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**LEE TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

July 9, 2007

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor's Comments: Supervisor Schlack yielded his time to two individuals that had requested to address the board.

First to speak was Marcie, from the Casco Senior Care Coordinator. She passed out flyers and information regarding the services to seniors in the immediate area of Casco, Clyde, Ganges and Lee Townships.

Secondly, Attorney Haverdink introduced herself to the board and residents, giving a background on her education and experience regarding her newly established legal practice. She currently is handling the ordinance violations in Fennville and has come highly recommended. Supervisor Schlack requested that she come and introduce herself to the board for possible discussion in the near future in using her services for the routine issues.

Citizen's Comments: No comment.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 11, 2007 with the correction of the date from the 12th to the 11th. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of 6/25/07 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Jessup passed out his monthly newsletter with the updates on what was happening in the county. Upcoming issues were the update on

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the Allegan Co. Animal Shelter, discussion on the county jail improvements, and some upcoming events for resident to attend.

Deputies Report: During the month of June, there were 120 complaints. Deputy Arnsman gave a quick update on the larcenies, vandalism, car theft and the attempted car jacking. Citizen announced that in the larceny of PT109 and the vandalism of P. Knapp's equipment there is a \$500.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) involved.

Fire Department Report: During the month there were 14 calls. Chief DeWeerd expressed that with the extremely dry conditions, there is a "no burning" ban on and no burning permits were being issued. He also express that homeowners needed to be sure that their homes would be able to accommodate the size of the fire engines in the case of a fire. He gave specification of the largest of the trucks and offered to personally come out with the truck to be certain that they could reach the home. He stressed that everyone needs to be sure that they are able to get the help needed in the event of a fire.

First Responders Report: During the month of June, there were 29 calls of which 21 were medical, 3 accidents and 5-fire assist. The First Responders received a thank you from a resident who recently required their assistance. She commended them for the prompt and profession service provided.

Ambulance Report: In the absence of Trustee Black, Treasurer Lowery gave the report. The minutes were read from the meeting held on June 14th. It was reported that the AMR contract was to expire April 2008 and that there would likely be a 3-5% increase in cost. Next meeting will be held on September 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Building Inspector's Report: Total improvements for the month were \$132,000.00. There were 6 building, 5 electrical, 3 mechanical and 5 plumbing permits issued.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: During the month of April, May and June there were 68 books checked out. Library has recently received a large number of scholastic publications suitable for parents to read to their children.

Transfer Station Report: During the month, \$410.00 with 72 coupons was collected. A Question was asked regarding if old tickets can be handed in for new tickets. Old tickets will no longer be accepted. The new tickets have been mailed out in the tax bills and anyone needing more tickets can contact Supervisor Schlack to request more.

Supervisor Schlack called to take a short recess. Supervisor Schlack was called out of the meeting due to a family emergency. With the remaining board members meeting requirements for a quorum, a *motion was made by King and seconded by Christensen to have Treasurer Lowery chair the remainder of the meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

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Lake Board Report: It was reported that there had been a theft with parts to the dredging equipment and a \$1,000 reward is now being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) involved in the theft and vandalism that has been occurring. A question was asked regarding the operation of the dredging and why she had not heard the machine running. A firm has been hired to operate the equipment and they are running it 5 days per week.

Newsletter Committee: The July edition of the Lee Crossing has been mailed and residents should be receiving it around the end of the week. Next edition is due to come out in November with October 15th being the deadline. Anyone not currently receiving the newsletter can contact the clerk to be added to the list.

Assessor's Report: No report was given. Treasurer Lowery announced that the July Board of Review would be meeting on the 17th at 9:00 am.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to publish the July Board of Review notice in the local new paper. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Christensen, Lowery and King. Motion carries.

Holiday Report: No report.

Pullman Pride Day Report: The Pullman Pride celebration is set for the 21st of July. There will be vendors, music, food, games, pancake breakfast and more. Flyers will be distributed to various locations.

Clean Team Report: There were 6 individuals that attended the last clean up session in June. They removed 2 truckloads of debris. The next clean up session will take place on July 22nd at 10:00 am. Volunteers still needed.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to approve the Land Split represented by Knapp from September, pending the Assessor's approval. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Christensen, Lowery and King. Motion carries.

Land Lease/ Sale Township Property: Due to the fact that no board members present had information regarding this topic on the agenda, it was tabled to a special meeting to be held on July 24th at 6:00 pm. when Supervisor Schlack and can present his information to be discussed.

Payment of the Bills: *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to pay the bills with the addition to the General Fund for \$80.25 to the Allegan County*

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Treasurer's office for tax bill supplies. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Christensen, Lowery, King. Motion carries.

Citizen's Comments: 3 citizens commented regarding leaves and debris at the Ravenswood Park, use of the pile of sand at the Lower Scott Lake swimming area and status of Habitat home.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King
Lee Township Clerk