

**Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Minutes  
July 10, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:35 pm in the Lee Township Hall at 877 – 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI.

Members present: Trustee Christensen, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Lacy and Clerk King. Absent: Trustee Black.

**Introduction to the candidates:** Tom Jessup introduced himself, talked about what he feels is important in Allegan County and answered questions. Mr. Jessup is running as a Republican for District 8 County Commissioner. Neva Tice introduced herself and answered questions. Neva is running as a Democratic write-in candidate for Lee Township Trustee. It was mentioned that last month, Pat Foster introduced himself as a Democratic candidate for District 8, County Commission.

**Citizen's Comments:** Citizens comments began at 7:45 pm and five citizens commented. Comments varied from what cost has been incurred to the township regarding resident, condition of the swimming area, residents to consider supporting the upcoming road millage and complaint concerning minutes from last months meeting. Citizen's comments ended at 7:55 pm.

A motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Lowery to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting on 6/12/06. All voted "aye". Motion carries.

A motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lacy to receive the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote was taken: Yes –Christensen, Lowery, Lacy and King. Motion carries.

**Committee Reports:**

**Deputies Report:** During the month of June there were 142 complaints, of which 50 were responded to by township deputies. This included 9 B&E, 5 Malicious Destruction, 5 Assault, 13 Domestic Violence, 10 Larceny, 1 DUI and 30 traffic tickets issued. There currently are 5 active ordinance violations. Questions were asked concerning speeding problem around lake, Jet Ski activity disturbing the swans. It was also stated that all suspicious/criminal activity regarding the township recall is being handled by the State Police.

**Fire Department:** Chief DeWeerd announced that our new skid unit was constructed by 2 of our firefighters. This same unit fabricated from a manufacturer would have cost over \$9,000 and saved the township more than \$3,000.

**Building Official:** During the month of June, 3 electrical, 7 mechanical, 4 plumbing permits were issued for the total of \$246,000 in improvements. A question was asked concerning a rumor of a campground going in the township. This appears to be only a rumor since campgrounds are controlled by the state, DEQ, DNR and Allegan County Health Department.

**Cemetery Report:** No report.

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Library Report:** No report

**Transfer Station Report:** During the month there was \$640 collected and 42 coupons redeemed.

**Lake Board Report** –Mrs. Cravens gave an update on the dredging project. Currently one more test is being done before dredging will begin. The results of the final test will be announced. All money spent by the lake board comes from a special assessment paid only by those living on the lake. No other residents contribute money to this fund.

**First Responders:** During the month of September there were 18 calls, 17 medicals and 1 accident.

**Newsletter Committee:** Newsletter went out today. Last one was condensed to only 4 pages. Editor C. Pugh apologized for the editor's comments inadvertently being excluded.

**Assessor's Report:** July Board of Review is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of July at 12:00 noon. This session is only held to handle mutual mistakes of record and clerical errors. No assessment review will be handled. Assessor Brousseau has asked that residents call first to be certain that these are indeed errors that qualify to be reviewed at this meeting. The fieldwork for the re-evaluation of agriculture properties has been completed and the entering of information will begin shortly.

**Holiday Committee:** Decorations have been removed.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Pullman Pride Day is scheduled for 7/15/06 and everyone is invited.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sidewalk Proposal:** Discussion took place on the steps that would need to be taken to consider if the project is feasible. Supervisor Lacy requested the Building Inspector and Mr. Cericola meet with her and Clerk King to prepare a notice to be published requesting proposals on cost. This will give more information on what type of work would need to be done, and if this project is probable. A question was presented concerning if Mr. Cericola's company is considering this project. He answered that he is only helping and has no intentions of considering this job, if it does go forward.

### **Tax Foreclosure Properties:**

At this time no properties are of interest.

**Tire Request for Deputy Arnsman Patrol Car:** Discussion took place concerning whether or not this is necessary to purchase new tires with new vehicles due to arrive in September. The new cars only come with radial tires; snow tires would need to be purchased for the winter season. If snow tires were purchased now, they would be used during the winter months and would probably last 2 to 3 seasons.

Motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Christensen to purchase 4 new snow tires for vehicle used by Deputy Arnsman. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Christensen, Lowery, Lacy and King. Motion carries.

**Investigate changing Transfer Station Service:** We have been approached by Reliable Disposal to consider changing service. This was researched last year and Allied Waste f/k/a Sunset matched to low bid from Reliable and requested that we sign a 2 year contract. At this time, the township is satisfied with our current provider.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Lowery to approve the Land Division as presented and approved by Assessor Brousseau for Variell at 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Lowery to approve the Land Division as presented and approved by Assessor Brousseau for Garcia at 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Lowery to approve the Land Division as presented and approved by Assessor Brousseau for Pat Knapp at 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue. contingent on legal description. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Christensen to approve the Land Division as presented and approved by Assessor Brousseau for Stanfield at 110<sup>th</sup> All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

**Discussion Re: Tater Slinging Date/Insurance:** Mr. Melson has designed and hand crafted a “Tater Slinger” for an upcoming event to take place tentatively in September. Liability insurance is being researched.

**Announce Scholarship Winners:** Two winners were announced. The recipients for this year’s scholarships are: Jared Doty and Sam Bale all of Bloomingdale. No applications for scholarships were received from Fennville. Congratulations scholars! The applications were judged by two individuals both instructors of creative writing.

Motion was made by Lacy and seconded by Lowery to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$60,563.69 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes –Christensen, Lowery, Lacy and King. Motion carries.

**Citizen Comments:**

Citizen’s comments began at 9:31 pm. with six citizens commenting. Comments varied from the condition of the moral of the community, transfer station coupons, concerns about port-a-john at Osterhout Lake and more information from local candidate. Comments ended at 9:40 pm.

**Correspondence:** A letter was read from A. Ludkin of Fennville School concerning the lack of interest in this year’s scholarship applications. A Freedom of Information request by L. Loud was requested it be submitted as correspondence regarding blight extension on the Higg’s property.

**Commissioner’s Report:** No report given.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk