

LEE TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

April 9, 2007

The regular meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:41 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.

Supervisor's Comments:

Supervisor Schlack announced with the arrival of Spring, there have been some concerns regarding blighted areas that have been uncovered by the melting of the snow. Anyone who has a complaint/concern regarding blight, can put their complaint/concern in writing and place in a sealed envelope in the slot in the Lee Township office door. All written complaints/concerns will be responded to.

Citizen's Comments:

Comment were made by two citizens. One comment was regarding concerns on the 104th Street bridge project. Second comment was a citizen's complaint regarding the re-evaluation process with her assessment.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting dated 3/12/07. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the Annual Budget meeting minutes date 3/31/07 with noted correction of adding "General Appropriation" to the motion for clarification. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

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

Deputies Report:

Deputy Greene gave the report for the month of March. During the month there were 131 complaints of which 57 were handled by township deputies. Of these complaints, there were 5 assist, 20 crimes against person, 22 property, 18 traffic, 2 juvenile, 2 civil, 50 suspicious activity and 12 in the other category.

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Fire Department Report:

Chief DeWeerd discussed the siren that will be installed and be tested by 911. The grant for fire fighting equipment for forest fires must be submitted by May 1st. Physicals will be done on the 25th of April. There will be a meeting held this weekend to prepare the schedule. Fire hoses will need to be tested. Quotes will be given to the board. Supervisor Schlack noted that this requirement is set by OSHA and it has to be done.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to approve the purchase of a fire hose tester not to exceed \$3,000.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

First Responder's Report:

During the month of March there were 31 calls. A Rawson will check on the status of the upcoming training with M. Frye.

Ambulance Report:

Trustee Black was unable to give a complete report due to an incorrect mailing of the information. Ambulance sign up for coverage deadline is April 30th and anyone interested can request a brochure. There has been a 3% increase in the contract. Lastly Black stated that the repair of the roof in Fennville will be a request for contributions from each of the townships.

Building Inspector's Report:

During the month of February, there were no improvements. March was a large improvement from February with total improvements of \$280,000.00. It was also announced that a new tower will be installed that will service Nextel, Century, Centennial. This new 250' tower will be located on 110th Street.

Cemetery Report:

A request for clean up to be published and flowers to be purchased for Memorial Day.

Library Report:

No Report

Transfer Station Report:

During the month there was \$718 collected and 50 coupons.

Lake Board:

More vandalism has been happening. A \$1,000.00 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the individual(s) responsible.

Newsletter Committee:

The next edition will be published the 1st of July. The deadline for submitting information June 1st.

Assessor's Report:

The Board of Review is complete. Agriculture and Commercial properties have been completed for re-evaluation. The residential properties are underway currently.

Holiday Committee:

No report given.

Pullman Pride Report:

The Easter Egg Hunt took place despite of the unseasonable snow. The scholarship information has been sent to the counselors of Bloomingdale and Fennville school. Information was also provided to those who live in Lee Township and attend other schools as well as those that are home schooled.

Clean Team Committee:

The first clean up is set for the 22nd of April from 1:00-4:00 pm. Anyone interested can meet at the Township Hall at 1:00 pm. to participate.

Bloomingdale Bond Issue:

S. Anderson and P. Rawson presented information regarding the upcoming bond issues with the Bloomingdale schools. The 5 million dollar bond will cover the Bloomingdale High School, Middle School, Elementary schools; including Pullman Elementary. Also included will be a project to renovate the property previously owned by Pullman Industries. A site plan was passed around to show what is being proposed. This issue will be on the August ballot. All projects are targeted to be completed by August 2008. Bids will start in January.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Jessup passed out a newsletter of information to all residents and to each board member with updates on what is happening in the county.

Budget Amendments:

Special Meeting was schedule for April 16th at 7:00 pm. to complete the final budget amendments.

Transfer Station Tickets:

Treasurer Lowery presented a proposed "free dump" ticket to be used for next mailing of tax bills."

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to approve the proposed "Free Dump" tickets for the transfer station. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Some discussion took place regarding the reduction of hours for the transfer station. Possible consideration of not longer holding Wednesday hours in the summer. Issue will be tabled until next month's meeting after more research can be done.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to publish the Cemetery Spring Clean-Up for May 1st. Roll call vote taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Cemetery Committee to purchase flowers, not to exceed \$30.00. Roll call vote taken: Yes- Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Discussion took place regarding the leaves that would need to be clean-up at the cemetery. In the past the Allegan County Committee Service workers have been used to complete this project.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Christensen to authorized the payment of the debt crew prior to Memorial Day to do the clean up of leaves. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Ballot Language for First Responders Millage Renewal: The current millage for the First Responders will expire in December of 2007. The language will need to be reviewed to be placed on the August ballot. Clerk King will look over the previous language and bring language for approval at the next board meeting. The deadline to get the approved language is in the last week of May.

Removal of Tires:

We are currently approaching the 500 limit of tires at our transfer station. Two different companies supplies quotes for the removal of the current tires as well as the disposal of future tires. Larry's Loads presented a price list of charges for tire removal. Prices included \$2.00 per auto tire (off or on the rim), \$10.00 per semi tire and tractor tire by the inch. Deerpath also provided a price list which included \$1.25 per tire off rim and \$3.25 on the rim for auto tires. The charges for tractor tires are \$12.00 and \$6.00 for semi tires. Deerpath recycles tires to be used in landscaping. They also work with Allegan County Health Department with recycling. Both companies require no contract. Larry's Load would be best choice for removing the existing tires and Deerpath for the future tires that are brought to the transfer station. Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to have Supervisor Schlack contact Larry's Loads to get a cost quote. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Moton was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to publish a request for bids to be submitted for mowing. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

104th Street Bridge Project:

Concerns were raised by residents regarding the cost for the project for replacing the 104th Street bridge. Questions were also raised at why the bridge culvert was so large. Safety was also an issue with regards to the guardrails not being replaced. Why the pre-

existing guardrails were not being used. Supervisor Schlack indicated that the current rails are not safe because they were not up to code.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Christensen to accept the approved bid by the Allegan County Road Commission to replace the 104th Street bridge. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack. No- King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to accept the bid for the approved work to be done on 60th Street from 102nd to 104th at the \$17,500.00, which was Lee Township's portion. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the land split as presented by Assessor Brousseau for Christie at 50th Street, Pullman. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Payment of the Bills:

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

Citizen's Comment:

There were four citizens to comment. Comments included questions on bills, request for ordinances, a FOIA request for information regarding the 104th Street bridge project with a question regarding the timing of the bids.

Correspondence: None.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to adjourned the meeting at 9:56 pm. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk