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**LEE TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

October 8, 2007

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 pm. at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56th Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

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

Board Member's Comments: Supervisor Schlack introduced a representative from the Fennville District Library. Director Mary Hill gave the statistics regarding the usage of Lee Township residents at the Fennville Library. Currently there are 388 active Lee Township residents with library cards.

Citizen's Comments: Citizen wanted to thank the board as well as the Code Enforcer for the removal of the building on the corner of 109th and 56th and the dismantled trailer on 58th Street.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 10, 2007 with the corrections of typographical errors. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

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

Committee Reports:

Deputies Report: Calls for the past three months were as follows: July 143 calls with 63 handled by township deputies; August 199 calls with 82 handled by township deputies and September 110 calls with 36 handled by local deputies. Deputy Greene gave the status of current blight cases and answered question regarding the increase of speed limits in some residential areas in the township and the 104th Street bridge's weight limit.

Fire Department: During the month of September there were 7 calls. Payroll this month was \$9,906.00 for the last quarter. Chief DeWeerd did not use the community service workers, but plan to have their help on November 2nd. No ad was posted in the paper requesting bid until Chief DeWeerd could have the board review the possibilities of listing the truck on ebay. Last truck that was sold on ebay was sold for several thousand

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more than what was expected. Chief DeWeerd requested that the board decide if this truck should be handled the same way. Placing the truck on ebay would be open to all to bid.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to place the Fire Engine (pumper) up for bid on ebay. All vote "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to approve the SOP's that were presented for the board to review in the last board meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Lastly, Chief DeWeerd made a request for anyone who is interested in becoming a firefighter to notify him. There is a great need for firefighters to cover the daytime hours.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black read the minutes from the last ambulance ^{meeting} report, which was held on September 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Update was given on the roof, which is now finished. Trustee Black also reported that Medicare is currently doing a study, which will hopefully help in increasing the subsidies. Next Ambulance Meeting will in December.

First Responders Report: During the month there were 29 calls of which 27 were medical, 1 fire and 1 accident. The year-to-date total for last year was 191 and this year is already at 262 as of September. A request was made to have the board review information provided regarding a contract for training for new First Responders. Contact would be for \$5,000.00 for 18 spaces and \$400.00 for text books. The First Responder's who pass their certification and sign a contract for service for a specific period of time would not have to pay back their training. Also anyone from neighboring areas can also participate in the training if there are available spots and there would be a charge of \$400.00 and \$50.00 for text book.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to approve the contact for training in the amount of \$5,000 and \$900.00 for text books, but not to exceed \$5,900.00 with all out of township student to reimburse the township the cost of the class and text book. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Building Inspector's Report: Improvements for the month of September totaled \$195,000.00. There were 3 building, 5 mechanical, 1 plumbing and 6 electrical permits issued.

Cemetery Report: Trustee Christensen read the cemetery report which requested that the Fall Clean-Up notice be published and requested update on the graveling that was to be done.

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Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the Clerk to publish the Cemetery Fall Clean-up notice in the local newspapers. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Library Reports: No report given

Transfer Station Report: Total money collected for the month of September totaled \$522.00 with 53 coupons collected.

Lake Board Report: Dredging is just about finished for the season and there was no Lake Board meeting last month, so no report was given.

Newsletter Committee: Newsletter Committee will meet on Saturday, October 13, 2007 at 11:00 am at the Township office. The newsletter is scheduled to be ready for print by the end of the month.

Assessor's Report: No report given

Holiday Committee: The Holiday Social and Tree Lighting Ceremony are set to take place on December 7th at the parking lot of Pizza Plus. It will include refreshments, caroling, live nativity, tree lighting and a visit from Santa.

Pullman Pride Committee: No report given.

"Clean Team" Report: No report. The last clean up of the year will take place on Sunday, October 22nd at 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Water System: Information on the new meters including warranty information was presented to the board for review. Another copy of the estimate was faxed over and there was a discrepancy in the amount. Clerk King will contact Compton's for explanation.

Fire Truck: Previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Drum Drain #228.900 – Special Assessment of \$201.17 to be paid by Lee Township because it is too small to do as a special assessment. Motion was requested by Lowery and seconded by Black but was stricken until more information on the location of the drain could be determined.

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Culvert Closure: Discussion took place regarding the culvert on Baseline Road, west of 58th Street. No action was required.

Road Abandonment Agreement: A request was sent to the Allegan County Road Commission by the Bloomingdale Schools requesting the abandonment of a portion of South Street for the portion of Street that is between the Pullman Industries building and the school for safety purposes when the new park is constructed.

No Land Splits were presented.

Payment of the Bills: *Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$123,106.59. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

Citizen's Comments: There were six citizens to comment regarding lake testing for e coli, the Halloween Hours, the ~~grating~~ grading of Highland Street, bills for weed control and patches on 54th Street. Trustee Black wanted to thank resident Ruth Maquilon for her great effort to help those who were with out power during the recent outage. Great job!

Correspondence: Discussed previously in meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk