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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

*JUNE 9, 2008*

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:34 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, MI 49450.

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

**Board Comments:** Trustee Christensen gave a special thank you for the efforts of those that participated in the cleanup of the cemetery. She also recognized Eve for her efforts in coordinating the delivery and spreading of the gravel. Trustee Black thanked all those involved in sending flowers and card while he was recovering from surgery.

**Citizen's Comments:** Two citizens commented regarding the cemetery clean up and service at the cemetery and questions were presented to law enforcement regarding the incident that was in the Allegan Co. News regarding the Speck Lake swan that was beaten by teens.

**Approval of the May 12, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on May 12, 2008 with corrections. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

**Approval of the May 23, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on May 23, 2008. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**County Commissioner's Report**

The Allegan County Medical Care Facility has received 2 grants. A grant from Perrigo Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00 and another from the State of Michigan in the amount \$650,000.00 . These will be used for improvements to the current facility in order to make it more comfortable for the residents.

Jail Planner – At the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Commissioners approved the request for proposal for a jail planner. This is the first step towards hiring a planner, who will help them in the design and location of the facility. Regional Jail – No recommendations from the consultant have been submitted yet.

Commissioner Jessup listed the names of the candidates that will be on the August 5<sup>th</sup> Primary ballot. Locally we have: Hoyt Higgs (D), Steven Miller (D) and Sally Lacy (R) for Supervisor; Jacquelyn Ann King (D) for Clerk; Jessie Lowery (D) and Nancy Kakarian (D) for Treasurer; Steppney Black (D), William Ferguson (D) and Victor Rawson (R) for Trustee and Lucy A. Loud (D) for Precinct Delegate.

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The next Lake Board Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for July 26<sup>th</sup> with regards to the assessments for each lake resident. Also the same day there will be a lake board meeting in the afternoon.

Lastly he announced the Ladies Aid Roast Beef Dinner in Casco to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. This is the same night scheduled for the Spaghetti Dinner in Pullman.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Deputies Report-** Deputy Lytle apologized for missing the parade. He apprehended a suspect in possession of a stolen motorcycle. For the month of May, there were 158 complaints, including 5 B&E's, 2 malicious destruction, 2 minors in possessions, 12 domestic violence and 7 warrant arrest. Of the total complaints, 64 were handled by township deputies. In regards to blight enforcement, one subject was sited last week. Deputy Lytle stated that this was a lengthy process that requires follow up to be sure that clean up is taking place.

**Fire Department Report-**Total calls for the month of May were 9. During the stormy weather this past weekend, the Fire Department was very busy. Most of the calls were storm related such as downed power lines. Nothing has been heard regarding the federal grant for the Jeep from Fennville. Nel will keep trying to get a hold of him. Maintenance has been done on all trucks with the exception of the tanker, which is going back for the repair of an air-conditioning issue.

**First Responders Report –** During the month of May, there were 25 calls of which 22 were medical and 3 were fire assist.

**Ambulance Report – No report**

**Building Inspector-** Permits issued for the month included 2 building, 7 electrical, 8 mechanical and 1 plumbing. Inspector Shamblin didn't have the figures available for the total improvements, but will bring that information to next month's meeting.

**Cemetery Report-** Clean up and Memorial Day Service went well.

**Library Report -** Two summer flyers were presented for the upcoming summer programs. These flyers will be available in the township office..

**Transfers Station-** Total money collected for the month was \$568.00 with 17 coupons redeemed.

Park Manager G. Melson made a request for the purchase of a used lawn mower to be used in all the mowing that he handles for the township. He previously has been using his own mower which has broken down. He presented the board with a request for 2004 Troybilt riding lawn mower that is selling for \$800.00. The same mower brand new would be well over \$1,000.00.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by King to authorize the purchase of the used 2004 Troybilt riding lawn mower to be used by the Park Manager in the mowing of transfer station and other township areas. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Lowery, Schlack and King. Trustee Christensen abstained.*

Melson also presented pictures to the board of a issue of semi-tires as well as some trash that has been steadily deposited over time on the fire lane between 55<sup>th</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Street. The owner is currently being determined and Township deputies have been alerted to the problem. Discussion took place on getting signs posted.

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**Lake Board** – Commissioner Jessup gave the report during Commissioners report.

**Newsletter Committee:** Next meeting will be held on the June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This edition will highlight the Memorial Day Parade, Memorial Day Service and progress on the Pullman Industries building.

**Assessor's Report** – No report

**Holiday Committee-** Sample letter for donations had been given to Supervisor Schlack for the signatures of the board members.

**Pullman Pride Committee- Request** for donations have been sent out with responses returned. There will be some new people involved in this year's event.

**Clean /Team** – The next clean up date is set for June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am at the township hall. The group generally works for an hour to an hour and a half.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Property Tax Foreclosure-** At the last meeting the board was given a list of properties under tax foreclosure. There were questions regarding 3 properties which values indicate that these properties might be residences. The first in questions was 5621 108<sup>th</sup> which listed a value of \$19,000. This property has a home on it. The next property is located at 809 56<sup>th</sup> Street. This property has a house on it and the owner is located out of state. Lastly, the property located at 298 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue with a value of 30,500.00 is owned by Fitzhugh. This home is in the process of being taken down. The rest of the properties listed are lots. It was discussed by the board and determined that the board members were not interested in the purchase of any properties.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No land split applications were presented.

**Discussion On Lower Scott Lake Dam** – Discussion took place on the current condition of the Lower Scott Lake Dam. It is currently eroding and is leaking on both sides. Trustee Christensen spoke of some years back the County Drain Commissioner recommended an engineer to look at the situation. It was discussed that this might be a good time to turn over the dam to the County. It was also discussed that it might be a situation that would require a possible assessment to those affected by the dam for it's repair. The drain is the property of the County, but the dam is owned by the township. Further discussion needs to take place before damage occurs causing a flooding situation as well as the lowering of the lake level.

**Lee Township Flyer** – A draft copy was given to each board member for review of the Township flyer that is provided in all tax bills. In reviewing the tax flyer discussion took place regarding the Transfer Station “dump” tickets. Trustee Christensen recommended that the current distribution of the tickets be reviewed by the board. She suggested that only one ticket be sent in the tax bills with still allowing those cited for blight the opportunity for additional tickets.

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by King to distribute one “free dump” ticket (good for one level pickup load) to Lee Township residents in their summer tax bill. Additional tickets would still be given to residents who have received blight warnings or citations to aid in their clean-up. All voted “Aye”. Motion carries.*

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*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the printing of the township flyer to be distributed with the summer tax bills and not to exceed \$200.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes, Trustee Christensen, Trustee Black, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Schlack and Clerk King. Motion carries.*

**Fire Work Permits-** Request for permits for T. Nolan and C. McNeal.

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the Supervisor to issue the firework permits to Tom Nolan and Cynthia McNeal with the proper insurance certificates provided. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

**Payment of the Bills-** Additions were presented to the General Fund for \$42.00 (Pullman Pride ) Fire Department (27.00 Postmaster) and F. Responders for 307.00 ( Winkels) for a grand total of \$60, 823.54.

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to authorize the Clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$60,823.54. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.*

**Citizens Comments:** A total of 5 citizens commented. 1 Shelly Edgerton, candidate for State Representative. Grew up in Plainwell and owned restaurant. Her father, Fred Edgerton was the Allegan County Treasurer for years. Shelly is the Township Supervisor Gun Plains Township. She is also an Attorney for the State Senate. 2 –Osterhout Lake Association requested that the township consider paying a share of the weed treatment to cover the use of the public landing. 3-Question s regarding the length of yard sale? It had been discussed years prior, but would require enforcement and staff to issue permits. 4- How much subsidy does the Transfer station receive? Does this include government subsidy part of a 20 year plan? 5- For those that wouldn't have a truck load. Could their cards be punched?

**Correspondence:** No correspondence

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Lowery to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Motion carries.*

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk