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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

November 10, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:34 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:** Trustee Black commended all the residents that turned out to vote, and thanked those for supporting him. Trustee Lowery also thanked all the residents for exercising their rights to vote for their support as well. Clerk King stated that the turn out was great and thanked everyone for their patience. She also wanted to thank those that supported her and looks forward to serving the residents in the future. Supervisor Schlack thanked everyone for turning out to vote and Trustee Christensen stated that it has been a pleasure serving the residents of the township.

**Black River Watershed** – A representative from the Black River Watershed came out to talk to the residents regarding the 42 acre wetland that is currently being built. It has met all the criteria and is 90% complete. He spoke of the benefits having an established wet land. It currently is privately owned by Life Styles of South Haven and will not be developed. They have planted around 1700 trees, shrubs and plants that are native to the area. Currently the wetland covers around 28 acres with the idea of working towards having a self-sustaining wetland.

**Comments:** 1.) Steve Miller spoke of his appreciation of all that supported him and will hold hours on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and Saturday's by appointment. He also thanked those that helped in his campaign. 2.) Lisa Galdikas stated that C.Pugh will have an article in the spring newsletter regarding the wetland/ watershed project. 3.) William Ferguson thanked all those that supported him and he stated that he will take the position serious as well as the meaning of trust and intends to work for the people. 4.)Ed Brock noted that Steven Miller has already been working for the township researching the watershed project and arranged to have them attend the meeting to educate the public on what is happening with the project.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to approve the regular board meeting minutes with the correction. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to receive the treasurer's report as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**County Commissioner Report:** None

**Deputies Report :** No report was available. Things are winding down, the Information Services department has yet to figure out how to print out the stats.

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**Fire Department:** Total calls for the month October were 8. There is still no word on the federal grant. The Hepatitis B shots for the Fire Department and First Responders is set for November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Health Center in Pullman. The traffic control vest will be purchased. They are \$30.00 each and must be worn at the scene of an accident. There will be only so many per truck. This has just become a law and the fine for not wearing one at the scene of an accident is \$750.00 Chief DeWeerd took the fire truck with a few of the fire fighters to the Head Start to do a presentation with the children, so that they can see the fire fighters and learn what to do in the event of a fire. The rescue truck is having problems and is not working off the generator. A request to purchase a portable generator for \$975.00 that was made. Lastly, it was noted that Lee Township is at the top of list (number 2) for overall calls. Otsego was number one on that list. This includes calls for both the Fire Department and First Responders.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to authorize the purchase of a generator for the Fire Department from Edings Tractor Sales to use in the rescue truck to run the lights. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Trustee Black, Trustee Christensen, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Schlack and Clerk King. Motion carries.*

**First Responders:** During the month of October there were 15 calls. The First Responders were devastated by the outcome of the election. They will continue to educate the residents and hope to see it on a ballot in the near future.

**Ambulance report:** No meeting

**Building Inspector report:** For the month of October there were 4 building permits, 5 electrical permits and 8 mechanical permits issued with the property improvement of \$20,000.00. Questions were asked regarding the trailer that is being dismantled on 109<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup>. It is in the process of being cleaned up. There was a concern regarding the insulation being dumped somewhere other than a hazard waste site.

**Cemetery Report:** Mike Curley has already turned off the water and has the pumps ready for the winter. There will be a young man that will finish with the clean up.

**Library Report:** No report.

A contract was presented by the Fennville Library to correct the stats that corrected the percentage covered in our township. There are a few people that are in the Allegan District area and they will need to use the Allegan Library's services. This is required by the state law and the stats were provided by the census. Questions were presented regarding if the contract would need to be changed if the state determined that there were more residents than listed out of their district? It was stated that most likely not. Also it was asked if there would be repercussion is the contract was inaccurate? It was also stated that there would not be.

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by King to accepted the amended contract. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Schlack and King. No- Lowery.*

**Transfer Station:** During the month there were 41 coupons redeemed and \$492.00 collected in money.

**Lake Board:** No report

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**Newsletter Committee:** The newsletter is in the process of being published currently and should be received by residents in the next 10 days. Any one who has not received one, can pick up a copy at the township office.

**Assessor's report-** No report.

**Holiday Committee:** Animals have been lined up for the manager display. Lisa reminded everyone to dress warm. With the business open house, you will need to visit the area business to have your card stamped to be eligible for the drawing of gift cards. There also will be a performance by the Rawson Brothers as well as the Pullman Safety Patrol children. A special thank you went to Ken at PVT trucking on finishing up the lights. The rest should be finished on Saturday, weather permitting. The lights will be turned on after Thanksgiving. In the newsletter, there will be a stamp card to be used to at the open house, which is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** None

**Clean Team** – The season ran from May to October and is now finished. There has been marginal improvement. Donna stated that she is seeing a lot more couches, refrigerators and tires in the Allegan State Game area.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Folding Machine** – There was information passed out to board members at the last meeting regarding the purchase of a new folding machine. The best option is the lease model from Pitney Bowes for \$117.00 per month for a 3 year lease and this includes the service contract.

*A motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the folding machine lease from Pitney Bowes for \$117.00 per month for 36 months. 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 treasurer to purchase a table in the amount of \$300.00 to hold the new folding machine. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

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#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

**Purchase Sound System equipment.** - A card was presented for an individual that could provide 2 free standing microphones with one stand as well as 4 microphones. This was a portable unit and could be taken to other locations. This would be around \$1,500.00

S. Miller also knew of someone that could also provide a portable system in the same price range.

*Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Christensen to have S. Miller work with Supervisor Schlack to purchase a sound system and have it set before the next meeting, not to exceed \$1,800.00. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

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**Special Meeting** – A meeting was set for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to open bids for snow plowing.

**Winter Tax bills** –Treasurer Lowery presented the board members with the brochure to be mailed with the December tax bills. The Lee Township EMS information was omitted until a millage could be re-established.

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Christensen to approve the treasurer to publish the informational brochure to be inserted with the December tax bills. All voted “Aye”. Motion carries.*

**Land Splits: None**

**Federal Tax Poverty Guidelines** – The 2009 Federal Tax Poverty Guidelines were presented to the board for approval.

*Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Lowery to approve the 2009 Federal Tax Poverty Guidelines as presented by Assessor Brousseau. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to send the registration fee of \$298.00 for the enrollment in the New Official’s Training for the new Supervisor S. Miller and Trustee W. Ferguson complete with the necessary books along with the purchase of 3 more booklets on responsibilities for existing members. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

**Payment of the Bills:**

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,308.24. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Lowery to pay the election staff in the amount of \$2315.00 for the Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> election. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

**Citizen’s Comments:** 6 citizens commented.

An announcement of the Neighborhood Watch committee meeting to be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Everyone tell your neighbors and friends. They will need support and participation from residents all over the township.

Question were asked regarding the bridge on 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. Has the Allegan County Road Commission been contacted. It was stated that the DEQ will assess the size of the culvert needed and the township will have a financial responsibility.

Resident spoke regarding his support of the First Responders and the importance of their services. He requested that it be replaced on a ballot as soon as possible.

Regarding the Millage renewal it was stated by a citizen that many young people didn’t understand the language very well. .

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Another citizen spoke of the importance of the 102<sup>nd</sup> street bridge as being a main route to Kalamazoo. She didn't feel the bridge was necessary. Why not a culvert? It was stated the unfortunately it takes forever to get a permit and the state mandates the size of the culvert and it is their decision.

A citizen raised a question regarding the ambulance service. When is the enrollment period? It was stated that it begins in April and \$39.00 per year. If you were to sign up now, you would have to pay \$39.00 and then pay again in April.

**Correspondence:**

Amanda Haverdink is resigning from being able to service Lee Township. She will not be taking new cases, but will finish out unresolved issues.

Correspondence was sent to the board members from Allegan County Board of Commissioners regarding the educational session that will take place at various townships and hosted by the Sheriff's Department regarding the updates in the law enforcement contacts. Sessions to start 11/20.

Supervisor Schlack stated it was an honor to present Trustee Christensen with a certificate, from the board members for her dedication and service to the community.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk