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**LEE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

December 8, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Ferguson, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Miller and Clerk King.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Supervisor Miller wanted to thank Tim Kotas, Lisa Galdikas and all of those volunteers to work so hard to decorate our community. The beautiful lights and donated decorations will bring the holiday spirit to all residents. He also commented on the success of the Holiday Social and again thanked Lisa, Tim and all the volunteers and residents that preformed to bring the Christmas spirit to the community.

Comments: None

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 10, 2008 as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting on November 18, 2008 as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Jessup passed out his monthly newsletter with the issues that are currently being discussed at the county level. During the month, the county commissioners are still discussing the new jail, animal shelter and the road commission. Sylvia's place, which is the agency dedicated to providing victims of domestic abuse has been in existence since 1996 and has provided over 34,000 safe beds to those individuals in need. They will be hosting a fund raiser on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. They will have hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music and silent. Those interested in attending can call Sandy Kern at 269-685-6915. Commissioner Jessup announced the changes in Circuit Court Judge from the November election. Kevin Cronin will preside over the court in place of Judge Baillargeon. Commissioner Jessup commended Judge Baillargeon for his dedicated service to Allegan County. Over the past year he has service with dignity and integrity over many difficult cases and has won the support of many. Lastly he answered questions regarding the recent difficulty that was experienced with 911. In the event of an emergency, while the 911 system is down, residents can call 236-5988. This is the number to the fire department and during a 911 outage, the Lee Township Fire Department mans the office until the system is back up. Lastly he congratulated the new board members as well as the re-elected members.

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Attorney Matt Antkoviak : Attorney Matthew Antkoviak was asked to introduce himself to the board. He has been practicing law for 10 years, with experience in trials as well as civil matters. He is being considered to handle matters such as traffic violations and ordinance violations.

Deputies Report: Deputy Lytle reported 97 complaints during the month of November. Of these complaints; 20 were handled by Deputy Greene and 26 were handed by Deputy.

Fire Department: Chief DeWeerd reported responded to 11 calls during the previous month. Business handled during the month included; The Hep B shots were given with results still pending; Emergency vest have been ordered and should arrive shortly; Generator was purchased; fire hose has been received and has been labeled with date for future reference and Paul Bristol will be contacted for possible new grants for the modernization of the fire station and township facilities.

First Responders: No report.

Ambulance report: No meeting

Building Inspector report: During the month of November, there were 3 permits sold with the total of \$4,500.00 improvements.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: For the months of September through November, there were a cumulative total of 91 books and magazines out for loan. Many new books have been added to the libraries resources, which has increased the audio book collection to an excess of 60 books for loan. Resources highlighted this month are the many holiday craft, decorating and entertaining books.

Transfer Station: The monies collected for the month of November were \$580.00 with 34 coupons redeemed.

Lake Board: The representative of the Lake Board Committee reported that there permit has been issued and dredging will take place next spring.

Newsletter Committee: The next newsletter to be published will take place in March. This edition will contain information and photos of the recent holiday social as well as upcoming information. The newsletter committee is always interested historical articles to be published. Anyone who would like to write an historical article will need to have the article to the newsletter committee by the regular meeting held in February.

Assessor's report: Assessor Brousseau reported that the December Board of Review took place prior to the meeting. He is also waiting on a twelve month sales study shortly.

Holiday Committee: The Holiday Social was a great success. Pictures were distributed within those in attendance. The highlight of the evening was the arrival of Santa by the Lee Township Fire truck. Also highlights of the evening were the voices of the Rawson Brothers as well as the Pullman Elementary Safety Patrols who sang several Christmas Carols. The celebration also included a live manager scene and gifts to all of those who visited Santa with generous donation from Love Inc as well as a private donor. Lisa also thanked all those that helped with the lights, decorations as well as all who attended. A special thank you

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was given to Doug and Deb for their gracious donation of their property to house the event. The winner of the drawing from the business open house was a young lady who had visited all 9 business and chose to use the gift cards to purchase pet food and supplies to donate to the Alvan Humane society as well as a food basket donated to a local church.

Pullman Pride Committee: None

Clean Team: The clean team will start back up in April and dates will be sent in the near future.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: The committee has met twice in the last month as has had more than 32 residents in attendance. At their last meeting officers were appointed and groups will be formed at the next meeting to cover the different areas of the community. They are currently selling their door signs for \$5.00 each and these can be purchased at the township office through Supervisor Miller.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS-:

Land Splits: - None were presented.

Transfer Station Gravel: During the last several years, the transfer station has sustained damage from the removal and replacement of the dumpster and is now in need the replacement of gravel. Pat Knapp's Excavating has provided a estimate of \$950.00 to deliver and distribute 30 yards of gravel.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the purchase of 30 yards and the distribution by Pat Knapp's Excavating to make the necessary repairs to the transfer station. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carries.

New Facilities: Supervisor Miller wanted to discuss his desire to find a suitable location for a new fire station with the township offices housed in the same facilities. He will be researching possible locations as well as grants to help fund such project. Future updates will be brought to the township board for review and approval.

Window Tinting/Window Blinds for the Township Hall: Supervisor Miller also expressed his desire to have some type of window treatment or tinting for security purposes. Supervisor Miller will bring all quotes to the next regular meeting for the review of the board.

Appointment of New Board of Review Members: The current term of the present Board of Review members expires on January 1, 2009 and new appointments will need to be done by January 10th. A special meeting was set for December 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Clerk King will publish with the local advertising publications to request those with interest to send a letter of intent to the township by December 19th.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the clerk to publish the ad for those interested in filling the appointed positions of the Board of Review. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carries.

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Payment of the Bills:

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,312.97, which include the payment to the Building Inspector for \$731.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carries.

Citizen's Comments: Comments were made by 3 citizens.

- A question regarding if the board would taken action on the hiring of a new attorney?
- Several other townships use the services of Harold Schuitmaker in Paw Paw.
- Remember to check your batteries in your carbon monoxide detectors at the same time your smoke detectors are check twice a year.

Correspondence:

A thank you card was presented from Deb Laraway commending everyone for their hard work in the recent holiday social as well as the beautiful decorations in our town. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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