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**LEE TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

November 12, 2007

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

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

Board Member's Comments: A special thank you was given to Tim and Lisa Galdikas for their hard work in getting all the holiday decorations up for the season. Supervisor Schlack gave Sandy Anderson an opportunity to announce the upcoming Turkey Dinner for the seniors (55 yrs & older). The dinner will take place Wednesday, November 14th along with a program. Anyone interested can contact Sandy at 236-5235. Also the VFW has placed boxes at area businesses for donations of non-perishable items for Thanksgiving baskets. They also will be accepting donations at these same locations for their Christmas party on December 8th.

Citizen's Comments: No comments.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 8, 2007 with the corrections of typographical errors. 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:

Commissioners Report: Commissioner Jessup distributed his monthly newsletter with the updates in Allegan County. He gave an update on the Habitat Home, which is completed and an Open House is to take place on the 17th of November. He made note of Veteran's Day and honored all veterans. An update was given on the Allegan County Commission on Aging as were details of the Office of Veteran's services. Lastly he gave details from the last Lake Board Meeting, which took place the prior week.

Deputies Report: Deputy Greene gave the report for the month of October with 128 calls of which 56 were handled by township deputies. Questions were asked regarding copper thefts in the township, which Deputy Greene had heard of a few reports, but had

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not personally handled them. A question was asked regarding the COP's for Christmas Program. Lastly a request was made by Deputy Greene, for new snow tires on the township patrol vehicles. Last year they were unable to get the all season tires for vehicles and had to use the winter tires throughout the year.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to purchase 2 sets of winter tires for Township patrol vehicles not to exceed \$800.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Fire Department: During the month of October there were 7 calls. Chief DeWeerd took the tanker in to have the recalled repair made. An update was given on the pumper truck that had been listed on ebay. The truck sold for \$4800.00, which was several thousand more than what was anticipated. The Chief also reported that they were experiencing a carbon ~~dioxide~~^{monoxide} leak problem with the furnace at the Station #2 and requested permission to replace the furnace. The Chief had two quotes of \$500.00 and \$2,000.00. Community Service workers came and cleaned out the back building and also polished the trucks. Chief DeWeerd also met with Valley Township concerning the mutual aid that is provided by Lee Township. Valley Township is now agreeing to pay for services provided. Chief Deweerd requested the board's consent to research further into the used truck that would carry the JAWS rescue equipment. The truck has 59,000 miles and is a 2000 4dr with a slide out tray for JAWS equipment. West Shore would give a 90 day warranty and has agreed to put a new set of tires on the vehicle. A new truck through Spencer's would cost around \$125,000.00. The truck that is currently being used would be put on ebay to sell to help offset the cost.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to pursue further research into the used 2000 4dr truck that would accommodate holding the JAWS of Life rescue equipment with the permission to purchase truck for no more than \$35,000.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to replace the furnace at Station #2 which currently is experiencing a carbon ~~dioxide~~^{monoxide} leak at the estimated \$500.00 given. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Ambulance Report: No report.

First Responders Report: No report.

Building Inspector's Report: No report.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Reports: During August through October there were 8 new library cards issued and 48 books loaned out. The library will expand its Saturday hours from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Transfer Station Report: During the month of October there was \$490.00 and 46 coupons collected. The sign with hours and rules will be completed by next meeting.

Lake Board Report: Dredging is done for the year and the boost pump has been stored for the winter.

Newsletter Committee: Newsletters should be out in everyone's mail. A copy of the newsletter has been placed on the website. A special thank you was given to Les Rawson for his historical article. Anyone who is not receiving the newsletter can contact the clerk to have their name added to the mailing list.

Assessor's Report: Field work is nearly completed and the imputing of information will start shortly. Board of Review for December will take place on December 11th with the time to be determined by Supervisor Schlack and Assessor Brousseau. December Board of Review is to correct clerical errors and mutual mistake of fact. Assessor Brousseau also requested approval for postage for the mailing of notices.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the notice for December Board of Review. Roll call vote taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Holiday Committee: Holiday Christmas cards will be set up Thanksgiving weekend. Holiday Social is set for December 7th at 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Pizza Plus. It is requested that all those attending, park across the street next to Scoops to allow space for gathering. There will be a live nativity along with musical talents. Anyone who might want to donate the use of their animals for the live nativity can contact Lisa. Also a request was made for any donations of fence post or lights that might be on sale after the holiday for next years decorating.

Pullman Pride Committee: No report.

“Clean Team” Report: No report. A comment was made regarding the need for more volunteers for next year. Supervisor Schlack wanted to note that recognition should be given to those residents of the community that may not of been available to help on the

clean dates, but attempted to clean up their neighborhoods. He also suggested that next year a rotation of streets might be a good idea.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on Water System: Clarification was given on the difference in estimates for replacements of meters. Compton's did not have a copy of the first quote given, and with the increase of gas prices, the quote was slightly higher. They are willing to compromise the difference in the increase. Stan from Compton's has stated that he looked over the meters and they should be functioning. He recommended that they only be replaced if we start to have difficulty again.

Resolution for Lee Drain: The Allegan County Drain office has requested to the township to sign a resolution for the work to be done on Lee Drain. Parts of the drain have never been cleaned since it was originally dug. The resolution allows the Drain Office to spend the necessary monies to complete the job which could exceed the authorized amount of \$2500 per mile.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to sign the resolution as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Drum Drain #228.900 – *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to pay the assessment fee of \$201.17, which is too small to assess. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

Culvert Closure: *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to request the work order for the repair of the closed culvert on Baseline with the estimate of \$30,000 for it to be replaced as it is. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

Township Brochure: Treasurer Lowery presented the brochure that is mailed with each tax bill for changes or corrections.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the printing cost, not to exceed \$200.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish request for bids for snowplowing (if the contract was not a 2 year contract) to be

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submitted no later than December 10th at 7:15 pm. Roll call vote taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

No Land Splits were presented.

Payment of the Bills: *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$116,685.57. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

Citizen’s Comments: Four citizens commented on; COPS for Christmas will take place with 23 families from Lee Township to receive gifts, donations are being accepted by VFW, announcement of the food bank open at the Community Center 11:00 am – 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and announcement regarding the copper thefts in Lee Township.

Correspondence: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk