

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12, 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 Hatfield, Trustee Galdikas, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Owen and Clerk King.

Supervisor Owen requested making an amendment to the agenda to add an update on the Dangerous Building Complaint and the paving of the Community Center parking lot.

Citizens Comment: Citizen D. Palmby wanted to thank Clerk King for her years of service to the community. Citizen James Austin wanted to express his frustration with the rodeo that takes place near his home. His complaint was regarding the heavy traffic and loud noise that happens every time they hold an event. Mr. Austin feels that this frustration causes their health conditions to be acerbated. Citizen F. Clapp also commented on the noise and traffic from the rodeo and felt that something should be done.

Board Comments: None

Guest Speaker: Scott Beltman from Monterey Township addressed the board regarding a countywide ORV ordinance. The ordinance would allow for individuals to drive ORV vehicles out on certain roads, with each township having input and creating a map of what roads riding will be allowed. The county would be responsible for ordinance enforcement. 15 townships have adopted the resolution asking the county to move forward with an ordinance. Beltman stated that he will be addressing other townships and asked that the Lee Twp. board consider adopting the resolution during tonight's meeting.

Commissioners Report: None

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the regular board meeting minutes dated September 14, 2020 as presented. All voted: "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the minutes from the workshop on September 17, 2020 as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the Special Meeting dated on September 28, 2020 as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made Galdikas and seconded by Owen to receive the treasurers report. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Hatfield, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Deputy Report: During the month of September there were 168 calls. The calls taken included 2 larcenys and 1 break-in with which the suspect was apprehended at the scene. There has been a rise in car/deer accidents and Deputy Tatrow reminded resident they can be added to the "kill

list” for those deer that are killed in accidents. No longer is it required to have a permit to take a deer from the accident scene. It only requires going onto the DNR website and filling out the requested information.

Fire Department Report: During the month of September there were 20 calls including an assist, 8 medicals, car fire, false alarm and a couch fire. The monthly training was on hazardous materials and driving. With October being Fire Prevention month, the Chief requested the board to approve funds for materials. Alternate Fire Prevention activities are being considered due to COVID.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to authorize the Fire Department to purchase the Fire Prevention Program materials in the amount of \$350.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Hatfield, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

First Responders Report: During the month there were 32 medical, 2 fire assists and 6 personal injury accidents. The total to date is 345 calls in 286 days.

Assessor’s Report: No report.

Ambulance Reports: No report.

Building Inspector’s Report: During the month there were 10 electrical permits, 8 mechanical, 7 building and no plumbing permits. The total improvements to the township is \$335,651.75.

Community Center Report: In September there was 1 rental for a ½ day birthday party. There is a group that uses the building for 2 hours each Sunday. The group has contributed with cleaning the siding and removing weeds around the building.

Cemetery Report: Supervisor Owen reported that the Fall clean-up is set to take place. He also reported that the pump house has been painted and things are looking very good.

Library Report: A big thank you to volunteer Pam Booth for many hours donated to the library. The library welcomes new volunteers Robert & Nicole Deschaine. The Pullman library now has 3 Little Libraries located at the Pullman Elementary, a location near the Linking Center and at Pizza Plus. The libraries allow for someone to exchange a donated book for a new book within the library.

Transfer Station Report: During September there was \$1,119 collected and 79 tickets redeemed. It was also reported that over 1,000 tires were removed at the last clean up.

Lake Board: No report

Newsletter Report: Next newsletter to go out in November. Trustee Galdikas has requested information for the upcoming recruiting for new First Responders and Fire Fighters.

Holiday Committee Report: Trustee Galdikas announced the upcoming Holiday Social. Due to COVID the event will be held outside and during the day. More information will be shared next month.

Pullman Pride Report: No report.

Road Committee Report: Supervisor Owen gave the update on upcoming road work to be done. The next project to be done is on 105th between 53rd and 56th streets.

Beautification Report: The group has spent the last month working on the planter box near the sign at the cemetery as well as doing clean up and re-mulching the Disc Golf Course. The group has applied for 501C3 status to help organize efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dangerous Building Update: Supervisor Owen reported that there has been minor improvements to property on 53rd Street. There is a new owner, and he has been working on getting the property cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Splits:

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Owen to approve the land division as approved by the Assessor and Building Inspector for parcel #12-007-016-00 (Laraway). All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The land split for parcel #12-025-013-00 was incomplete and will be tabled until more information is provided.

Halloween Hours: Supervisor Owen recommended that the board continue with the same hours for trick-or-treating as previous years, 5 to 7 pm on Saturday, Oct 31st. He also reminded the public that Halloween is not a Township sanctioned holiday but rather a nationally recognized holiday. He encouraged everyone to follow health and safety guidelines.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to recommend Trick or Treat hours 5 to 7 pm on Halloween. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

ORV Resolution: Supervisor Owen presented a resolution which would show the townships interest in supporting the ORV ordinance. The adopting of the ordinance by the county would allow for enforcement of rules to help make the use of vehicles safer by placing rules such as the use of helmets and restricting younger riders to having supervision. Trustee Galdikas questioned the legality with the no-fault insurance laws. There has been a bill introduced (PA 4200) which makes the rules and regulations very clear.

Motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to sign the resolution to show our interest in the County Commissioners of Allegan County to further research adopting the ORV ordinance for the County of Allegan. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Community Center Parking Lot: Supervisor Owen stated that he was approached by the Linking Center earlier in the day regarding the Community Center parking lot. The work was

being done to prepare the lot for the Linking Center and an offer from the Linking Center to volunteer their labor to extend the paving to include the Community Center. The only expense for the township would be for the asphalt as the grading and leveling would be provided to us. The cost for the asphalt would be approximately \$9,905.00. This is a saving of over \$10,000 for the township due to the gracious donation of labor from the Linking Center donors.

Discussion took place on if there would be a value in investing the funds and since this was an unexpected expense and without the cost being budgeting, how would be funding be obtained.

King Clerk suggested that the board consider using Public Improvement Funds to pay for the project.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Owen to approve the paving of the Community Center Parking Lot in the amount of \$9,905.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Hatfield, Galdikas, Lowery, Owen and King. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Jacquelyn King, Clerk