

Lee Township
Regular Board Meeting
October 9, 2006

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:36 pm at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Treasurer Lowery and Clerk King. The meeting recorder was Deputy Clerk Elwell.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to appoint King as the moderator of the meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Introduction of Candidates: Candidates were given 5 minutes to introduce themselves and answer questions. First to speak: Steve Miller – Steve is running as an independent candidate for the position of Supervisor. Steven retired from the Michigan State Police and has time to devote to handling issues and concerns of the community. John Schlaak – John is the Republican nomination for the Supervisor position and has lived in the community for 4 years. He is currently in charge of the Fennville Bus Garage. He has experience working with the Fennville Fire Department and the management skills for the position. Brad Hagger – Is an independent candidate for Supervisor and has lived in the township for 7 years and has recently become involved in politics. He spoke strongly against a landfill. Melvin Lewis is also an independent candidate running for Supervisor and spoke of his involvement the past 27 years in Community events. He wants to bring unity to the citizens in the township. He spoke of his support in keeping the law enforcement in place and said that he would like to have 2 years to try to make a difference and if he were unable to accomplish that task, he would not run again. Tyrone Brown – Tyrone is running under the independent ticket for Supervisor as well. He is an educator with the Covert Public schools and also teaches at Lake Michigan College. He has knowledge in the area not only education, but farming and many other areas that would be beneficial. He has been married 42 years with 4 kids and chooses to be proactive instead of reactive. Neva Tice – Neva is running as the Democratic nominee for Trustee. She announced that she is an investigator and also a state advocate. Donna Christensen is the Republican nominee for Trustee and has been in the community for 17 years. She has attended most all meetings during this time and has been very active in the community. She has 26 years of experience in running their family business and has the knowledge and skills beneficial to our township. She also has serve as a volunteer with the United Way. Pat Foster – who is running for County Commission in our district, stated that he had a financial background with being an accountant and serving as the Treasurer of the local Democratic Party. He was married and has a daughter. He also spoke of his family and their military background. Joseph Skocelas – Judge Skocelas is running for District Court Judge. He has currently is filling in the position during the interim and has worked very hard for the citizens of Allegan County. He has been very active in talking to kids in schools and churches about the dangers of drugs. He had many good comments from those in the meeting.

Citizens Comment: No comments

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on 9/11/06 as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by King and seconded by Black to receive the treasurer's report as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Yes- Black, Lowery and King. Motion carries.

Committee Report:

Deputies Report: During the month of September there were 114 complaints with 63 responded by local deputies. Of these complaints, there were 9 larcenies, 1 assault, 4 domestic violence, 3 B&E's and 1 CSC.

Fire Department Report -Chief DeWeerd indicated that they would start using the new laptop computer for training and would need to have a light ware unit to completely be set up for training. A unit was presented with a cost around \$920.00 which was substantially less than other units. We have received the laptop and other equipment from a Grant with no charge to the township, this would be the only expense incurred.

Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to approve the purchase of the light ware unit to be used in training as presented in the quote from Chief DeWeerd. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Lowery and King. Motion carries.

Building Official Report: During the month of September there was \$220,000 in improvements to the community. Permits issued included 7 building, 10 mechanical, 3 plumbing and 11 electrical.

Cemetery Report: A request was made for the fall cleanup to be published with the cleanup date of November 1st.

Library Report: The report covered the months of July, August and September and the total items check out were 77 books and 4 videos. There were also 5 new library cards issued.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black read the Ambulance report which stated that there were no new equipment or personnel changes.

Transfer Station Report: Total money collected during the month of September was \$481 with 65 coupons handed in.

Lake Board Committee: No report was given

First Responders: During the month of September there were 13 calls. Of these calls, 9 were medical and 2 were accidents and 1 assist.

Newsletter Committee: Newsletter is underway and citizens are to watch for the article on the cement block building.

Assessor's Update: No report.

Holiday Committee: The next Holiday Committee will be held on October 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the township hall. During the next nice break in the weather, the lights will be going up. Also there will be a 2nd Annual Tree Lighting scheduled for December 1st. There will be more information to come.

Pullman Pride Committee: No report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

No Land Divisions presented.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the Fall Cemetery Clean-up notice with the date set as November 1st. All voted "Aye". Motion carries

Motion was made by Black and seconded by King to authorize the Clerk to publish the Winter Transfer Station hours to begin November 1st. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Payment of the Bills:

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to pay September's bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Lowery and King. Motion carries.

Citizen's Comments- One citizen commented concerning checking into the expense of paving – vs- dust control.

Correspondence – None

Commissioner's Report – No report given.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk