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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
Regular Board Meeting  
Minutes**

**April 14, 2008**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

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

Clerk King called the meeting to order.

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Black to have Trustee Christensen conduct the meeting. All voted "Aye" - Motion carries.*

**Board Comments**

Clerk King presented Deputy Arnsman with a certificate of appreciation for all of his dedicated service. The board also introduced our new contracted officer, Deputy Lytle. Refreshments were provided to all in attendance.

**Citizens Comments**

Citizen H. Magnant commented on phosphorus ban, Citizen S. Lacy gave an update on her mother's health concerning her recent fall. Her mother has been through surgeries and has been recovering in a nursing home. She presented the First Responders with a donation in appreciation for all there assistance during her mother ordeal.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of 3/10/08 with the addition of "Hope" to the reference made with Hospice. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on 3/24/08 as presented. All voted "Aye", Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Christensen to receive the Treasurer report as presented by Trustee Black prepared by the Treasurer. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, King. Motion carries.*

**Commissioners Report**

Allegan County Jail update - Discussion took place on the two jail sites out at Dumont Lake and downtown Allegan. Jail and sheriff's department is very antiquated and needs to be addressed.

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New director Allegan County Commission on Aging Dan Wedge (Director of Transportation) is working with Van Buren County to get transportation for Seniors to South Haven for doctor and hospital visits.

Fall Election - not too early to start thinking about running. Petitions are to be handed in to the Township Clerk. All positions are up and petitions need to be turned in by the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Clerk will be available until 4:00 pm on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Jessup answered questions concerning the phosphorus ban. Many stores are starting to offer the fertilizers without phosphorus.

**Deputies:** Deputy Lytle gave some information about his previous work experience. He is looking forward to serving the community. For the month of March there were 83 complaints - 7 accidents 6 larceny 5 be 4 domestics and 4 complaints involving weapons.

**Fire Department:** During the month of March there were 6 calls. New daytime firemen have started of which 2 are already certified. One new applicant was a retired firefighter from another department. Recall will be handled on the fire engine. Maintenance on the Jaws has not been held. Grant has been applied for (FEMA) The amount of 19,000.00 with the township paying 900.00 to be able to benefit from the grant. Water samples have been taken and the water is for filling fire truck only and not for drinking purposes. Reminder: April is not a good month for burning outside. This is the worst month for grass fires. Chief stressed that you must have a permit to burn. You will get a ticket if the fire department has to respond.

**First Responders:** During the month of March there were 21 calls 18 medical, 2 accidents and 1 assist.

**Ambulance Report:** Trustee Black read the ambulance report from 12/13/2007.

**Building Inspector-** No report

**Cemetery Report-** A request was made for \$50.00 to replace wreaths that are tattered due the winter.

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by King to authorize the cemetery<sup>Committee</sup> to spend the \$50.00 to replace the weathered wreaths. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, King. Motion carries.*

**Library Report:** During the past three months there have been 100 books checked out and 7 new library cards issued. Spring cleaning will be taking place and summer programs are currently in the works.

**Transfer Station** – no report

**Lake Board Report** – Commissioner Jessup covered the upcoming meeting.

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**Newsletter Report-** No report

**Assessor's Report** – No report

**Holiday Committee** – no report

**Pullman Pride Committee** – Attendance has been very low, only 2 attended last meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

**Clean Team:** The Clean Team was rained out of their first work date. The next schedule clean up date is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to accept the General Appropriations Act as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, and King. Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by King to accept the final budget adjustments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, King. Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the Cemetery Clean-up for May 1<sup>st</sup> as previously published. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Christensen, and King. Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the request for sealed<sup>Mowing</sup> bids to be presented to the Township Board by May 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting at 7:30 pm. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, King. Motion carries.*

**Park Manager** has requested a raise to help cover the increased cost of fuel. The increase requested was for \$150.00 per month to help defer this expense. This was tabled to next months meeting for more details. \$150.00 a month would cover fuel.

Discussion took place on the added responsibilities of the Election workers with the new laws and added elections. It had been at least 4 years since these wages have been reviewed. Most township's are paying their election staff more and the wages should be increased.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by King to raise the salaries of Election Workers to \$12.00 for Chair and \$11.00 for Inspector. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen and King. Motion carries.*

**Work Orders for Dust Control** - Clerk King will contact the Allegan County Road Commission regarding information to contact on dust control for this summer. Also road mowing was discussed and decided that it should stay the same as last year with one mowing per summer.

**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 \$55,780.14 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Christensen and King. Motion carries.*

**Citizens Comments-**

Citizen S. Anderson announced Senior Lasagna lunch at 1:00 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> of April and homemade chicken on the grill will be served at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon.

Citizen H. Magnant had questions regarding how the checks are to be made payable to with inspections. Checks are to be made payable to Lee Township.

Citizen J. Lehto voiced complaint of Building Inspector.

Citizen S. Warren had questions about publishing. What papers are they posted. Question on Pullman Pride and Clean Team - Why are they not listed as Lee Township. She also had questions on Tribunal. Clerk King will contact the Assessor to answer her questions.

Citizen expressed appreciation to P. Rawson for the clean up of Station #2.

**Correspondence – None**

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to adjourn the meet. All voted “Aye”. Motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45<sup>8:45</sup> pm.

Submitted by:  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk