

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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, and Supervisor Owen
Absent: Steppney Black and Clerk King

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Amendments to the Agenda: Approve publication of notice of annual budget meeting and annual meeting of the electors.

Board Comments: Supervisor Owen reminded everyone to practice the recommended health guidelines and noted to date no coronavirus has been identified in Michigan. Galdikas extended condolences on behalf of the township board to Jackie King and her family on the passing of her father Forrest Pettis. Galdikas reminded residents that Tuesday is an election day and polls will be open from 7am-8pm.

Citizen's Comments: Linking Center representative, Jeff Kruithof announced Meals on Wheels will be offering a free lunch to seniors at the Linking Center on Tuesday March 17, with the possibility of offering this service on a more regular basis. Resident S. Kay asked folks to donate candy for Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Resident B. Lindsey expressed concern about the increasing blight in the community and asked that more attention be paid to addressing the problem. Resident S. Lacy concurred with Lindsey's comments. Lacey also questioned why the water meters were read this past week.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020 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, and Owen. Motion carried.

Commissions Report: Tom Jessup apologized for missing the last couple meetings, noting he had been ill and recently recovering from surgery. He noted courthouse renovations costs are estimated between 1-2 million dollars. Indigent Defense office will be moved to the county service building shortly. Voters will be asked to override the Headly Rollback on the November ballot to increase funds for law enforcement, transportation and paying off bonds for employee retirement benefits. He noted Allegan County had done an online survey for community input. No one in the audience had been contacted, however Jessup encouraged anyone interested to go to the county website and complete it. Resident E. Brock asked how increase in law enforcement and transportation would affect Lee Township. Jessup explained services provided.

Deputies Report: Deputy Tatrow left report stating 89 calls for the month of February. He responded to 29 (33%). Last month saw an increase in B & E's again. He asked everyone to keep their eyes pen for suspicious activity. Also reminded folks that as the weather warms up more children are out playing so slow down and watch for children.

Fire Department: Chief left a report stating there were 9 calls for the month, including an ice rescue. The training for the month was on a pre-fire plan at the Linking Center and first-aid splintering.

First Responders: During the month there were 34 calls, including an ice rescue. The year to date total 83 calls in 69 days.

Assessor's Report: Assessor left a report that Board of Review will take place on Wednesday from 2-5pm, Thursday from 9am-Noon and Friday from 9am-Noon. He also left a land division for approval.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Report: During the month there were 10 electrical permits, 2 mechanical, and 1 plumbing permit and one building permit to demolish a mobile home.

Community Center: Man Up and AA continue to meet monthly. The CC had 5 2-hour rentals last month and was used 2 days for a local family's Novena.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month \$654 was collected and 22 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: No report.

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

Holiday Committee: No report

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

Road Committee: No report

Clean Team/Beautification Committee: Trustee Galdikas stated the township will again offer free dump days to help curb blight issues. Tire grant clean up date has been set for Saturday April 4 where residents can dispose of tires free of charge at the transfer station. Volunteers are needed to help load tires.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dust Control

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve 2 applications by Southwestern Michigan Dust Control, Inc at \$12,000 each application; with the option of a 3rd at \$10,000 if needed. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Land Divisions:

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the land division for Kingsland, LLC for parcel 0312-025-021-20 as presented and approved by building inspector and assessor. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Hearing Officer: Owen reviewed the Dangerous Building ordinance that mandates a Hearing Officer be used to review status of dangerous structures. Galdikas added clarification on the difference in the procedure for processing Blight and Dangerous Buildings per the current township ordinances. Lee has not had a hearing officer for many years. A hearing officer is appointed by the supervisor per the ordinance. Payment structure was discussed for this position.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to pay the Hearing Officer \$50 per complaint filed and \$25 per hour for additional work needed following any appeal. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: None

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Galdikas, Trustee on behalf of Jacquelyn A. King, Clerk