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### LEE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting Minutes

### September 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:31 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Christensen, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Schlack and Clerk King.

**Board Members Comments**: No comments were made by Board Members. Jason Watts from Habitat for Humanity was given the opportunity to give the community an update on the current project in Lee Township. Currently, the new home for the Harrison's is 99% complete on the outside and they are starting the inside trim, paneling and cabinetry. Volunteers are needed if anyone is interested in donating their time to a great case. The original completion date was set for November, but they are ahead of schedule and J. Watts wanted to thank the community and the Lion's Club for helping in making this project possible.

**Citizen's Comments** – One citizen commented regarding the newly stripped and wax floors.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 13, 2007. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to receive the treasurer's report as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner's Report** - Commission Jessup passed out his newsletter with updates on what is currently going on in the County. He highlighted to advancement of the new jail project and was available to answer questions.

Deputies Report: No report.

**Fire Department Report**: During the month of August there were 14 calls bringing the annual total to 91 for the year. Chief DeWeerd commented on the recent storm and the efficiency of the sirens. During the storm the station was manned for 5 hours and things went smoothly. On September  $22^{nd}$ , the Allegan County Community Service workers will be working at the Fire Station in cleaning and polishing the trucks. Chief DeWeerd requested that the Fire Engine (pumper) be put up for bid to sell due to the age of the vehicle. In the last year the engine was only used once. Chief DeWeerd passed out the

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Bi-Laws to each board member for review. There are still 911 signs available for those who are interested. Lastly, the testing of the air tanks will begin with anticipation of being completed by the March 8, 2008 deadline.

## Ambulance Report: No report

**First Responders Report**: During the month of August there were 31 calls. Of these calls, there was 1 unknown, 25 medical, 4 accidents and 1 assist. Training will take place October 31<sup>st</sup> - December 19<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested in becoming a First Responder. Interested individuals can call Albert Rawson at 434-6477 for details.

**Building Inspectors Report**: Total improvements for the month of August were \$234,280.00. Total permits issued were as follows: 6 building, 4 mechanical, 7 plumbing, and 9 electrical. Many questions were asked regarding the status of blight complaints within our township. Inspector Shamblin reported that letters have been sent and is having difficulty making contact with the individuals involved.

**Cemetery Report**: Gravel was requested on the drive off of 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. Supervisor Schlack felt that there might already be enough materials on hand to complete the job.

**Library Report**: During the months of July and August there were 69 books check out and 8 new cards issued.

**Transfer Station Report**: Total money collected for August was \$283.00 with 48 tickets collected. Questions regarding the pick up of the tires that are currently at transfer station. Supervisor Schlack has been in contact with Larry's and they will call before they come out to pick up tires. Question regarding the money brought in during the year and money spent for the transfer station was requested. Clerk King stated that she was working on getting those figure together, but it was a bit of a task to separate out what has been saved by the tickets, but will try to get a report together for the next meeting.

#### Lake Board – No report

**Newsletter Committee**- Deadline for articles will be in November for the December edition, which will highlight the winter events. A request was made for anyone who can give history in the township, particularly the house on  $51^{st}$  south of  $103^{rd}$ .

**Assessor's Report**- The reevaluation process is currently three quarters finished. There were 750 parcels to go and they are moving on schedule. Questions were asked regarding the foreclosure rate in the township in relationship to other areas. Assessor Brousseau said that it is too early to tell.

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**Holiday Committee** - Clerk King gave the Holiday Committee report in L. Galdikas absence. The last Holiday Committee meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Social and Tree Lighting has been scheduled for Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The social will be held in Pizza Plus's parking lot and will include: refreshments, live nativity, singing of carols, lighting of Christmas tree and a visit from Santa. A request for anyone that knows of any local singing talent that would be interested in performing, please let someone on the board know. Committee is also looking for donations of metal fence stakes for the holiday greeting cards.

Pullman Pride Report: No report.

"Clean Team" report – No report.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion on Water System** - Clerk King has received the final billing regarding the abandonment of the wells on the homes that were recently connected to the water service. All bills will be sent into the State of Michigan for reimbursement of the fees for materials and the hook up. She is also waiting for more information regarding the new meters that will need to be reviewed by the board for consideration in replacing the substandard equipment that is currently being used with the original hookups.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Land Divison**: Motion as made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to approve the Land Division as presented and approved by Assessor for First National Acceptance Co. parcel #12-022-003-00. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to authorize the payment of the bills as presented. Roll cal vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

**Citizen's Comments**: Judge Skocelas stopped in to bring the 57<sup>th</sup> District Court's Annual Report to the board members to be kept on file for review. Judge Skocelas spoke of new programs that are in the process for crime intervention with children and programs to keep those individual with mental illness out of the court system by placing them where they are able to receive the help needed.

**Correspondence** - A thank card was sent to the board from T. Dodson for inviting her to present the Hospice program to the residents at August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to authorize the Clerk to publish the request for bids on the Fire Engine (pumper) per the request by the Fire Chief. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

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Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk