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LEE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

November 9, 2009

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Member Comments: Clerk King reported a good turn out at the November 3rd election with a total of 125 voters. Of those that voted, there were 82 yes and 43 no votes for the 911 surcharge. Countywide the surcharged passed. A special thank you to all those who came out to vote.

Supervisor Miller gave an update on the newly donated church. So far the leaves have been raked and a new refrigerator has been donated. Thursday there was a bread give away at the facility as well as a coat drive host by Love Inc.

Citizen's Comments: S. Anderson announced that the VFW will host another Christmas Party. Due to the current economic state, they will be asking for donations to help with the party. This party allows all children who attend an opportunity for a gift as well as participate in a holiday party.

V. Lindsey has asked the board to further look into the matter of the missing items from her fathers grave. She stated that she was very upset at the way the many of the graves where stripped clean. Lindsey is requesting reimbursement for the items missing and has indicated that she will hire an attorney, if necessary.

E. Maas stated the laws of the cemetery are on the back of the Cemetery sign.

M. Cerda from Love Inc wanted to thank the township for allowing the use of the church for their recent coat drive. There were able to help 150 families on the first day and 20 the second. Love Inc is currently helping with food and personal items to residents in the area. They will be doing thanksgiving baskets, Christmas program. They also help out by doing backpack distribution. Currently they are looking for volunteers to help with these programs. They are also looking for women to help with a ladies mentoring program.

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K. Driasma from People Helping People wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity to speak and spoke about their food pantry supported by People Helping People. He also wanted to state that they are very proud of all that Martha is doing to help the community.

D. Fackler from People Helping People passed out cards with their website and information. He also announced that their newsletter is available for residents. Lastly Dave announced the Pastor's breakfast which will take place on Thursday.

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Black to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes dated October 12, 2009 All voted "aye". Motion carried.

A request was made by resident E. Maas to have the minutes reflect that she did see a fire engine gadget that was attached to the wreath on V. Lindsey's father grave, but when it fell from the wreath, she place it on the stone. She stated that she did not throw it way.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Special Meeting minutes date October 26, 2009. All voted "aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Miller to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented. Roll call was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report: No report

Deputies Report: No report

Fire Department: During the last month there were 8 calls. Of these calls, there were 2 fatalities. Chief DeWeerd has been checking the FEMA grant information and so far only three locations in Michigan have received them. He will keep watching. Chief announced that the annual number of calls for the year was 126 and stated that if anyone was concerned about the fire behind Westside Grocery today, that they were approved to burn the residue off the inside of the tanks after the propane was pumped out. They will be installing new mandatory safety valves.

First Responders: During the month there were 25 calls. A. Rawson made a request for the board to approve the purchase of new tires for the ambulance.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to give approval for new tires for the Ambulance. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller, King. Motion carried.

Ambulance report: No report

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Building Inspector: During the month there were 5 mechanical, 1 plumbing, 4 building and 4 electrical permits issued.

Cemetery Report: No report

Library Report: Clerk King read the library report provided by the committee. The library will be opening in December and will be reorganized with new selves and internet service provided.

Transfer Station: During the month there was \$345.00 dollars collected and 51 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board: Just about finished dredging should be done in the next few weeks. It is working well now.

Newsletter Committee: Newsletter has been sent out. If anyone did not receive a copy, there are extra's at the township. In this edition, there is lots of information regarding Love, Inc, People Helping People and information on the upcoming Holiday social. Supervisor Miller complemented the newsletter committee on the newsletter.

Assessor's report: Assessor Brousseau reported that there has been 20% decline for next year. This information was based on 38 sales which were used to determine the total.

Holiday Committee: The committee is busy getting the streets decorated for the holiday and all the holiday decorations will be up within the next two weeks. Flyers will be posted around town to promote the event. Again this year there will be a open house held from 5 to 7 pm with up to \$150.00 in prizes to win. This year's social will host a live manger scene, Santa and children performing Christmas carols.

Pullman Pride Committee: No report

Clean Team: No report

Lee Township Road Committee: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Water Hookup Waiver for VFW- Supervisor Miller read a letter that was presented by the VFW to the board members requesting reconsideration in waiving the application fee for their water hookup. T. Nolan stated that they were very active in the community with events such as handing out Christmas presents to the children in the community, Thanksgiving Day baskets to those in need as well as many other events to help the community.

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Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to reconsider and approve to waive the application fee of \$500.00 paid to the township for the hook up of water to the VFW which was originally requested in the September 14th meeting. Roll call vote was taken: Yes - Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. No-Lowery. Motion carried.

Propane Company Change- the Board decided that they would continue service after the snags were worked out on the billing and receipts as well as issued us a credit in the amount of \$1500.00 for our trouble.

NEW BUSINESS:

Items on the Agenda were removed included appointment of “Director” of the proposed community center/activity center as well as naming what the facility would be until the community has had an opportunity to have input. Also removed was appointment of “Assistant Director” for the First Responders.

Adopt Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Bonds: A request for the Resolution to Issue Bonds was proposed by Supervisor Miller. Treasurer Lowery felt that there is more information needed regarding what the cost of this facility will be before we go forward with the resolution. We have yet to get a close figure on what the township’s portion will be and before we move forward, we should request a better estimate from the Engineer.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to table the resolution until more information is provided by the engineer. All voted: Aye. Motion carried.

Board of Review Dates/ Publishing for December: The date of the December Board of Review is set for the 14th of December at 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to authorize the Clerk to publish the December Board of Review date and time in the location publication. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Newsletter flyer: Treasurer Lowery gave all the members a copy for proofing of the new brochure/newsletter that is sent out in all tax bills. Lowery will be doing the printing as well as folding and inserting in tax bills.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by King to authorize the Treasurer to publish the township brochure/newsletter to be inserted in the December tax bills. All voted “Aye”. Motion carries.

Citizen T. Nolan thanked the board for reconsidering the waiver of fee and asked if there was a time frame that he must set up the hook up?

Payment of the Bills: *Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to pay the bills in the amount of \$71,707.31 as presented by Clerk with additions. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

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Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the Clerk to pay the election staff for working the November 3rd election. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carries.

Correspondence: MTA Christmas dinner flyer was announced to the board members who might be interested in attending.

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

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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