

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025

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: Supervisor Rawson, Clerk Blackburn, Treasurer Godlew, Trustee Lewis

Members Absent: Trustee Hatfield

Agenda Amendments: None

Board Comments:

Joe Godlew: Winter tax bills were sent out December 1st, reach out to the treasurer with any questions or if you haven't received your tax bill. December Board of Review will be held December 9th at the township hall. Taxes can get dropped off at the township hall drop box on the offices door.

Trustee Lewis: Thanked the event coordinators for the holiday party and invited public comments regarding his first year of service on the board. He noted that he had previously misunderstood a comment made by the assessor in the October report and this was later clarified by Kris LaPoint. He also explained that he had not been fully aware of the process for nominating members to the Board of Review and that his remarks were based on information shared with him by a member of the public.

Citizens Comment:

Kris LaPoint: Beautify Pullman and the town put on a holiday social last weekend. They fed townspeople and all the children got a gift from Santa. Big thanks to all that donated and were involved especially AJ Canfield for his help.

Guest Speakers: None.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Rawson to approve the previous months regular meeting minutes as presented. All voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasures report was read by Treasure Godlew.

A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Rawson to receive the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Hatfield, - yes, Trustee Lewis, - absent.

County Commissioners Report: Mr. Lubbers reported a few items:

On November 19th there was a meeting between Consumers Energy and Confluence Hydro about the Calkins dam in Allegan. Two weeks ago they got the green light to move forward with the sale. All indications so far are that the dam will remain in place operated by Confluence and energy will be sold back to Consumers.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office emphasizes online shopping safety by warning residents about fake websites and deals that are "too good to be true," advising to stick to known retailers and verify URLs carefully to avoid scams. They also highlight risks like porch piracy, suggesting surveillance cameras or neighbor watch programs for package security. Key tips include checking website legitimacy (e.g., target.com vs. target.co), being wary of suspicious ads, and securing deliveries to prevent theft.

The commissioners will be setting a public hearing for the parks plan in January. The parks are changing the reservation system to Campspot, expect the new system to be live around February/March. Before we run out of time with ARPA money and while 123 Net is operating in the county, the parks are going to be connected to internet for public and ranger use in those areas.

123 Net is in position to wrap up the core fiber installations at the road at the beginning of next year.

Fire Department/ EMS Report:

Chief Zack Clark: we had a total of 42 calls. Training for the month was Chimney and Ladder training. The main first responder unit went down with unexpected repairs needed; the fire department is using another unit as a stop gap until the new unit gets delivered – no official delivery date has been set but we are expecting early 2026.

The fire department delivered Santa to the holiday social, it was a great event.

Code Official Report: Jeff Olney reported that ordinance complaints are down this year from last year by about 7. There was 1 new complaint that came in that he is looking into, there are a couple he is actively working on.

Assessor's Report: The December board of review is Tuesday December 9th at 6:30.

Deputy Report: 166 calls for November. With winter here, he recommends not leaving your car running or with the doors unlocked as they are seeing more break ins and stolen vehicles.

Ambulance Reports: None.

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector's report was read by Supervisor Rawson. There were 45 mechanical permits and inspections, 8 electrical inspections and 6 permits, 11 building inspections, \$77,133.23 of value to the township.

Cemetery Report: None.

Transfer Station Report: Transfer station report was read by Treasurer Godlew. There was a total of 70 tickets bringing in \$1,513.00.

Lake Board: None.

Newsletter Report: None.

Holiday Committee Report: None.

Pullman Pride Report: None.

Road Committee Report: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Office Computer Upgrade

A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Godlew to approve spending \$251.75 for the new office computer.

Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.

Drains at Large

Treasurer Godlew presented that we originally budgeted \$15,000, the expense came in at \$4,147.49, well under budget. The township is responsible for this portion of the county drain expenses.

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Rawson to approve the expense of \$4,147.49 for the county drain expenses.

Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.

Postage cost for voter notices

The Michigan Bureau of Elections has mandated that we send a notice to all registered voters regarding the break in that occurred in October. Printing and postage costs for the notices that need sent out to every voter is estimated to be \$1,933.80.

A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Godlew to approve the expense up to \$1,933.80 for the postage and printing of the notices.

Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.

Purchase of 500 C9 holiday lights

The holiday committee has run out of the old classic incandescent light bulbs for the holiday decorations in town. They are requesting to buy LED versions of the lights as they will be more durable. Treasurer Godlew confirmed we have budget allocated for expenses such as this in building and grounds.

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Rawson to approve the expense up to \$500 for the new holiday lights.

Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.

Payment of the Bills: Presented by Clerk Blackburn, totaling \$48,255.29.

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Rawson to approve the payment of the bills for a total of \$48,255.29 presented by Clerk Blackburn. Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathryn Blackburn, Clerk