



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Summer 2014



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Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2014

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes of December 9, 2013; to receive the treasurer's report as presented; to approve the variance or set back as requested; to approve land splits for Beekman and Sherman; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn at 9:07pm. Additional information presented: 90 calls were taken by the sheriff's department; 7 fire calls, 35 calls taken by First Responders. 3 building permits issued and 3 electrical permits. Community Center up and running with several programs offered. Transfer station took in \$659 and 16 tickets. Board of review dates set for March 10th and 12th. Nancy Maas volunteered to chair Pullman Pride Day 2014. Contact her at 236-5732. Allegan County Road Commission meeting January 16th.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2014

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from January 13, 2014; to receive the treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the payment of \$3,400 for painting and equipping of the command vehicle; to complete the work order for gravel roads as presented; to sign the work orders as presented by the Road Commission to do work as recommended in 2013; to approve waiver of penalty for late property tax payments; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to authorize the clerk to publish Board of Review notices; to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.

Additional information presented: Fire department took 5 calls and First Responders have had 40 calls since January 1. One building permit and 2 electrical permits issued. Cemetery requested Debt Crew for spring cemetery clean up on April 10th and 11th. Assessor reported tax rolls are complete. Twp. has been scheduled for a routine audit by the State. Drain office sent a request for a new culvert to be installed in Birch Drain. This was tabled for more information.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2014

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 10, 2014; to receive the treasurer's report as presented; to accept recommendation for filling position of assistant fire chief with Sandra Kasinger; to accept the budget adjustments presented; to authorize the clerk to publish the Budget and Annual Electors meeting for March 29; to sign the road commission work orders, to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn at 9:42pm. Additional information presented: 55 calls taken by the sheriff's department in February; 3 calls taken by the fire department; 6 fire fighters in training. Chief recommended Pat Curly as Captain, Albert Rawson, Captain of Station 2, Scott Simpson as Lieutenant of Station 1 and Greg Simpson as Lieutenant of Station 2. 26 calls taken by First Responders.

Two building permits and 2 mechanical permits issued. Transfer station took in \$258 and 16 tickets for January and \$434 and 9 tickets redeemed in February. Assessor reported the county is converting to a new system. AMR presented information regarding ambulance services. MTS answered questions regarding the updates to the Single Family Ordinance and recent administrative charges. Dust control providers discussed and tabled for more information. Process of reverted tax properties discussed.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2014

Motions were made and passed for the following: to appoint Trustee Galdikas to chair the meeting; to approve the regular board meeting minutes from March 10, 2014; to approve the Annual Board Meeting minutes from March 29, 2014; to receive the treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the installation of the diamond plate on front of first responder rig not to exceed \$585; to hire MCI for this year's dust control; to accept the final adjustments to the 2013 budget; to authorize work on the township awning; to authorize payment of the Aerial Imaging project; to approve placement of the mobile home at 5829 Baseline; to authorize the clerk to publish cemetery spring clean-up reminder; to sign resolution on PA 216 for fire insurance withholding program; to authorize the removal of decals on old police car by Woodhams for \$206; to authorize payment for registration and travel for Supervisor to attend conference for \$79 plus travel; to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented; to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Other information presented: Fennville School District election results were announced. 81 calls were taken by the sheriff's dept., 10 calls by the fire dept. and 31 calls by the First Responders. Ambulance meeting minutes were read. 3 building permits and one electrical permit issued. Transfer station took in \$607 and 44 tickets. Residential dumpster for Community Center was tabled for more information.

Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2014

Motions were made and passed for the following: to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 14, 2014; to receive the treasurer's report as presented; to authorize the purchase of 6 helmets for \$1803 and bunker gear for \$6753; to pay to move radio tower for \$2750; to publish the Single Family Dwelling Ordinance revisions; to renew the annual contract with Al-Van for \$1000; to pay Fennville School District tax for \$2940.13 which will be reimbursed on next tax bill; to place retired patrol car for sale; authorize land split for Hatfield; authorize clerk to pay bills as presented; to adjourn meeting at 9:21pm.

Additional information presented: 80 calls taken by the sheriff's department in February; 18 calls taken by the fire department; 31 call by First Responders; 4 mechanical permits and 3 electrical; \$987 collected and 92 tickets at transfer station; AMR will remain ambulance service for one year; graveling has been completed on 48th.

2014 Pullman Pride Scholarship Winners

This year Lee Township was honored to present the Pullman Pride Scholarship to Liliana Flores, Iris Cary and Jacob Bodfish. Following are excerpts from the scholarship winners essays. Their experiences are just as varied as their goals and hopes for the future, but one thing rings true for all three, they are fine young men and women who have made the best of life's lessons and have grown into responsible young adults who look to the future with hopes and dreams of making a difference.

Liliana Flores

I was born in the city of Thousand Oaks California in a city in which the roads were congested with traffic, where I did not have a grand area of outdoor space to play in, and where I had to watch my parents struggle for how they were going to support my family of 6 in the hard economy. My parents were looking for a better place to raise my siblings.



When I was 7, my family moved to Michigan. My older brother has just passed away after suffering from Leukemia for more than a year. My parents were financially unstable. Rent was expensive and my parents heard that it would be better financially to live here in Michigan. Coming from the city to a rural environment changed my view of how the world is. Growing up in a rural area might seem like it would have many educational disadvantages. At Bloomingdale High School I have been given various opportunities to advance my education. I have taken all the Advanced Placement Classes offered. I have always had an inner desire to help others. I contribute to my community by being an active member in my parish of San Felipe de Jesus Catholic Church. I have always been willing to lend an extra hand when it is needed. My future goals and plans are to attend Western Michigan University and study Global and International Studies. Ultimately, I want to become a Foreign Service Officer. I want to work in an embassy or consulate to facilitate the process of granting residency to people. I like helping people in need and this would be a great career path for me. Earning the Pullman Pride Scholarship would fill my heart with hope and financial stability in securing my college education.

Iris Carey

I have lived in Pullman all my life. I love the small community bonds that we share in Lee Township. When I was at Pullman Elementary, I went through a very emotional ordeal. The principal, Mr. Geier, and the staff reached out to me. Because of them and my parents, I overcame my issues and it has made me a stronger person.



There is a genuine comfort I feel when I am here in my town; I have always felt safe here. There are such good people here, and I am proud to say that I am too. That's what being a part of Pullman is. I feel that the people in my community have my back! Because I love being a member of Pullman, I have always gone to Pullman Pride Day in July and volunteered to work the pony rides. I was a part of every Memorial Day parade. I enjoy going downtown to listen to the Christmas carolers and have hot chocolate with the townspeople. I have wonderful memories of Pullman and can't imagine growing up anywhere else. My intentions and goals as I move forward in my life is to become a paralegal. I want to work for a lawyer who works for the troubled youth. I want to give youth a voice and hope. It will be my mission to show them that you can come from a small dot on a map and do something great for your community. I want to help these young kids turn their lives around and help them to reach out and accept help from others.

I plan to go to Lake Michigan College for 2 years, and then transfer to Cooley Law School for my degree in law. Life is not always easy but we need to work hard for ourselves and our families as well as our community!

Jacob Bodfish

As a lifelong Lee Township resident, I have realized the impact living in Lee Township has had on me. I have had the opportunity to get to know many of the residents and form close bonds with them. Through the close bonds I have formed, I have watched many residents come from almost nothing to be very successful, and that has inspired me in many ways. And when somebody in town is going through a tough time, I have watched the other residents rally around, and help whoever is in trouble, and that has shown me that no matter what, I am not alone, and I am thankful for that. (continued page 2)



Jacob Bodfish, continued

It was in Pullman where I started playing sports, which has a lasting impact on me. It was in Pullman, where I learned the value of teamwork, perseverance, and hard work. I will use those three things throughout college and the rest of my life in order to be successful.

I will be attending Western Michigan University in the fall with my intended major as Paper Engineering and a minor in Computer Science. Once I finish my schooling, I plan to return to Lee Township and help the community that gave me my start. I plan to make a monetary donation to renovate the baseball field by Pullman Elementary, where I made many memories I now cherish, with my best friend Leigh, before he died the summer before I entered 5th grade. I also would like to donate money to Pullman Elementary so the library can purchase new books because it was there, in the library, that the elementary school staff nourished my hunger to read, which I am forever thankful for. I am proud to be from Pullman, and I hope that I can make all of Pullman proud through my accomplishments.

IF YOU BUILD IT THEY WILL COME- LEE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Since the renovations at the new Lee Township Community Center, located at 915 North Ave, were completed last winter, each month more and more community activities have been offered free of charge to our residents. Shirley Kay, committee chair, has sought out suggestions and has implemented a variety of activities for youth and adults. Everything from Senior cards, to Zumba, to story time for kids, computer classes and family movie night. There is truly something for everyone. The monthly calendar of events is posted on the Township website (www.leetwp.org), posted in the Post Office or pick up a copy in the box outside the Community Center. With the arrival of the warmer weather more outdoor activities are also being offered like Walking Club or Biking Club. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in your community. Volunteers and helpers are always needed. Contact Shirley @ 906-5337 if you would like to help or would like more information about ongoing activities.

Special thanks again to Ridgepoint and Love INC for their hard work and volunteerism to get the building into tip top shape and recent work on the new porch roof!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Thanks to the VFW and all who participated in the parade and service at the Lee Township cemetery. Special thanks to all our local veterans.

PULLMAN PRIDE DAY SATURDAY JULY 19TH

Providing college scholarships for graduating Lee Township HS students is a great way to show community pride and a great reason to get together for some community fun. This year's activities to raise money for scholarships will take place at Pullman Elementary School parking lot from 9-3 pm. There is still time to sign up if you are an interested crafter or flea marketer. Contact Nancy Maas @ 269-236-5732. The Pullman Tavern will have an outdoor beer garden for you to enjoy good food, music and a friendly game of bags.



Vendor booths at a previous Pullman Pride Day

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

Lee Township provides a Transfer Station for residents to take their garbage and recyclables to be properly disposed of. Although there is a small usage fee, that in no way covers the cost of this service, which runs the Township over \$40,000 annually. Jim and Fred Rawson, who manage the Transfer Station, have been working tirelessly to keep the area clean and safe for our residents. Please remember to stop and check in with the attendant.

Best Way Disposal is the new company providing recycling service to the Township. Please note items that are **NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING** at the transfer station: electronics, ceramics or dishes, motor oil containers, household hazardous waste, light bulbs, plastic bags, Styrofoam, plastic tubs, window glass or mirrors.

ACCEPTABLE RECYCLING items should be CLEAN and include: food boxes, books, junk mail, flattened boxes, magazines and catalogs, newspaper, office paper and file folders, paper bags, aluminum and tin cans, plastic tubs, plastic bottles #1-7, glass jars and bottles. NO TRASH IN RECYCLABLE BINS PLEASE.

Check at the Transfer Station for a list of items accepted as garbage and the fee schedule.

Lee Township is still looking for volunteers for the Community Clean Team. Please contact the Township office if interested.

Remember to shop and dine locally and support our local business owners. There is a listing of businesses on the Lee Township website www.leetwp.org.

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board Meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman and are open to the public.
- Be sure to check out the official Lee Township website for additional information at www.leetwp.org.
- Anyone with information for the newsletter can call the Township office at 236-6485 or email to trusteelg@leetwp.org or send to P.O. Box 427 Pullman, MI 49450.
- Pullman Branch Library is open Monday-Saturday 10-5 throughout the summer. Check out the Summer Reading Program. Pullman Branch Library is looking for volunteers. Contact Debbie Laraway @ 236-5590.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Cemetery

Reminder: Grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery or available in print at the Township office.

General Township Information

Lee Township borders are 60th Street, 48th Street, Baseline Road and 112th Avenue, encompassing 23,040 acres, and the 2000 Census reported a population of 4,114. Lee Township is home to Pullman Elementary School; Lower Scott Lake (township park and beach, public boat access); Upper Scott Lake (public boat access); Osterhout Lake (public beach and boat access); Lester Lake, Clear Lake; Springbrook Lake; and Middle Branch of the Black River. Lee Township Cemetery is located at 53rd and 105th Avenue.

Township Board Members & Department Staff

Township Office 236-6485

Scott Owen, Supervisor 236-6485
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-5129
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693
Lisa Galdikas, Trustee 236-6119
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Pan Poll, Building Inspector 673-3239
Ted Chamberlain, Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Ryan Brown, Twp Deputy 673-0500
Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

Township Ordinances are available at the Township office or can be viewed at the official Lee Township website. *As we work at keeping our community clean and safe please be sure to review the ordinances for blight, dangerous buildings, and storage of vehicles.*

The Lee Township Board welcomes all comments and suggestions either by mail, e-mail, fax or left at the office.

CHURCH NEWS

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Mark Douglas.. Service times: Sunday 9:50 am. Sunshine Thrift Store Tues-Sat 10-4. Something for everyone. Donations accepted.

Fresh Start Gospel Church - 5581 109th Ave., Pullman, Pastor Jim Blackston, 269-655-6172. Sunday Worship Service 2 pm; Bible Friendship Group Service, Wed. 7pm.

Mt. Calvary MB Church - 5424 105th, PO Box 36, Pullman, Pastor Knox, 269-236-5225. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11:30 am.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - 558 58th St. Pullman, Pastor Steppney Black, 236-5693 or 5722. Service times: Sunday School 9:30 am; Morning Worship 11 am.

Pullman Bible Church - 5508 109th, Pullman, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 236-0409. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am; Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 pm.

Pullman Church —915 North Ave, Pastor Lisa Mathews. Service time: Thursday 6:30 dinner served with service following.

Ray of Light Church - 886 60th St., Pastor Mary Hoots, 236-6966. Service times: Sunday Worship 10 am - noon and 6 - 8 pm; Family Training Wednesday 6:30 pm.

Seventh Day Adventist Church - 671 52nd St., 236-5011, Pastor William Richardson 616-644-4153. Worship Services: Sabbath school- Saturday 9:30 am; Divine worship 11 am; Bible Study Thursday 6 pm.

SUMMER 2014 TAX INFORMATION

The Treasurer will collect taxes at the Township office on Fridays 9am-12 and 1-5pm the months of July, August and September. Interest will be added to taxes paid after September 15th. Summer deferment Form may be filed to defer payment of tax on principal residence of persons 62 years of age or older or property that is classified or used as agricultural property until the time that summer taxes are due. Forms are available at the Township office, www.leetwp.org and www.allegancounty.org. The form must be filed with the Township Treasurer by September 15, 2014.

For Disabled Veterans Exemption call the Township office or get the form from our website at www.leetwp.org.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22ND 1:00PM @ THE TWP HALL FOR ERRORS & OMISSIONS.

PHP AND LOVE, INC PROGRAM REMINDERS

(For information contact Martha Cerda at 236-6295)

BACK PACK GIVEAWAY-We are gearing up for back to school. We need backpacks and back to school supplies, including, color pencils, pens, notebooks, binders, calculators, paper, and folders.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM-Love, INC continues to have open enrollment for the Life Skills program. Program participants can access services such as food & personal care pantries.

People Helping People (PHP) 7th annual Community Pig Roast will take place **Saturday August 23th at 5pm** at 943 56th St.

VOTE: ELECTION DAY TUESDAY AUGUST 5TH

On the ballot-State and Local Primary Election, Senior Services millage, 911 operating surcharge, and Bloomingdale School District operating millage.