Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 12th, 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, Treasurer Godlew, Trustee Lewis, Clerk Blackburn
Members Absent: Trustee Hatfield

Agenda Amendments: *A motion was made by Blackburn and seconded by Godlew to add a Halloween hours agenda item. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes.*

Board Comments:

Clerk Blackburn: Reminder that election day is Tuesday November 3rd and hosted at the Lee Township hall from 7a - 8p. Early voting will be hosted October 24th - November 1st from 8a - 4p each day.
Clerk Blackburn addressed recent news that on September 9, 2026, the Michigan Supreme Court issued a ruling declaring that Michigan's updated Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) amendments cannot be applied retroactively. This removed more than 20,000 people from the sex offender registry including the board member Ben Lewis. The gravity of sexual violence committed against other human beings has not been nullified by this ruling. A conviction may be decades old but it never removes the pain that their victims have faced. Clerk Blackburn voiced her call for Trustee Lewis to resign from the township board. Our township constituents deserve a board that they can trust and come to without someone hiding behind a loophole in front of a heinous crime. The court's decision removed a layer of protection for the public to understand who their elected leaders are.

Treasurer Godlew: ARPA funding has officially been closed out.

Trustee Lewis: Reported to the board that Life EMS meeting is on Thursday this week. They will be discussing building repair proposals that Trustee Lewis is not prepared to vote on and wants the Lee Township boards input before any vote is put towards the Life EMS board.

Supervisor Rawson: The Allegan county work crew did clean ups around the township including the cemetery, ravenswood park and the township dump.

Citizens Comment:

James Cleveland - VFW in town is hosting trunk or treat from 4-7pm across the street from the VFW.

Guest Speakers: County Clerk Bob Genetski presented highlights from the Allegan County annual report. Copies are available from the county clerks office.

Approval of Special Board Minutes: None.

Approval of Regular Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Godlew 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, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis, - yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes.

County Commissioners Report: None

Deputy Report: There were 154 calls received.

Fire Department/ EMS Report:

Chief Zack Clark: We had a total of 54 calls, 36 of which were medical. Training for the month was Hose testing. Two calls were for mutual aid including one from Hamilton and one from the South Haven Plastics fire. One member will be starting fire fighter 1 and 2 course and another member doing their first responders course.
Fire prevention month is this month, kids from the elementary school will get to tour the fire department on Thursday.

Code Official Report:

Mr. Olney is actively working on 2 properties for citations and blight violations including violations against teh single family ordinance.
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 12 mechanical permits and inspections, 6 electrical permits and 6 inspections, 7 building permits and 12 inspections, with $482,563.00 of value to the township.

Cemetery Report: AJ Canfield reported that enforcement of the cemetery ordinance will be stepped up including section 8 such as the removal of stones, unsightly decorations and artificial decorations for fall cleanup. The ordinance can be found here:
http://www.leetwp.org/Ordinance/TOWNSHIP%20ORDINANCE%20NO%202020.pdf
Water will be turned off around October 31st to prevent water lines from freezing.

Transfer Station Report: Transfer station report was read by Treasurer Godlew. There was a total of 69 tickets collected and $1,466.00 funds received for material disposal.

Lake Board: Meeting at 4pm on Wednesday October 14th.

Newsletter Report: Let Trustee Hatfield know of anything that needs added to the township newsletter.

Holiday Committee Report: None.

Pullman Pride Report: None.

Road Committee Report: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Microsoft subscription

A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Blackburn to approve up to $200 per year for the office computer Microsoft 365 office subscription. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes.

Resolution authorizing indemnity and hold harmless agreement

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Blackburn to approve and adopt the resolution 2026-10-12 authorizing the township supervisor to execute an indemnity and hold harmless agreement with the lower scott lake board respecting dredging. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes.

Halloween hours

A motion was made by Rawson and seconded by Blackburn to set Halloween trick or treating hours to 3-8pm on October 31st. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes, Clerk Blackburn - yes.

Payment of the Bills: Presented by Clerk Blackburn, totaling $150,093.22.
*A motion was made by Godlew and seconded by Rawson to approve the payment of the bills for a total of $*150,093.22 *presented by Clerk Blackburn. Motion carried. Roll call – Supervisor Rawson – yes, Treasurer Godlew – yes, Trustee Lewis – yes, Clerk Blackburn - 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 8:20pm.
Minutes submitted by: Kathryn Blackburn, Clerk

LEE TOWNSHIP

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10-12

ADOPTED: 10/12/2026

EFFECTIVE: 10/12/2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AN INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWER SCOTT LAKE BOARD RESPECTING DREDGING

WHEREAS, Lee Township (the "Township") is a Michigan general law township organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS the Lower Scott Lake Board is a public body formed and operating under Part 309 of Act 451 of 1994 charged with the environmental management of Lower Scott Lake in Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan with authority to contract for and authorize funding for any improvement the Lake Board deems necessary to carry out its purposes,

WHEREAS, the Lake Board intends to undertake a channel excavation project generally described as "dredge out the Scott Creek Drain between the outlet of the Lower Scott Lake and the dam" and "removing approximately 5300 cubic yards of fill" (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project may involve activities on, adjacent to, or affecting Township property, Township rights-of-way, Township infrastructure, or areas within the Township's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the scope and nature of the Project and the risks, liabilities, claims, damages, costs, and other obligations that may arise out of or relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its residents that the Lake Board assume full responsibility for and indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Township and its elected and appointed

officials, board members, officers, employees, agents, representatives, insurers, successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, proceedings, losses, liabilities, damages, fines, penalties, judgments, settlements, liens, injuries, deaths, property damage, costs, expenses, and attorney fees arising out of, resulting from, or relating to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Board has agreed to execute an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement (the "Agreement") in a form acceptable to the Township and its legal counsel under which the Lake Board shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Township against any and all such claims, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses, and other matters arising out of or relating to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that execution of the Agreement is necessary to protect the Township's financial interests, preserve its governmental immunity, and ensure that the Township does not bear responsibility for risks, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses, or defense obligations arising out of or relating to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that the execution of the Agreement serves a proper public purpose and is in the best interests of the Township and its residents.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, as follows:

I. **Authorization to Execute Agreement.** The Township Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Township, an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement with the Lower Scott Lake Board in substantially the form reviewed by the Township Board and approved by the Township's legal counsel, under which the Lake Board shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Township and its elected and appointed officials, board members, officers, employees, agents, representatives, insurers,

successors, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, suits, proceedings, losses, liabilities, damages, fines, penalties, judgments, settlements, liens, injuries, deaths, property damage, costs, expenses, and attorney fees arising out of, resulting from, or relating to the channel excavation project described in the recitals above. A copy of said Agreement is attached to this Resolution

II. **Related Ministerial Acts.** The Township Supervisor, the Township Clerk, and such other Township officials, officers, employees, agents, and representatives as the Township Supervisor may designate are hereby authorized and directed to take all such further actions, execute and deliver all such further documents and instruments, provide all such further notices, and perform all such further acts as may be necessary, appropriate, or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution and to effectuate the execution, delivery, and performance of the Agreement, including without limitation the execution of certificates, the provision of Township organizational documents and authorizing resolutions, the coordination of signature and notarization logistics, and the provision of notices and other communications to the Lake Board

III. **No Township Financial Obligation.** The Township Board confirms that the Agreement does not obligate the Township to pay any sum of money, provide any funding, or incur any financial obligation to the Lake Board or any other person or entity in connection with the Project, and that the Agreement is solely for the purpose of securing the Lake Board's indemnification, hold harmless, defense, insurance, compliance, and related obligations to the Township.

IV. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Motion by Rawson ,supported by BLACKBURN to adopt the foregoing resolution. The members voted as follows:

YEAS: Rawson, Blackburn, Godlew, Lewis

NAYS:

ABSENT: Hatfield

The Supervisor declared the motion passed and the resolution adopted.

Date: 10/12/2026

Kathy Blackburn, Clerk

Clerk's Certificate

I, Kathy Blackburn, Township Clerk of Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Board of Lee Township at a regular meeting held on 10/12/2026, 2026, the original of which is on file in the office of the Township Clerk; that notice was given as required by the Open Meetings Act and minutes will be prepared reflecting this activity.

Kathy Blackburn, Clerk
Lee Township
Allegan County, MI