

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:31 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Hatfield, Trustee Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King.

Supervisor Owen started the meeting with comments from the citizens due to the high number in attendance and limited capacity due to social distancing requirement.

Citizens Comment: Citizen C. Goodell stated that she had heard there were a lot of break-ins in the area and stated that she was told that nothing could be done. She suggested more coverage from the township deputy. Citizen N. Cratty stated that he appreciated the discussion that took place recently and would like to see more details on the discussion in the minutes. He also expressed his concern on boundaries between private property and township park. Citizen T. Filkins commented on his concern regarding the recent postings from social meeting about break-ins. He also expressed his concern for the same vehicles passing through his father-in-law's neighborhood. He was also glad the board was discussing the ORV ordinance. Citizen D. Todd stated that he lives on 58th Street and is concerned about break-in that he saw on the same social media site. His suggestion was more for the kids to do. Citizen D. Palmby mentioned his comments from last month's meeting regarding the hopes that there could be funding or even partial funding for restocking Lower Scott Lake. He had suggestions for improvement around the lake for a port-a-john at the beach and posting the rules at the boat launch. Palmby stated that it has been recommended that the Lower Scott Lake Association to install buoys possibility next spring. He also mentioned not hearing much about the Vehicle Storage Ordinance. Lastly he congratulated the new business to Pullman, Rusty Rocket Brewing. A resident from Monterey Township, S. Beltman commented that he would be happy to answer any questions about the ORV Ordinance as his township has adopted one. Citizen C. Revard stated that he would like to see a Neighborhood Watch in the township.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen expressed deepest condolences to the family of Fred Rawson on behalf of the entire Lee Twp. board. Trustee Galdikas acknowledged the tragic loss of two local teens and noted the Linking Center had counselors available to support those students having a difficulty with the passing of Katterin Jacobo and Angel Cleto.

Guest Speaker: None

Commissioners Report: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting minutes of August 24, 2020. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Deputy Report: During the month of August there were 141 calls. There has been no uptick in break-in's as expressed in the concern earlier in the meeting. In the past 6 weeks there were reported with 1 attempt, 1 at vacant property and the 3rd call never gained entry to the property. Deputy Tatrow encouraged residents to call 911 if there is suspicious activity. There is also the option to call the non-emergency number 269-673-3899. He will make a Facebook post to remind parents of curfew and reporting suspicious activity.

Fire Department Report: During the month of August there were 22 calls. Some of the calls were grass fire, car fire, gas leaks, tree down along with medical and assist calls. Training for the month was on ladder and fire extinguishing. Chief Chamberlain provided some information to the board for the replacement of the air packs. He requested to purchase 10 new and 10 refurbished. The total cost for replacement of air packs will be around \$118,469.00.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas for the purchase of 10 new and 10 refurbished air packs. Roll call was taken: Yes – Hatfield, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

First Responders Report: During the previous month there were 39 calls of which 3 personal injury and 36 medicals. To date there have been 258 calls.

Assessor's Report: No report.

Ambulance Reports: Trustee Galdikas stated the quarterly meeting of the Emergency Services Committee took place on September 10, 2020 at 7pm at Fennville City Hall. Life EMS gave a report for the first month of service to our area. They took 106 calls with 78 transports. Lee Township alone had 35 calls (twice as many as any other township/city covered) with 81% of response times under 15 minutes (12 minutes was the average which is about 5 minutes faster than with AMR service). Minor improvements to the building in Fennville have been made and so far, the townships/cities serviced through ESC are pleased with Life EMS. Trustee Galdikas thanked Life EMS for participating in Albert Rawson's funeral procession.

Building Inspector's Report: During the month there were 6 electrical, 2 mechanical, 6 building and no plumbing permits issued. Total improvements to the township were \$276,214.00.

Community Center Report: During the month the facility has a weekly rental on Sunday by one group. There is a celebration ceremony scheduled for the September 19th.

Cemetery Report: Supervisor Owen stated the pump house has been cleaned out and exterior painted, thanks to chair May Davoren and volunteers.

Library Report: Volunteer Pam Booth took it upon herself to trim back the trees and bushes crowding the parking lot to the North. The library received a large donation of children's books from an anonymous donor which were distributed into the community with the Summer Book Program. Thanks to Sam Bale for heading that up. We are thrilled that several hundred books are being read to and by some of our youngest residents. The library has not been open for the last several weeks because our volunteer has been self-quarantining. We send our best, warmest thoughts and prayers to her husband, Sheldon Booth.

Transfer Station Report: During the month of July there was \$897.00 collected with 71 tickets redeemed. For the month of August there was \$1641.00 collected and 110 redeemed.

Lake Board: No report

Newsletter Report: Next newsletter to go out in November.

Holiday Committee Report: No report

Pullman Pride Report: No report.

Road Committee Report: Committee member C. Pugh gave a recap on the road work that has been done. Work is to be done on 103rd/104th on 52nd.

Beautification Committee Report: Beautification welcomes Patti Conway to our ranks. Patti is a Lee Township resident who headed up a 501C3 program at her previous residence in New York. We are delighted to have her expertise in our community. Working on flower planters in the downtown area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Legal Aid Assistance Center: Director Linda Teeter presented information for the board at last month's meeting for review with a request for the township to enter a contract in the amount of \$2,000.00 per year. Everyone on the board feels that this is a valuable program for the residents, but with the reduction in revenue it is uncertain if this the best time for signing into a contract. The issue will be tabled until a Special Meeting/Workshop to be held September 17th.

Dangerous Building: Supervisor Owen mention that the deadline for removal of the dangerous building on 53rd Street has passed. The property transferred to a new owner and he is currently working on getting it cleaned up. Supervisor Owen felt that the time should be extended a bit longer to see if new owner clean-up is completed.

Tires for Police Vehicle: Two quotes for tires were provided by Deputy Tatrow.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to authorize the purchase of Goodyear tires for the police vehicle in the amount of \$665.96. Roll call vote taken: Yes – Hatfield, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Splits:

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by King to approve the split as approved by Assessor and Building Inspector for parcel #12-003-015-50 for W. Yates. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the land split as approved by Assessor and Building Inspector for parcel #12-0017-030-10 for Perales. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The land split for parcel #12-007-016-00 was incomplete and will be tabled until more information is provided.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the Clerk to pay bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Galdikas, Owen and King. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk