

Lee Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 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:** Trustee Galdikas thanked the interim deputy for Lee Township, Deputy Jackson, for noticing and alerting a local resident of a house fire. There is a benefit dinner planned to help the resident, Laruen Curley. Fire Chief Chamberlain added the benefit will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm-9pm, at the fire station, and will be drive-thru only, hosted by Jan Earl Woods. Trustee Galdikas also mentioned there will be a Beautify Pullman Plant sale and spaghetti dinner on March 27<sup>th</sup>, held at the Linking Center. Treasurer Lowery stated that the winter tax collection season is over, and residents who still need to pay can go to Allegan County to do so. She was thankful collection went well.

**Citizens Comment:** Comment submitted by email from Debbie Laraway, Beautify Pullman is hosting a plant sale, spaghetti dinner and bake sale at the Linking Center, on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm. Modern Woodman will match whatever is raised. They continue to fill out grants for this cause and thanked Cheyanne Gonzales for helping with posters. They have two students who will be helping with murals and selfie walls this summer. Proceeds will go toward planters, signs, benches and easy-care flower beds throughout town.

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Approval of Regular Board Minutes:**

*A motion was made by Owen and seconded by Lowery to approve the regular board meeting minutes dated February 8, 2021. All voted: "Aye." Motion carried.*

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

**Commissioners Report:** None

**Deputy Report:** Deputy Jackson gave a report that since he started, on February 24, there were several calls, but no larcenies or break-ins. He is making rounds to meet people in town.

**Fire Department Report:** Fire Chief Chamberlain reported that in February there were 13 fire calls, including 3 structure fires and 3 auto accidents. Training was on air packs and ice rescue. New packs are in service and have already been used. Chief also thanked Deputy Jackson for noticing the house fire, and alerting the resident, grateful he was there to prevent a fatality. Supervisor Owen asked about the vehicle trade for the old air packs to Fennville. Chief stated they have already begun to work on the vehicle and thinks it should be ready by summer.

**First Responders Report:** Pam Rawson reported that in the month of February, there were 25 medicals, 2 PI and 4 Fire Assists, totaling 31 runs. 68 days into the year and have had 76 runs so far.

**Assessor's Report:** Kyle Harris was unable to attend, he was at another meeting. Supervisor Owen stated that he is working hard processing emails, phone calls and preparing for the March BOR appeal hearings.

**Ambulance Reports:** None

**Building Inspector's Report:** Supervisor Owen reported in the month of February there were 0 permits from all trades.

**Community Center Report:** State orders are lifting, and we have a couple requests on the calendar for next month, so long as mandates do not change. Pastor Carlos Medina has a group that meets on Sundays and has volunteered to do cleanup while they are there.

**Cemetery Report:** Spring cleanup will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Library Report:** Clerk Friel passed on a report from Debbie Laraway. The Facebook page is getting a lot of traffic, and the volunteers continue to put in a lot of time organizing books. Working to get the board more information on the Dewey Decimal system.

**Transfer Station Report:** Treasurer Lowery reported for J. Rawson, the transfer station brought in \$606, and collected 17 tickets.

**Lake Board:** None

**Newsletter Report:** Trustee Galdikas asked that information for the spring/summer newsletter be forwarded to her.

**Holiday Committee Report:** Trustee Galdikas reported that all winter banners are down, and spring/summer décor has been put up.

**Pullman Pride Report:** Trustee Galdikas reminded everyone that the deadline for scholarship applications is April 15 and the application is on the township website. The scholarship has received \$7,000.00 in donations. \$2,000.00 from Hopps at 84 East, and \$5,000.00 from AES Corporation, the company developing a solar farm in Pullman. Planning for Pullman Pride Day July 17 will begin when gathering restrictions are lifted.

**Road Committee Report:** Supervisor Owen reports that Chuck plans to plant flowers along 103<sup>rd</sup> upon completion of paving, with approval of Allegan County Road Commission.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Library Upgrade Fee-** Tabled until the board has more information on the system.

**Township Property Maintenance-** Discussed many maintenance issues throughout township properties. Trustee Galdikas put together a list of some issues and has reached out for some donated items. Discussion on available funds to address building upkeep. Supervisor Owen proposed getting a new combination lock for the Township Office, so deliveries can be made if nobody is there. Also discussed was opportunity for a "clean up" to declutter many storage areas. Fire Chief Chamberlain is willing to help with this and some maintenance work, if they can get supplies to do so. Supervisor Owen will price out jobs and get a financial list together for repairs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Gravel Road Program-**Supervisor Owen made a motion, seconded by Trustee Galdikas, to allow Allegan County Road Commission to bid for gravel on 51<sup>st</sup> St from Baseline Rd to 101<sup>st</sup> Ave, for a half mile, and on 101<sup>st</sup> Ave, from 50<sup>th</sup> to 51<sup>st</sup> St. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**Virtual Conference-** Trustee Galdikas made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Lowery, to allow up to \$500.00 to be spent on education for board members through the MTA's virtual conference in April 2021. Roll call vote was taken, Yes- Friel, Hatfield, Owen, Galdikas, Lowery. Motion carried.

**Land Division- Harris-** Supervisor Owen made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Lowery, to approve land divisions for 12-020-009-20 and 12-009-014-10, pending proof of payment. All voted aye, motion carried.

**Land Division- Cadwell-** Supervisor Owen made a motion, seconded by Clerk Friel, to approve land division for 12-016-009-00. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

**Special Meeting Date-** Supervisor Owen asked to schedule special meetings to discuss joining Fire/EMS, job descriptions for township employees, and review of next fiscal year's budget.

A meeting was scheduled for a budget work session on March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm. Other meetings will be scheduled at that time.

**Payment of the Bills:**

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

**Correspondence:** None

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Minutes submitted by:  
Heather Friel, Clerk