

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020

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: Steppney Black

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen reminded everyone to practice the recommended health guidelines to stay safe during the cold and flu season. Owens also wanted to extend condolences to S. Lacy and her family for the passing of her brother Dave Blanchard. Trustee Galdikas shared that Allegan County Animal Control (run by Wishbone) needs to complete mandated improvements to their facility and therefore will be closed for 45-60 days. They are looking for fosters to temporarily take in animals during this time.

Citizen's Comments: Linking Center representative, Jeff Kruithof gave an update on the Center. The Center will be offering free tax service February 1st from 1-4 pm, February 9th from 6:15-8:30 pm and March 9th from 6:15 -8:30 pm. The afterschool program is still in place on Monday-Thursday from 3-6 pm with about 60 kids participating. Seniors are meeting to walk in the gym from 9 am to 2 pm and the center is a Red Cross approved warming location for the winter season. Upcoming events will be the Summerhill camp and other fun activities for the children of Lee Township.

Resident Ben Lewis thanked all who came out to the Christmas event that was held at the Marathon Xpress Event Center. There were more than 400 in attendance to participate in the dinner and the giveaway of bikes, turkeys, clothing, shoes, gifts and gift cards.

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

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

Commissions Report: No report

Deputies Report: No report.

Fire Department: During the month there were 10 calls. The training for the month was FEMA classes which are a requirement when applying for grants. The training is currently about 95% completed. The crew have been working on the stairs for the balcony in response to the recent report submitted by the Risk Management Insurance review.

First Responders: During the month there were 40 medical, 1 fire and 2 accident. The year to date total of 414 calls. During the first 13 days of January there have been 14 calls.

Assessor's Report: Board of Review has been preparing for the March Board of Review with dates set. Dates will be posted on the township website as well as posted in the Allegan County News and at the township hall and office.

Assessor Harris presented the board with land divisions for approval.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the land division for parcel 0312-027-010-00 as presented and approved by building inspector and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the land division for parcel 0312-025-004-00 as presented and approved by building inspector and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Report: During the month there was 5 electrical permits, 6 mechanical, and 1 plumbing permits for a total improvement of \$100,000.00. Year-to-date improvements to the township were \$2,315,890.00.

Community Center: No report.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: The Library continues as it normally does with volunteer Pam Booth holding hours on Wednesdays. They are still looking for more volunteers and striving to improve the internet service. All interested volunteers can contact Deb Laraway at Pizza Plus.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$1428.00 collected and 40 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: No report.

Newsletter Report: Trustee Galdikas reported that the next edition will be going out in June.

Holiday Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that the holiday decorations will be taken down and the Welcome banners should be going up soon.

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 committee is making progress in evaluating the roads for upcoming repairs.

Clean Team/Beautification Committee: Trustee Galdikas reported that the Allegan County Community Foundation will be offering an upcoming grant opportunity. The grant proposal will be made for Ravenswood Park with request to upgrade grills, benches and picnic tables.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Masterplan Dates:

Trustee Galdikas requested that the upcoming Masterplan dates be set. Dates were set for March 16, 2020, June 15, 2020, September 21, 2020, with a November date TBD. Meetings will be held at the Township Hall at 6:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Millage: Supervisor Owen provided the board with correspondence from the Allegan County Road Commission that detailed the current cost estimates and the recommended projects

for the upcoming year. He spoke of a project on 103rd that will be a two-mile section that will have a cost to the township of an estimated \$70,000.00. This project will make the road much safer. *Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to allow the Allegan County Road Commission to get bids for 105th to 53rd Street. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

Community Center: Supervisor Owen thanked the committee members for all their hard work and dedication for the past year. The current chairperson, Vicki Brown has resigned, and the township board as accepted her resignation. At this time the township has decided to dissolve the committee and the township board will continue to oversee the CC.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to dissolve the Community Center Committee until further time. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Land Divisions: Approvals done during the Assessor's report.

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

Correspondence: Supervisor read correspondence from Eleanor DeWeerd thanking the board for their support with the Lake Board and for the thoughtful gift of the flower and treats provided for her retirement as Treasurer of the Lake Board.

A motion was made by Owen 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