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**Lee Township
Annual Budget Meeting
Minutes
March 29, 2008**

The Annual Budget meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 10:03 am at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, MI.

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

The meeting began with discussion regarding questions on the budget entry for the Clerk Deputy. Clerk King stated that with the upcoming elections to be held this year she felt that she would require using the assistance of her Deputy. She also noted in the past three years, she has used very little of the money allocated for her deputy. Discussion took place on if there would be any necessary cemetery repairs and maintenance this year. Trustee Christensen felt that there will need to be graveling done. The account #276-440 will be increased to \$600.00.

Questions regarding operating expenses – under police. It was decided that the amount should stay the same.

Increase the vehicle maintenance #301.935 to \$1800.00 allowing for tires if necessary.

Building Inspector – Miscellaneous #371-956 was reduced to \$250.00 for any training. Trustee Christensen stated that the building inspector also works for other townships, therefore if training needs to be it should be shared by all.

Street Lights were increased to \$4800.00 to allow for increase on utilities

Attorney Haverdink will review library expenses for the legality of the township paying expenses.

Fire Department budget – No anticipation for a replacement of any vehicles.

Purchase of land: A line item was added to allow for the purchase of property in 101.101.970 – Capital Outlay \$33,000.00. A question was asked regarding who should be responsible for the cost of property purchase. The Fire Department can't own the property. The township is the governing body and owns all properties. This might require further investigation. This will be presented to Attorney Haverdink.

Trustee Christensen suggested that the board keep in mind we should have public hearing so that the Millage would not roll back. This would need to be scheduled by July to have a public hearing.

Citizen's Comments – A question was asked regarding the Assessing. The citizen expressed that they would like to see it back to a local person. He initially thought that there was supposed to be regular hours and found the Assessor difficult to contact.

Citizen had a question regarding taxes with wages of township. Who is paying for the taxes and what happens with social security when a person is retired.

Citizen wondered if the Supervisor had checked on the 30-day requirement for salary adjustments? A suggestion can be made to have a resolution for wage adjustment.

Citizen had a question on difference in the revenue to expenses, why is revenue less. This amount does not include the fund balance, which make up the difference.

Citizen had another questions regarding line item for "Township Wages" – covers Trustee Salaries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to make the final adjustments to the budget to be adopted at the next regular meeting. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Trustee Black, Trustee Christensen, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Schlack and Clerk King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 am. All voted "Aye" Motion carries.

Submitted by:
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk