

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 10, 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 Hatfield.

Members Absent: Trustee Lewis (late)

Agenda Amendments: None

Board Comments:

Clerk Blackburn: We did not host an election in November for Lee Township, voters should expect an August and November election for next year and potentially a May election depending on local initiatives.

Ann Hatfield: Next Thursday 11/20 will be a senior meal at the Linking Center. For more details, contact 616-459-3111 ext 143; Holiday Market will be held by People Helping People of Pullman on December 6th from 10a-3p. Contact Ann if you'd like to be a vendor.

Joe Godlew: Tax season is coming up, winter property taxes will go out on December 1st and will be due February 17th.

Supervisor Rawson: The transfer station Retrac paper work has been successfully submitted to keep our transfer station operational.

Citizens Comment:

Kris LaPoint: <see attached flier from Beautify Pullman at the end of the minutes> Christmas annual holiday event will be happening December 6th at 5pm. Donations are being accepted for unwrapped toys, contact Beautify Pullman for more information.

AJ Canfield: Sunday November 23rd, Beautify Pullman will be decorating the town square. Decorating will start at 12pm with a meal for volunteers.

Guest Speakers: None.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes:

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

Approval of Special Board Minutes: None.

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: None.

Fire Department/ EMS Report:

Chief Zack Clark: we had a total of 47 calls. Training for the month was SCBA Fit testing and a landing field training where they landed an Aero Med helicopter on the ball field next to the township hall and got to interact with and learn from the Aero Med team. The fire team will be transporting Santa for the December 6th holiday party. Clerk Blackburn has sent out the invoice for Cheshire Fire for the fiscal year.

Code Official Report: None.

Assessor's Report: None.

Deputy Report: None.

Ambulance Reports: None.

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector's report was read by Supervisor Rawson. There were 6 electrical permits, 11 mechanical and plumbing permits, 17 building inspections, 3 building permits providing \$439,722 of value to the township.

Cemetery Report: Roads and lanes have been graded in the cemetery. Snow plowing at the cemetery will be covered this winter by the new Sexton – New Life Property Care.

Transfer Station Report: Transfer station report was read by Treasurer Godlew. There was a total of 64 tickets bringing in \$1,517.00.

Lake Board: Treasurer Godlew read correspondence from John Van Gessel:

The Lower Scott Lake Improvement Board finalized the two-year assessment for the properties on the lake in the total amount of \$70,000/year, which is an approximate 10% reduction in the assessed amount from the previous assessment. Despite the assessment reduction, the Board is excited about attempting to undertake new and additional work on the lake and channel, especially regarding invasive plants.

The Board is also near completion of a new 3-year lake services contract with its selected contractor, PLM.

Newsletter Report: Trustee Hatfield has sent the newsletter to the printer and will be sent with the outgoing taxes.

Holiday Committee Report: None.

Pullman Pride Report: None.

Road Committee Report: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Former Library Building Agreement: *A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Godlew to authorize Beautify Pullman to remove the library building and restore the site to grade. Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Hatfield, - yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and Vote on Roads for Maintenance Work Orders

*A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Hatfield to initiate work orders for:
Crack, chip and fog seal of 54th from 110th-111th
Crack, chip and fog seal of 58th from 106th-109th
Asphalt Resurface of Sophia Way south of 105th
Asphalt Resurface of 110th and 53rd from 54th to 109th
Dust Control for two applications
Totaling an estimated \$403,000*

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

Variance for House Setbacks Parcel #12-026-037-00 Ed Talley

*A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Godlew to deny the variance request.
Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Hatfield, - yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.*

Winterizing the Water System at the Cemetery

*A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Godlew to winterize the water system by blowing it out for a cost of \$100.
Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Hatfield, - yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes.*

Payment of the Bills: Presented by Clerk Blackburn, totaling \$133,173.53.

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Hatfield to approve the payment of the bills for a total of \$133,173.53 presented by Clerk Blackburn. Motion carried. Roll call - Supervisor Rawson - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Hatfield, - yes Trustee Lewis – yes.

Correspondence: None.

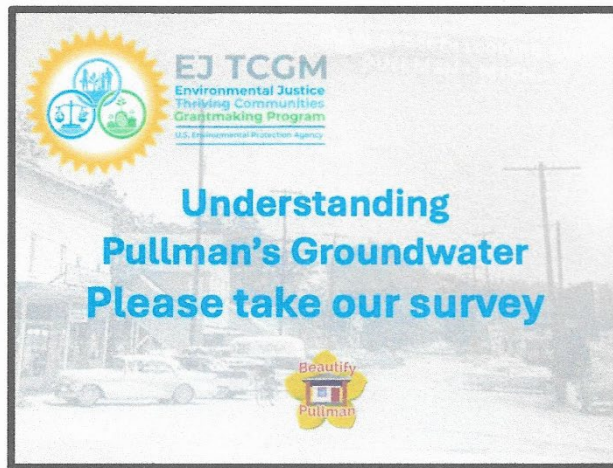
Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathryn Blackburn, Clerk

Beautify Pullman flier (Kris LaPoint)



Community Water Survey - Your voice matters!

In the 1990s and possibly earlier, industrial chemicals were released into the water and soil in Pullman. Some of these chemicals were later found in some private wells. The area where the chemicals were found was called “the plume.” Over the years, those chemicals may have spread to other areas or faded away.

Beautify Pullman has received a grant to find out what the situation is today. We want to know if any of the old contamination is still in the water or soil, if it has spread, or if it has disappeared over time. We are working with experts to test soil, monitor groundwater, and understand what contaminants, if any, remain. The outcome of this project will be a clearer picture of Pullman’s groundwater, a better understanding of where new or replacement wells can be drilled, and the information needed to plan future steps if they are needed.

As part of this project, we’d like to hear from you. Your experiences and thoughts can help us understand how this issue has affected our community. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey. Your answers are anonymous unless you choose to share your contact information.

Beautify Pullman



Use this QR Code to take the survey on your phone