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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*Motion was made by Clerk King and seconded by Black to appoint Trustee Christensen to chair the meeting in Supervisor Schlack's absence. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

**Citizen's Comments:**

4 Citizen's commented regarding approval of Osterhout Lake weed payment, Bob VandeVusse introduced himself as the new librarian at the Fennville Library; anyone interested in getting Judge Ballergeon signs can contact L. Loud and questions regarding the recount.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Christensen to approve the regular board meeting minutes from the August 11, 2008 meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on August 26, 2008. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**County Commissioner Report:** No report

**Deputies Report:** During the month of August there were 157 complaints of which, 45 were handled by township deputies. Of these complaints there were 22 Domestic, 13 Larcenies, 13 Civil Infractions, 23 Suspicious, 11 Traffic related, 8 Assists, 1 CSC and 6 Property Destruction. A question was asked concerning if there was an increase of activity during the summer and if the complaints are broke down into location?

**Fire Department:** During the month there were a total of 15 calls. There currently is no word on the grant. During the last month, the fire hoses were tested and it was discovered that many pieces were bad. Chief DeWeerd obtained a quote to replace the new hose. He requested the board to consider the purchase of 1,000 feet of 1 ¼ inch and 1,000 feet of 3 inch. He reported that no new hose has been purchased since 1998. Chief DeWeerd also requested that the board consider purchasing new tables for the township hall. There are only 3 tables that are usable and they are not in good condition. He also spoke of the power outage which was experienced by most of the area. Do to a fire at the substation; the majority of the area was without power for 5 hours. The Fire Department was asked to stay and direct traffic for safety purposes. The

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Fire Department will be billing Consumer's Energy in the amount of \$2,100.00 for the services provided. Lastly, the radio tower is overrun with vegetation. It was requested that we have the contractor that is currently taking care of the mowing to remove the weeds.

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase the recommended amount of hoses at the price quoted. Roll call vote: Yes – Trustee Black, Trustee Christensen and Clerk King.*

*Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to purchase tables for the township hall in the amount of \$300.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Trustee Black, Trustee Christensen and Clerk King. Motion carries.*

**First Responders:** During the month there were 26 calls of which, 21 were medical and 5 were accidents. Continuing Education has taken place and most of the responders have participated and are keeping up with licensing requirements.

**Ambulance report:** No report

**Building Inspector report:** During the month of August there were improvements totaling \$37,700.00. This included 4 Building, 7 Electrical, 4 Mechanical and 1 Plumb permit for a total of 16 permits issued.

**Cemetery Report:** No report was given, but a request was made to have the tent worm nest removed from the trees.

**Library Report:** For the months of July and August there were 75 books, 11 magazines loaned and 6 new library cards issued. The library's selection is steadily increasing with many new additions to areas such as fiction and non-fiction, Sci-Fi and mystery as well as many other areas.

**Transfer Station:** No report – carried to next month

**Lake Board:** No permit, nothing else to report

**Newsletter Committee:** The next edition will feature the upcoming Christmas event as well as the dedication of the new park located at the old Pullman Industries location. It was announced that anyone that might have an interesting article should have it by the next board meeting for review.

**Assessor's report-** Assessor Brousseau reported that the books are back and payment has been paid for the re-evaluation. This year a 12 month study can be done, which Assessor Brousseau can petition the state to approve. This would help with the totals that need to be met with the County. Assessor Brousseau expects that the updates will be declining values based on what he has seen in the deeds and with foreclosures. This also is based on the tax bills which set the current values from April 2005 to March 2007. Doug and Paul are reviewing the processing for land split applications, and will make recommendation to the board at the next regular meeting.

**Holiday Committee:**

Holiday committee is looking for volunteers for the upcoming work that is needed to decorate the community. Lights will be the first to go up sometime in the late October, early November. Anyone interested see Lisa.

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**Pullman Pride Committee:** No report

**Clean Team:** Next scheduled date is set for Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Everyone interested should meet at the township hall.

**August 5<sup>th</sup> Recount** – The totals were given by E. Maas. During the recount of the ballots Steve Miller picked up one more vote and the Millage Renewal proposal came out the same as during the election. Elverta expressed her opinion regarding the recount. She also stated that the cost was around \$200.00 which is paid by the township.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Land Splits:**

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by King to approve the land split in the name of O'Connell for parcel #0312-024-032-00 as presented and approved by the Assessor. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Black to approve the land split in the name of Bennis for parcel #0312-035-038-00 as presented and approved by the Assessor. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Black to approve the land split in the name of Stoike for parcel #0312-206-023-00 as presented and approved by the Assessor. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Black to approve the land split in the name of Alexander for parcels #0312-032-002-00 and 0312-032-002-10 as presented by Assessor and previously approved by the Lee Township Board in 9/11/2001. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.*

**Payment of the Bills:** *Motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Black to approve the bill as presented in the amount of \$ 63,778.64. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Trustee Black, Trustee Christensen and Clerk King. Motion carries.*

**Citizen's Comments** – 8 Citizen's commented. Their comments included information regarding the PA system which was scheduled to be install the next day, information was passed out on Septic tanks and the concerns for weed growth from the phosphorus in the lakes, questions on the Lower Scott Lake structure and what is currently being done, a request for a public forum for candidates to talk to citizens prior to the November election, a request for the information on the website to be updated more frequently, comment regarding the website being maintained by volunteers and lastly a comment regarding the website being paid by township.

**Correspondence:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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