complaints were 125, of which 32 calls (26%) were taken by our local deputy. Deputy Tatrow reminded residents to watch for school children and make sure to pay attention to the lights and children that are out; use caution as deer season has begun; and noted B&E's have been on the rise, so please report suspicious activity.

**Fire Department:** During the previous month there were 7 calls. Fire Chief Chamberlain reported that they are looking into a trade with Fennville Fire Department. The Fennville department is looking to possibly trade their grass truck for our command vehicle. Supervisor Owen will look in to if that is something that can be done with the vehicle which was obtained through a grant. October is fire prevention month and the department would like to purchase materials for their program with the Bloomingdale Schools.

*A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the fire department to spend up to \$650.00 for materials for the program with Bloomingdale Schools.*

**First Responders:** During the previous month there were 35 medical, 3 fire assist and 2 accident calls. Year to date total is 290 calls for 2019.

**Assessor's Report:** No Report

**Ambulance Report:** No Report

**Building Report:** During the previous month there were 12 electrical permits, 4 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 3 building permits issued. Total improvements of \$71,500.00.

**Community Center:** There was 1 rental reported for the previous month. The meeting of the Pullman Progressive Political meeting was held with 25 individuals in attendance. Also during the month, the Meals on Wheels held a meeting to discuss the possibility of have a congregate site in Pullman if a location can be found. There were 21 individuals in attendance, representing Lee Township, Lee Community Center, Linking Center, Love, INC and Meals on Wheels.

**Cemetery Report:** No Report

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to publish fall clean up hours once date has been determined. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Library Report:** No Report

**Transfer Station:** During the month \$890.00 was collected and 58 tickets redeemed. Free Dump Days were a success. Trustee Galdikas reported that the township had submitted and was approved for a tire removal grant for 2020.

**Lake Board:** The next Lake Board meeting has been scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The meeting will be held to discuss new assessments.

**Newsletter Report:** No report.

**Holiday Committee:** The Holiday Social is only two months away and Trustee Galdikas reported that it will be held on the first Saturday of December (7<sup>th</sup>) at the Community Center.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** No report.

**Road Committee:** Committee will be working on road projects for 2020. The township will be receiving federal aid next year allow for more repairs to be completed. A request was made to keep Committee member C. Pugh and his wife in their thoughts and prayers.

**Clean Team:** The township continues to work with the local beautification committee as part of the township's clean up goals.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Variances Request 009-028-20:** The plans for the variance request were reviewed by the board making sure that there is adequate space to accommodate emergency vehicles.

*Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the variance. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Public Water Service Ordinance:** The board finalized the new process for the billing of the municipal water system. It was decided that all users with delinquent bills will get a notice in their bills until the first of the year notifying them that payments must be made, or payment plans honored otherwise delinquent balances will be placed on the tax bill as a water charge. Beginning in January 2020 there will be only a set amount charged yearly on the tax bill for use of the municipal water system. There will be no more reading of meters. The new fee will be \$180.00 annually per resident and \$240.00 annually for businesses. An additional letter will be sent certified to all municipal system users as well as combining the notices in each bill for the next two quarters.

*Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Black to adopt the new annual charge for water which will eliminate billing for metered usage as well as all delinquent residents will be notified to bring accounts current by the end of the year to stop further collection by placing bills on winter tax bills. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Correspondence: None**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn A. King  
Lee Township Clerk