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**LEE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING**

December 22, 2008

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 6:35 pm at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the possible hiring of a new attorney to handle the township ordinance issues, appoint board of review members and the signing of a bank resolution to add Supervisor Miller to the signature cards in place of previous supervisor.

Discussion took place regarding the presentation that took place at the regular board meeting held on December 8, 2008 and the information that was given to board members regarding Schuitmaker, Cooper, Schuitmaker, Cypher and Knoter in Paw Paw.

Some of the concerns with using Attorney Antkoviack were the possible conflict of interest with township matters. Trustee Black was impressed with the fact that Attorney Antkoviack had the experience of his father who also is an attorney to fall back on.

Supervisor Miller felt that the rate which was proposed of \$130.00 per hour was reasonable for the amount of experience that Schuitmaker's firm had to offer. After Trustee Ferguson and Trustee Black were able to look over the information that was presented by Supervisor Miller, Trustee Black felt comfortable with using Schuitmaker, Coopers, Schuitmaker, Cypher and Knoter in Paw Paw.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by King to retain the services of Schuitmaker, Coopers, Schuitmaker, Cypher and Knoter for ordinance matters for a trial period of one year. All voted "Aye". Motion carries.

Next matter for discussion was the appointment of Board of Review members for the upcoming term of 2009-2010 (2 years). The previous members have all expressed interest to serve another term. After no letters of interest were submitted from the ads which were placed in both the Flashes and Reminder Shopping Guide. The alternate position still remained open. Supervisor Miller took a small recess from the meeting and made some phone calls to 2 individuals whom had mentioned possible interest. Upon Supervisor Miller's return, he had confirmed with one of the two individuals that they would like to serve. N. Tice had previously had interest in 2006-2008 term and would like to be considered.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black that Les Rawson, Ed Brock, Sally Lacy be reappointed to the Board of Review and Neva Tice will be newly appointed as the alternate member. Roll call voted was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. Motion carries.

Clerk King requested the authorization to register all the new members for the upcoming Board of Review Official's training in order to receive the "Early Bird" discount.

Motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to register all the newly appointed members to the board of review. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. Motion carries.

Lastly, the Bank Resolution was presented by Clerk King to add Supervisor Miller to the accounts for an alternate signer. Currently all checks are signed by both Treasurer Lowery and Clerk King, with the supervisor as a possible alternate signer.

Motion was made by King and seconded by Ferguson to sign the Bank resolution adding the newly elected supervisor to all existing bank accounts. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. Motion carries.

Citizen's Comments: One citizen commented with a question regarding what happens to those officials who previous were listed on signature cards. Are they still signers? Clerk King stated that each new election any changes to the signature cards replaces the previous cards and removes those no longer authorized to sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk