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**LEE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

AUGUST 11, 2008

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Clerk King announced that she had prepared the election results for anyone who would like a copy. She expressed that she had a few residents who had experience difficulty in accessing the county's website.

Citizen's Comments: Hoyt Higgs thanked everyone who voted. Steve Miller thanked all that supported him in the August Primaries. William Ferguson thanked everyone that came out and voted for him.

Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to approve the Fire District Meeting minutes with a small addition. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen seconded by Black to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes as corrected with minor corrections. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Jessup passed out his monthly newsletter to residents as well as board members. He highlighted the Al Van Humane Society for doing an outstanding job. He encouraged anyone who might be able to make a contribution to the animal shelter to do so. He discussed the administrative fee that has been charged to the townships that have contracted deputies. There will be a joint meeting between the board of commissioners and township officials to discuss the elimination of the fee, until a better formula can be established. On August 21st at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting at the County Services Building and the public is welcome. More discussion on the Jail location and new discussion on moving Administration along with other departments back to their previous location in the Court House. These are all issues that are being looked at. Lower Scott Lake hearing will be held Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m., in the township hall. Also, August 18, 7:00 p.m. at the township hall a meeting will be conducted by the MDEQ concerning the dredging. Lastly Commissioner Jessup stated that although the county's budget is tight, they are looking into creating a new full time position to run the office of Veteran Affairs. Tammy Griggs is currently helping Allegan

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County veterans. Anyone who needs help or knows of someone who also might be in need, contact Tammy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputies Report : Deputy Lytle reported that during the month of July, there were 176 total complaints with 70 handled by township deputies. This included 10 domestic violence, 8 B&E's, 4 Minors in procession, 9 larcenies, 14 loud music, and 3 drunk driving arrest.

Fire Department: During July there were 11 calls. Fire Chief DeWeerd reported no new information on the grant. He announced that a new chain saw had been purchased and the new truck was up and running.

First Responders : During the month there were 27 medical, 2 Personal Injury, 2 Fire Assist for a total of 31 calls. P. Rawson stated that she was sad to see the millage proposal fail in the August Primary and requested it to be considered for the November ballot. She felt that it would do better next time. The millage pays for the operation of the First Responders as well as the ambulance service that our township is contracted with.

Ambulance report: The ambulance quarterly meeting was held in Fennville on July 21st. Trustee Black read the minutes from the meeting. It was also stated that there were no personnel changes. Trustee Black also commented that the leak on the facility had been repaired.

Building Inspector report: During the month there were a total of 3 building, 4 electrical, 3 plumbing and 3 mechanical for total of \$97,000.00. Inspector Shamblin answered questions regarding inspections on rentals. Currently there is no law in place, but should be. Questions were asked regarding mobile homes being toxic.

Cemetery Report: No Report

Library Report: There were many books lent out and 2 new cards issued. The library also had great success with summer programs and was present at Pullman Pride.

Transfer Station: Total money collected during the month of July was \$810.00 with 64 coupons redeemed.

Lake Board: Commissioner Jessup covered the information regarding meetings. The Sheriff's Department will hold a Boater Safety class on Saturday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This was held in conjunction with the Lower Scott Lake and Osterhout Lake committees.

Newsletter Committee: Clerk King stated that anyone not receiving the newsletter to please check with her to be sure that they are on the list.

Holiday Committee: Holiday decorations will be going up in the next 3-4 month. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th, at Pizza Plus. Volunteers are needed as well as committee members. A

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request for a place to store the 16 foot trailer with all the new decorations is needed. A request was made to Supervisor Schlack to make sure there was electricity to the poles that have not already been done.

Pullman Pride Committee: A special thanks was extended to all those that attended. It was the rainiest day of the summer, but the festival was still successful. Most activities were moved to inside the school, including the Band and everyone had a good time. P. Rawson thanked the community, businesses, township volunteers and all those community members. Special thank you to Rawson family, Janice Curley, Shirley Kay and their families for countless dedication in making this event happen.

Clean Team: The committee met on Saturday and special thanks were given to Gene and Lisa Galdikas for their help. September's meeting will need to have someone volunteer to be the leader. Supervisor Schlack gave permission to the Clean Team to place a barrel on the Verizon property. He stated that he had not check with them, but didn't think that they would mind.

Old Business

Lower Scott Lake Dam –Supervisor Schlack received an estimate from the engineering report which listed two proposals. The report listed a break down of fees that the township would incur in order to find out what the actual repair would be. The proposal was for \$4,500.00 to coordinate and monitor the construction or repair process. There is no idea of what the actual repair cost would be. Questions were asked concerning why the Lower Scott Lake dam or structure was not the property of the Allegan County since it is located in an Allegan County drain. Supervisor Schlack didn't know why they were not responsible. The structure was built in the 1930's and there is a process to have it turned over to the drain commission. The board might want to consider this as an option later. It was established by the engineer that the repair is needed now. Currently it is could be saved, but if not repaired, it will have to be replaced. It was questioned if there were grants available for such repairs. Supervisor Schlack will make the necessary calls to the DNR and back to Merritt to see if anything further can be done in additional. A special meeting will be called for August 26, 2008 at 6:30 pm to discuss this further.

NEW BUSINESS

Replace of the Door of the Office. - In the replacement of the door in the Lee Township office, there as been only 1 estimate received. The estimate was for \$2,400.00 for a door with security wires, panic bar and new floor jam. Any estimate or \$2,000.00 needs to be put up for bid. It was requested that the Clerk place an ad in the paper requesting bids to be opened at the Special Meeting on the 26th.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to authorized the clerk to place a notice of accepting bids for the repair of the door to be received by the Special Meeting of the 26th at 6:30 p.m.. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Land Split for McKay- Incomplete paperwork was presented and the board was unable to approve the land split for parcel 12-016-003-00, and this topic will be carried forward to the Special Meeting of the 26th.

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Osterhout Lake – Weed treatment bills were submitted to show the board what the cost were involving weed control. They are requesting that the board pay a portion of \$500.00 for their portion of the weed control. Request was made because there were public access for the park could be considered beach maintenance for the park. The usage was checked and it is used considerable more than the Lower Scott Lake park. *Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black for the payment of \$500.00 for the township's portion of weed control for the beach and launch. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

Ballot Language the millage for funding. – Supervisor Schlack recommended that it be placed on the November ballot. First Responders were encouraged that this time the renewal be advertised. Chief DeWeerd pointed out that by the proposal not passing, that also affects the ambulance services. It was recommended that a committee be formed so that one source will be responsible for publishing information to help inform voters accurately.

Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to have the millage added to the November Ballot. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

New offer for Property Purchase. - The original purchase price of \$30,000.00 was presented to the board and approved by the board earlier this spring. The seller has requested a new asking price of \$31,500.00 to be presented to the board. Discussion took place regarding if this purchase was the best location and should other options be researched. *A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to table the issue for further consideration. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to authorize the clerk to pay the election staff for the August 5th election. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Citizen's Comments – 1, Boater safety announced for 16th of August. 2. Police presence in the election. 3. Citizen voice concerns on litter. 4. Homeless event will be held on August 25th and also a pig roast on the 23rd by a group of churches that have gotten together. The roast will be held at the old Shek building. 5. Concerns regarding dilapidated structures in the township needs to be approached and this citizen was willing to serve on a committee. 6. There is a pattern of deliberate blighting of vacant structures, broken windows, holes in floors and doors left open and this needs to be addressed. 7. A thank you was given to the Democrats who voted for L. Loud as precinct delegate.

Correspondence – Congratulation for candidates and a request to have town hall forum of candidates to address up coming issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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