

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2026

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, Trustee Hatfield

Members Absent: None

Agenda Amendments: None.

Board Comments:

Trustee Hatfield: The 2026 Allegan County Senior Expo is taking place on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the First Baptist Church (1290 32nd Street, M40) in Allegan, Michigan.

Clerk Blackburn: Voter Information Cards have been sent out to all registered voters in the township. There is no action required for voters unless any information on the card is incorrect or a card was received for someone who no longer resides at that address. Please follow usual USPS methods to return undeliverable mail and contact the Clerk if any information is incorrect and needs corrected on your voter file. Election inspectors have officially been appointed for our upcoming August election, a big thank you to all that have stepped up to help make our elections successful.

Treasurer Godlew: Property Tax bills will be in the mail by July 1st.

Citizens Comment:

Kris LaPoint, AJ canfield

Guest Speakers: None.

Approval of Special Board Minutes: None.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Hatfield 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, - yes.

County Commissioners Report: Equalization results were finalized, Allegan calculated a total of about 13.8 Billion in State Equalized Value. The full report can be found at:

<https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/equalization-department/equalization-reports>

Health Department update: a drastic increase in ticks has been seen in our area.

Allegan County Pictometry has been completed. This happens now in 3 year increments.

For folks that have seen a helicopter flying around recently, the Michigan Geological Survey has been surveying ground water in the state and in our area recently.

Wifi is being installed in all county parks with the remaining ARPA funds. 123 Net internet is the provider including wifi service and video cameras.

Deputy Report: There were 202 calls received. Deputy LaForge reminded residents to be mindful of the noise ordinance. He thanked folks that have stepped forward and given credible information that lead to several felony arrests.

Fire Department/ EMS Report:

Chief Zack Clark: We had a total of 58 calls, 39 of which were medical. Training for the month was pumping and familiarizing themselves with running that piece of equipment. The Memorial Day parade was a success.

The First Responders vehicle has been delivered and placed in service by the department.

Code Official Report:

Mr. Olney is actively working on the Newman Ave complaint. The abandoned house on 109th has been demolished and is in final cleanup. There are a few others he has scheduled to do status checks on.

The complaint form is available on our website:

<http://www.leetwp.org/Forms%20File/complaint%20form.pdf>

Assessor's Report: None.

Ambulance Reports: None.

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector's report was read by Supervisor Rawson. There were 6 mechanical permits and inspections, 4 electrical permits and 3 inspections, 6 plumbing permits and inspections, 6 building permits and 5 inspections, with \$393,953.99 of value to the township.

Cemetery Report:

A.J. Canfield reminded the board we are still awaiting a decision on the well and electrical situations.

Clerk Blackburn gave a big thank you to Vicki Lindsey for assisting in the coordination with the VFW and the Boy Scouts to get flags placed at grave sites in the cemetery in time for Memorial Day. AJ Recommended that the township picks up the flags for the years after July 4th so they can be reused.

Transfer Station Report: Transfer station report was read by Treasurer Godlew. There was a total of 72 tickets collected and \$2,159.00 funds received for material disposal.

Lake Board: John Van Gessel:

Water quality samples are being taken this year to manage and get reports on later in the fall that will give information on how healthy the lake is and better manage the lake.

There was treatment of curly pond weed of 2.5 acres recently. Late June will bring another inspection and if another treatment is needed will take place the week of July 7th.

They are contacting local contractors for the potential remediation of the area lake/inlet near 109th. There will also be treatment of Swamp Loosestrife that grows along the shore lines. Treatment will first take place on the north side near the cove.

Mr. Van Gessel provided the board with an invoice relating to drain commission communications from last fall.

Newsletter Report: Newsletter will be mailed out shortly. Big thank you to Lisa Gladikas for pulling this together.

Holiday Committee Report: None.

Pullman Pride Report: Pullman Pride will be hosted on Saturday, July 18th 2026; Please reach out to Ann Hatfield if you are interested in volunteering or assisting with planning. A schedule will be posted soon.

Road Committee Report: Sofia Way and 58th st work has begun based on the road work workorder signed last year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sherrif Deputy Safety Fund

Funds were dispersed recently from the state of Michigan based on violent crime statistics to local municipalities. The funds received by Lee Township were in the amount of \$17,500. The exact wording regarding these funds are as follows:

"At least 75% of the distribution must be used to fund a law enforcement agency or law enforcement officers. Up to 25% of the distribution must be used to fund other non-law-enforcement related public safety purposes, such as:

- Public safety initiatives to improve recruitment or retention efforts
- Training programs
- Equipment purchases
- Programs designed to reduce identified risks to public safety
- Crime diversion programs
- Operational emergency medical or firefighter services
- Capital improvements to public safety buildings/structures"

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Hatfield to table ongoing discussions on where to allocate these funds.

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

Land Division Form

The Assessor made recommendations to change the form and process that is currently used to manage land divisions. She has proposed changes that cover the following:

- Removal of a clause that required one of the parcels resulting from the division to be transferred upon division.
- Adjustment of the cost structure to allow for simpler logistics, the overall cost to divide one parcel into two is not being changed. The new proposed cost structure is \$100 per parcel created.

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Blackburn to approve the proposed changes in form and process for Land Divisions in Lee Township.

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

Cemetery Bids

Bids were reviewed for electrical services at the Cemetery from B Man Electric, Lakeshore Electric, and Countryside Electric.

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Godlew to accept the bid from Countryside Electric in the amount of \$1,475.00 and authorize work to begin.

Motion carried. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – no, Trustee Hatfield, - yes.

Bids were reviewed for well services at the Cemetery from Koops Well Drilling and The Well Guy.

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Godlew to table this decision for a future meeting after receiving more information.

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

Michigan Township Association Dues

A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Godlew to accept and authorize the expense for the MTA membership in the amount of \$2,474.43.00.

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

Lake Board Invoice – Fahey PLC

A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Godlew to accept and authorize the expense from the Lower Scott Lake Funds in the amount of \$440.00 to Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC.

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

Payment of the Bills: Presented by Clerk Blackburn, totaling \$91,855.36.

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Rawson to approve the payment of the bills for a total of \$91,855.36 presented by Clerk Blackburn. Motion carried. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes, Trustee Hatfield, - 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 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by: Kathryn Blackburn, Clerk