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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

March 9, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Board Member Comments:** Supervisor Miller gave an update on the progress of the new fire station/township hall. While the grants are still in consideration, new possible choices of property are being researched for feasibility. Supervisor Miller has received preliminary plans from several engineering firms and plans to meet with personnel to start researching the needs of the department.

**Citizen's Comments:** Four citizens commented. One citizen commented on upcoming events that will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April. Local seniors have taken on projects to help the community. There will be a car wash to be held at Station 2 during spring break with proceeds to go for carbon monoxide/smoke detectors to families in need. Also on the April 4<sup>th</sup> a pancake breakfast will take place at the Pullman Elementary with the proceeds to benefit the Relay for Life. Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the car wash will start at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Easter Egg hunt is also scheduled on April 4<sup>th</sup> and will start around 9 a.m.

Citizen passed out pictures to the board members of blighted areas that were in the close to Pullman which were in need of immediate attention.

Building Inspector Shamblin made a request to speak with Supervisor Miller regarding cutting cost on engineering fees with the plans of the new fire station/township hall.

Citizen approached the board for help with resolving her flooding issue in her driveway. Currently her driveway which is located off of 56<sup>th</sup> Street has been flooded. She has been unable to get to her house and has called the Allegan County Drain office as well as the Allegan County Road Commission for assistance. Neither agency can offer a solution to correct the problem.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 9, 2009 as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on February 24<sup>th</sup> as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by King and seconded by Ferguson to receive the treasurer's report as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carries. Roll call – Ferguson, Lowery, Miller, King.*

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Building Inspector Report:** The total of 2 permits was issued for the month of February. Permits included 1 electrical and 1 mechanical with a total property value of \$31,500.00.

**County Commissioner Report:** Commission Jessup handed out his monthly newsletter to the board member and residents which highlighted the monthly issues in the county. Commissioner Jessup gave a report on the number of foreclosures that had taken place over the last year. There had been a total of 538 foreclosures with 22 foreclosure redemptions in 2008. Commission Jessup gave recognition to Sally Lacy, John Cravens and Ken Graff for their service to the county. Lastly, a report was given on the stimulus monies. Allegan County has submitted a total of 30 different requests and is waiting on a response from the State of Michigan.

**People Helping People:** Ken Draisma presented a flyer announcing an open house which will take place on March 26, 2009. People Helping People has partnered with Love Inc to get involved in different projects in the community. They will be doing work with local food pantries as well as teaching classes for life skills. The open house will take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The brochure was passed around for all to review.

**Deputies Report:** Deputy Lytle gave the monthly report for March. During the month there were 10 complaints of which 29 were handled by the dayshift and 72 by the nightshift. Of the nightshift complaints local deputies hand more than half.

**Fire Department:** For the month of February there were 13. Chief DeWeerd gave an update on the grant writing class that was attended. He plans to apply for a FEMA grant again this year. Last year, the Chief applied fro this grant, and was unsuccessful. The annual ladder testing will be done in the near future. Chief DeWeerd announced the new program in use for the processing of call. After a call, the details are faxed in for a number to be issued. A request was made to update the Jaws of Life. The last accident the Jaws were used, the fire personnel experienced difficulty getting into the vehicle. This upgrade will double the pressure, and increase the power needed to extricate passengers.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to purchase the new unit to upgrade the Jaws of Life. Roll call vote was taken: Ferguson, Lowery, Miller, King. Motion carried.*

**First Responders:** Total calls for the month of February were 26. Of these calls 4 were medical, 21 were accidents and 1 was a non-emergency.

**Ambulance report:** No report

**Cemetery Report:** No report

**Library Report:** For the months of December, January and February a total number of 82 books were loaned. There was only one new card issued. The library's selection has increase to a total of 40 audio books for loan.

**Transfer Station:** During February, there was a total of \$494.00 in monies collected with 10 tickets redeemed. A request was made to have the dust control trucks cover the transfer station at the same time the road is treated.

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**Lake Board:** No report

**Newsletter Committee:** The spring edition of the Lee Township Crossing should be to the printer by the end of the week with hope to have it in mailboxes before the March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor's report:** Assessor Brousseau reported that this was the first day of the scheduled Board of Review. Due to an error on the assessment notices, the Board of Review will meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> as well as the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Holiday Committee:** The spring banners are in place. A special thank you was given to E. DeWeerd for her donation of holiday lights.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** P. Rawson has announced that the Pullman Pride Committee will need a new chair person. She has all the information and letters save to help the new person with the preparation.

**Clean Team:** Schedule will be in the newsletter.

**Neighborhood Watch Committee:** C. Ahlman, head of the neighborhood watch announced that the last meeting was a success. Even though there wasn't a large number in attendance, a lot of good ideas and interaction took place with those there. Ahlman was able to show the residents the sticker that can be purchased for \$5.00 to be placed in your windows. This also enrolls you as a member and helps raise money for larger road signs to show the presence of the Neighborhood Watch. The meetings are held the first Thursday of each month with the next meeting scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lastly, she made a request for those with interest to join. The spots of Treasurer and Secretary still need to be filled.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Allegan Co. Aerial Imagery Project:** Supervisor Miller brought forth the information regarding the cost. The fee for this service will not increase based upon the number of townships participating. The maps will be in color and much better resolution.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to participate in the Aerial Imagery Project for the next two years. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

Supervisor Miller stated that these maps would be available for the residents to view at the township office.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-:**

**Land Splits:** - None presented.

**2009 Dust Control Schedule:** Tabled till next month.

**Purchase of a new Ambulance:** Chief DeWeerd announced the opportunity for Lee Township to purchase a 1993 Ford Ambulance with a 7.5 or 7.3 diesel engine for the reduced amount of \$3,000.00. South Haven Township originally priced the vehicle at \$5,000.00, but will allow our township to purchase it at a reduced price. The unit is in much better shape than our current vehicle. The unit has 50,000 miles and all new tires.

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A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson that we purchased the ambulance for the amount of \$3,000.00. Roll call vote: Yes – Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the Clerk to publish the notice for the Annual Budget Meeting and Annual Meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

**Budget Amendments:** Lee Township

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

March 9, 2009

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
<b>Township Board (101.101)</b>			
101.101.801	Professional Services	\$2000.00	
101.257.818.1	Contractual Re-evaluation		\$2000.00
<b>Board of Review (101.247)</b>			
101.247.702	Wages	\$500.00	
101.247.900	Publishing	\$200.00	
101.257.818.1	Contractual Re-evaluation		\$700.00
<b>Assessor Expenses (101.257)</b>			
101.257.801	Professional Services	\$2400.00	
101.257.818.1	Contractual Re-evaluation		\$2400.00
<b>Building &amp; Grounds (101.265)</b>			
101.265.727	Office Supplies	\$ 350.00	
101.265.818	Contractual Services		\$1300.00
101.265.900	Publishing		\$ 200.00
101.265.921	Utilities –propane	\$2000.00	
101.257.818.1	Contractual Re-evaluation		\$3850.00
<b>Cemetery Services (101.276)</b>			
101.276.818	Contractual Services	\$1000.00	
101.276.970	Capital Outlay		\$1000.00
<b>Street Expense (101.450)</b>			
101.450.920	Utilities – street lights	\$700.00	
101.257.818.1	Contractual Re-evaluation		\$700.00
<b>Transfer Station (101.526)</b>			
101.526.820	Recycling –Sanitary	\$200.00	
101.526.818	Contractual Services		\$200.00
<b>Water System ( 101.536)</b>			
101.536.920	Water System –Utilities	\$100.00	
101.536.818.1	Contractual Services – Other		\$100.00
<b>Library Expenses (101.790)</b>			
101.790.920	Utilities – Telephone	\$150.00	
101.257.818.1	Contractual –Re-evaluation		\$150.00
<b>Total General Funds Adjustment</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
		<b>11,100.00</b>	<b>11,100.00</b>
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>
206.336.921	Utilities –propane	\$400.00	
206.336.933	Repairs & MTC Equipment	\$1000.00	
206.336.970	Capital Outlay		\$1400.00
<b>Total Fire Department Adjustments</b>		<b>\$1400.00</b>	<b>\$1400.00</b>

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Miller to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

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**Payment of the Bills:**

*Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Ferguson to approve the bill as presented in the amount of \$43,624.05. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:** The flyer for the “People Helping People” Open House on March 26<sup>th</sup> was discussed earlier in the meeting and it was brought to the attention that the house number needed to be corrected on flyer.

**Citizens Comments:** Two citizen commented with a special thank you to the VFW for their donation of \$50.00 for the First Responders.

A citizen requested an update on the Community Center, which is in the process of clean up and a committee is still needed to see what type of help that can be given to the Community Center. Trustee Ferguson stated that those interested can contact him.

It was also announced that the First Responders would like to meeting with a committee to get the word out. The Responders will be holding a meeting in April for the public to help with distributing the information to educate the residents on the importance of their service.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk