

LEE TOWNSHIP
Annual Budget Meeting

March 28, 2009

The Lee Township Annual Budget Meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

Citizens Comments: A total of six citizens commented. Comments/questions were as follows: -
-Should the light assessment be re-evaluated due to the increase of electrical costs?
-Should the Fire Chief be considered for a raise? It has been a long time since his position has been considered and he has secured many grants as well as devotes a lot of time to the township.
-A question regarding the First Responders budget.
- Road improvements; can dust control be skipped for the year with the budgeted amount allotted towards road repairs.
-A comment that the residents are better served if the township remains with AMR.

The Lee Township Board received the budget in advance for reviewing prior to the meeting.

An increase in the Fire Department Wages was requested based on the amount used from this previous budget year. The category #206.336.702 was increased to \$45,000.00

Trustee Black inquired on the budgeted money for the township trustees. The Trustees are paid from account #101.100.702 Township Officials.

Supervisor Miller answered questions regarding the budget for the First Responders, and will research other avenues if the First Responders millage should not pass.

Supervisor Miller answered the question on why the dust control should remain on the budget. The amount used is small in comparison to the amount needed for any road repairs. The cost projected to fix the washout at 102nd and 48th has been estimated at 189,000.00. Removing dust control would affect those residents who live on the many dirt roads in the township, as well as this service being vital to those with respiratory conditions.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to adopt the budget for the General Fund, Fire Department and First Responders as presented with adjustments. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Lowery, Miller, King. Motion carries.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to sign the General Appropriations Act with the changes as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Lowery, Miller, King. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 10:53 am

Minutes submitted by:
Jacquelyn A. King, Clerk

Lee Township Annual Meeting of the Electors

March 28, 2009

The Annual Meeting of the Electors was called to order by Supervisor Miller at 10:53 a.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

A moderator was chosen from those in attendance. Lisa Galdikas volunteered to moderate the meeting and Donna Christensen seconded.

The first order presented to the electors for action was the salary resolution signed by the Lee Township Board in February's meeting. The resolution requested a \$2,000.00 increase annually, which would bring the Treasurer's salary from \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

A motion was made by Donna Christensen and seconded by Elverta Maas to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$20,000.00 in lieu of the increased work with tax collection and preparation of tax rolls. All voted "Aye". There were no "Nye" votes.

Discussion took place regarding the monthly meetings and all the newly added committees. Many new volunteers would be needed and there doesn't seem to be enough response to effectively have the committees. E. Maas encouraged those interested in help P. Rawson with Pullman Pride so this event can continue.

There were some ideas presented for getting committee members. Some of the suggestion were: Have some type of incentive program in place to encourage individuals to be more involved. To make sure that new members are welcomed and included to promote new input.

T. Kotas suggested that a list of committees be prepared and made available at each meeting as well as sent to the local churches and the schools. This would allow the community to be aware what committees are in place and where volunteering is needed. L. Galdikas felt that leading by example would be another way to encourage volunteers. She felt that the board members should be involved as much as possible.

It was also suggested that a news release be submitted to the local papers to reach all the residents in hopes of encouraging more involvement.

Motion was made by Galdikas and seconded by Maas to close the annual meeting of the electors. All vote "Aye". Motion carries.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.59 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk