

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 pm via Zoom Meetings.

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

**Amendments:** None

**Board Comments:** Supervisor Owen wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the beautify Pullman group/Shirley Kay for the holiday décor at the post office. Trustee Galdikas extended sympathy, on behalf of the entire board, to Supervisor Owen and his family on the loss of his father. She also wished a happy birthday to Trustee Hatfield, and Treasurer Lowery this month. Supervisor Owen also asked for prayers for our country during this time of turmoil.

**Citizens Comment:** None

**Guest Speaker:** None

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Galdikas to approve the regular board meeting minutes dated December 14, 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 – Galdikas, Lowery, Friel, Hatfield and Owen. Motion carried.*

**Commissioners Report:** None

**Deputy Report:** None

**Fire Department Report:** The month of December was slower than usual. 14 Fire calls including structure, 5 med assists, 2 outdoor rubbish, a furnace, gas leak and an auto accident. Training this month was on air packs, extrication, and EMS. There were 190 runs in 2020, which beat the old record by 40. It was a very busy year, with COVID related calls and assisting First Responders. Fire Chief Chamberlain requested the board approve a trade between Lee and Fennville Fire Departments involving our old 30-minute air bottles and Fennville's old 1985 Chevy grass truck. Chief noted we got a grass truck from them last year that has been helpful and thinks having a backup would be nice. Clyde Township Fire Department may want some as well. Chamberlain made a point on the importance of helping our neighbors and mutual aid provided.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to allow the fire department to trade the Fire Department's old 30- minute air bottles for a 1985 Chevy grass truck. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**First Responders Report:** During the month of December, there were 37 medical calls, 1 fire assist and 2 PI. There were 444 runs in the 365 days of 2020. Pam Rawson made a comment on the cost of the First Responders' bills, stating that the increase in the bill totals was due to replacing/stocking supplies, sharps containers and other necessary operational supplies needed to keep up with the times. Trustee Galdikas asked if Rebecca Waldschmidt completed her certification. Pam Rawson confirmed that she had become certified over the last quarter.

**Assessor's Report:** Trustee Galdikas asked Kyle Harris if he could get a list together of the top 10 or so frequently asked assessment questions that could be posted on the township webpage, to help curb confusion for residents as we get closer to March Board of Review. Harris agreed, noting this could be more helpful than a general class being offered by MSU. Supervisor Owen agreed that a FAQ list would be beneficial.

**Ambulance Reports:** The Ambulance Committee meeting is rescheduled for this coming Thursday. Trustee Galdikas will have an update at February's meeting. Galdikas also informed Treasurer Lowery that she requested LifeCare+ membership forms and should have them soon.

**Building Inspector's Report:** December had 4 electrical, 2 plumbing and 7 mechanical permits. November also had 2 building permits. Totaling in \$305,000.00 in improvements coming into Lee Township. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Street demo permit was also approved.

**Community Center Report:** Due to state orders, the Center was not used in December.

**Cemetery Report:** No report. Treasurer Lowery spoke to someone who stated that Lee Township Cemetery is one of the best in the area, especially with the memorial trees.

**Library Report:** Clerk Friel passed on a report from Debbie Laraway. She had discussed with Supervisor Owen and will be sending over more information about the \$11.00 per month conversion to the Dewey Decimal System at the Township Library. She sends thanks to volunteers Pam, Nicole and Robert for all of their hard work.

**Transfer Station Report:** Treasurer Lowery reported for J. Rawson, the transfer station brought in \$687, and 44 tickets.

**Lake Board:** No report

**Newsletter Report:** The next newsletter will be out late spring. Extra copies of the current newsletter are available to restock around town if needed.

**Holiday Committee Report:** Trustee Galdikas thanked the residents who reached out and donated extra gifts for the holiday social. The holiday decorations are down and put away, and they plan to refurbish the lights as needed.

**Pullman Pride Report:** Hops @ 84 E in Holland has extended their fund raiser from the month of December. A portion of proceeds from their Community Pizza in January will go to the Pullman Pride Scholarship. The scholarship applications have been updated, posted online and have been sent to the school counselors. Treasurer Lowery questioned why the scholarship amounts increase. Trustee Galdikas stated that a decision was made to increase due to COVID

struggles in the community and additional donations that were made. All fund increases were covered by donors.

**Road Committee Report:** Supervisor Owen attended the Primary Road Committee Meeting. Allegan County Road Commission will be contributing \$50,000.00 toward Lee Township roads. Lee Township Area 4 received the best PACER rating out of roads in Allegan County. Owen noted he is looking forward to 2021 chip sealing on 109<sup>th</sup> Ave through Lee Township.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Request from the Jonke's for a variance was tabled until MTS completes the necessary notification to neighbors.

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to table discussion of the variance until next month. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.*

**Payment of the Bills:**

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the payment of the bills as presented by the Clerk. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Lowery, Hatfield, Galdikas, Owen and Friel. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
Heather Friel, Clerk