

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2023

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: Clerk Friel Treasurer Godlew, Trustee Galdikas, Trustee Hatfield.

Members Absent: Supervisor Owen.

Amendments: None.

Board Comments: Trustee Hatfield: Asked that anyone with small children contact PHP to be eligible for Toys for Tots this week.

Trustee Galdikas: Informed that Supervisor Owen was out ill, as many others are. She wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

Citizens Comment: None.

Guest Speaker: None.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes: Trustee Galdikas asked that a spelling correction be made under New Assessor Employment Agreement, to strike through Russo, and change to Brousseau, in the motion accepting Ben Brousseau's termination.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Hatfield to approve the November 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes with the correction noted. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes None.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Godlew.

A motion was made by Hatfield and seconded by Godlew to receive the Treasurer's report as given. Roll call vote was taken: Yes –Hatfield, Galdikas, Godlew, Friel. Motion carried.

Treasurer Godlew reminded that winter tax bills were mailed out on December 1, 2023. He asked that anyone who had not yet received their tax bill, please contact the office.

Commissioners Report:

Commissioner Dean Kapinga reported about the Commission on Aging. He informed that it is a millage funded program that provides care and services for seniors in the county who may not have family to help care for them as they age. He encouraged anyone in need, or who knows a senior in need, to check into the services available, including meals, transportation, and in-home assistance. He continued to talk about Veterans Services through the County. He stated that services are offered through the County for physical and mental help, help with food and more.

He informed that the commissioners are busy adopting a budget policy, and are working to be physically responsible, as they understand the money available is for serving the residents of the county.

He wrapped up by wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

Deputy Report: Deputy Godsey reported that for the month of November there were 147 calls, mostly for common issues, and 1 felony OWI. He reminded that there has been an increase in breaking and entering cases. He encouraged everyone to keep their things locked up and use trail cameras to help identify those involved. He stated that common items that are being taken include tools and scrap, which

can be easily pawned or sold without many questions. He stated that the issues seem to be by repeat offenders, but they have had some cases of people they are unfamiliar with from outside the county, who were caught on camera.

Fire Department/ EMS Report: Chief Chamberlain was out, but submitted a report stating there were 57 calls in the month of November, including 4 structure fires, 1 electrical fire, 2 rubbish fires, 1 false alarm, 3 canceled enroute, 1 powerline, 1 vehicle accident, 1 person in distress, 1 citizen complaint, 1 overheated motor, 1 rescue and 40 medicals.

The training for the month was on vehicle extraction. They continued to work on the new First Responder Unit for Station 2.

Code Official Report: Jeff Olney was out due to surgery for an injury.

Assessor's Report: Heather Jahr presented a lot line adjustment for People Helping People for parcel 12-760-038-11.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Godlew to accept the lot line adjustment for parcel 12-760-038-11. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Jahr reminded that the BOR will be held on Friday, December 15, 2023, at 4:00 pm, at the Township Hall. She stated that this meeting is to correct clerical errors only.

Ambulance Reports: None.

Building Inspector's Report: Trustee Galdikas reported that for the month of November there were 7 electrical permits, 2 plumbing permits, 8 mechanical permits and 10 building permits. Binging in a total of \$467,300.00 in improvements to the Township.

Cemetery Report: AJ Canfield reported that he continues to remove leaves, and that all bags have been removed. He planned to continue working while the weather stayed mild.

Library Report: None.

Transfer Station Report: Treasurer Godlew reported that for the month of November the Transfer Station brought in \$1,357 and 57 tickets.

Lake Board: None.

Newsletter Report: Trustee Galdikas stated that the newsletter went out the end of November, and copies were available at the meeting and on the Township website, in English and Spanish.

Holiday Committee Report: Trustee Galdikas thanked everyone who helped with the Holiday Social. She stated that they partnered with Beautify Pullman this year to host the community event on Dec. 2. Kris Lapoint stated that "we have the coolest fire department," who delivered Santa Claus via decorated fire truck.

Pullman Pride Report: Trustee Galdikas reminded that scholarship applications are due April 14th, and are available online or at the local high schools.

Road Committee Report: Trustee Galdikas stated that the Road Commission provided their recommendations for road repairs, to which she asked board members to take a look at.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Town Hall Renovations:

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Friel to table the Town Hall renovation decisions until Supervisor Owen is available to provide updates. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Payment of the Bills: Presented by Clerk Friel, totaling \$50,014.09, which include a couple late additions.

A motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Godlew to approve the payment of the bills for a total of \$50,014.09, with adjustments presented by Clerk Friel. Yes –Friel, Godlew, Galdikas, Hatfield. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Heather Friel, Clerk