

LEE TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

May 14, 2007

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

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

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor Schlack has announced that he will hold office hours the second Saturday of every month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. He also stated that he could be reached by phone at his residence and encouraged messages to be left, if he wasn't available at the time of the call.

Supervisor Schlack turned over the remaining comment section to Jerry Bohl from Allegan County Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Bohl announced that a family from Lee Township would be one of five families in Allegan County to receive a new home. This family would receive a home to accommodate special needs complete with a ramp and fenced in backyard for the children. Mr. Bohl also wanted to thank our building inspector for working quickly to get the process started. Construction will start in June and the home should be ready to move in approximately November.

Citizen's Comments: There were 7 citizens to comment. Comments were regarding a special thank you to the First Responders for their excellent service provided to a family during their recent emergency. Concerns regarding "blight", with updates and where concerns can be forwarded. Cleaning of the township offices/hall and Citizen's Comments being reserve for only comments and not discussion.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to accept the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 9th as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 16, 2007 as presented with changes/additions to account numbers for General Fund – Utilities, Library Contributions and Fire Department Capital Outlay and Utilities. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack, 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.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Jessup passed out his newsletter to residents as well as the board members, regarding the updates on what was happening in the County. He spoke briefly concerning Allegan County Council on Aging with their upcoming open house to take place May 16th and the Michigan Association of County Commissioners and their informal meeting to take place on the 18th of May.

Deputies Report: During the month of April there were 141 complaints with 5 Malicious Destruction, 4 B&E's, 17 Larceny, 10 Domestic Violence, 1 Meth with a traffic stop leading to a arrest with the seizure of a sizable amount of drugs.

Fire Department: During the month there were 6 calls. The severe weather sirens were tested during the month. The Allegan County Central Dispatch would only activate the sirens for high winds/ hail of over 65 mph and tornado activity. Chief DeWeerd introduced 3 new firefighters that have recently gone through the training. All three had started as Junior Firefighters and had gone through 283 hours of training and were to graduate on Saturday. He also detailed the cost and the time spent to go through this process and commended the new firefighters on their achievement.

First Responder's Report: During the month of April there were 23 calls.

Building Official: During the month of April there was \$131,000 in improvements with 6 building, 2 mechanical, 2 plumbing and 6 electrical permits issued. Inspector Shamblin stated that this month's total was up from last month, but down from months before.

Cemetery Report: No report given

Library Report: During the months of March and April there were 53 books on loan. Library has expanded their collection and will hold some summer reading programs.

Ambulance Report: No report given

Transfer Station Report: The total monies collected for the month of April was \$560.00 with 35 coupons redeemed.

Lake Board Report: Weed control will begin the 16th of May. No dredging will take place until after spawning season in June. Notices will be posted around the lake regarding the weed control treatment.

Newsletter Committee: Next edition will be out in the first of July. All articles for review should be submitted by the June 1st deadline. This edition will cover Memorial Day, some information regarding the upcoming Pullman Pride Day events and the happening within the township during the last 3 months.

Assessor's Report: No report

Holiday Committee Report: The replacement of flags for some banners would take place before the Memorial Day Holiday.

Pullman Pride Committee Report: Scholarship deadline had recently past and the applicants would be gone over in the next week. Announcement was made regarding the Memorial Day Parade and Cemetery Service. Activities would take place on May 28th with line up for the parade to begin at 2:00 p.m. at the La Tienda Banquet hall and the parade to commence at 2:30 p.m. Cemetery Service to follow the parade with Commissioner Tom Jessup to speak at the service. Also the Senior Luncheon was taking place the 17th of May for anyone 55 years and older. R.S.V.P's should be directed to S. Anderson.

Clean Team Report: First meeting of the clean team was a success. There were 4 families and 3 individuals who participated in the clean up of roadsides nearly filling a refuse container at the transfer station. There will be 3 more dates set for clean up as listed. Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 16th at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, July 20th at 10 a.m. with a Work Bee Social to follow clean up.

OLD BUSINESS

Ambulance Roof: *Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to pay Lee Township's share of \$4,267.00 of roof repair to Emergency Services. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

Transfer Station Operating Hours: Information was provided regarding the usage of the Transfer Station during the current operating hours. It was determined that during Wednesday's hours there was not enough usage to keep the transfer station open. It was discussed to keep the winter and summer hours the same with only Saturday and Sunday hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Changes in hours would be posted twice during the next 2 months in the local newspapers. *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to change the Transfer Station hours to only Saturday and Sunday both for winter and summer and move the hours earlier from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to begin June 30th. 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 the changes in the transfer Station hours twice in two local papers and the June 30th deadline for using the old free dump coupons. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Scrap Tire Removal: The tires at the transfer station have been removed during the past month with the exception of some semi tires yet to be picked up. Discussion took place regarding setting new guidelines to the acceptance the tires regarding the amount and price.

Cemetery Clean Up: Cemetery is to be mowed before Memorial Day with the flowers to be out in the next week. Trees have been trimmed.

Ballot Language: After further researching with Equalization and Clerk's office, the First Responders language for renewal of millage will not be needed until May 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to approve the Land Split for Marrs located at 109th Avenue as presented and approved by Assessor Brousseau. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Payment of the Bills: *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the payment of the bills in the amount of \$65,274.86. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

Motion was made to authorize payment for the May Election workers in the amount of \$697.52. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Citizen's Comments: There were 9 citizens to comment. The comments consisted of; the \$1,000 reward for arrest of the vandal(s) for the dredge pipe through silent observer and a question regarding evidence, Free Dump tickets and their expiration, comments on Habitat loan, dust control near Warner Camp and speakers in the hall for better audio of the meetings.

Correspondence: Letter was read by resident E. Maas thanking the First Responders in their life saving effort in the recent call made for her grand daughter. A donation was given to thank them for their service to our community.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Motion carries and meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk