

Lee Township  
Special Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2021

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

Absent: Treasurer Lowery.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** Discussion on the merging of the Lee Township Fire Department and EMS departments.

Discussion regarding how the merge would work as far as leadership and compensation was had. Suggestion of one person to head the new merged team, and possibly a medical lead to head up the EMS side of things. The possibility of creating a full time position was brought up, and may be a possibility, provided the numbers make sense within the budget. The advantages of cross training was also discussed.

P. Rawson and S. Kasinger explained that the reason the two entities were separate to begin with was because the First Responders started after the Fire Department was established, and began as part of Fennville EMS. The Lee Township First Responders began as volunteers who saw a need when emergency service from Fennville was no longer available in Lee Township. The Fire Department was also not certified to provide medical care.

The board discussed what the language would need to include as far as writing up the official merge of the two entities. Also concerns of how EMS funding might be affected after the merge.

Fire Chief Chamberlain requested a deadline or goal date be set to get this merge in place, so he has something to bring back to team. A list of questions was developed regarding financials for both entities for the past 3 years, job descriptions for all positions, legalities for merging, and a follow up meeting scheduled for Monday June 21 at 6:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Friel, Clerk