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LEE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

October 12, 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 56<sup>th</sup> Street , Pullman, Michigan.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Member Comments:** No board comments

**Citizen's Comments:**

Citizen V. Lindsey commented on the new cemetery ordinance and the recent fall clean up. She stated that there were personal items that were special to here that had been removed. She expressed her anger regarding the situation and felt that no one has the right to touch or remove them. She also noticed that only the center section of the cemetery was cleaned, leaving the other portions untouched.

Citizen A. Laraway also agreed that the removal of items from the graves of their loved ones was cruel. She also stated that there were many limbs and branches that had fallen from the recent storm that remained untouched during the clean up.

Citizen Elverta Maas stated that she was the person to take the flowers from the grave in questions, but did not remove any items. She stated that there were only flowers there.

Citizen P. Knapp inquired on how the committee was appointed and wanted to know why there wasn't more involvement from others.

Supervisor Miller addressed the committee regarding the removal of items. There will be no memento's removed from any graves. If there are items to be removed, the family is to be contacted to come and retrieve the item. If no family member can be contacted, than the item will be keep at the township office for safe keeping until contact can be made.

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes dated September 14, 2009. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

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*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Special Meeting minutes date September 22, 2009. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by black and seconded by Ferguson 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:** Commission Jessup passed out his monthly newsletter update. He highlighted the County Jail issued; Recovery Zone; the budget status and the 911 renewal of surcharge which will be held to a vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Deputies Report:** Deputy Lytle reported a total of 141 complaints from the previous month. Of these complaints there were 10 domestic, 21 noise, 5 accidents and 1 DUI.

**Fire Department:** During the month of September there was a total of 10 calls. Chief DeWeerd reported that the previous week was extremely busy including a fatality. This is always difficult for the firefighters. There has been no update on the FEMA grant and Chief also talked about the importance of everyone should get out and vote on the upcoming 911 surcharge. Lastly, Chief DeWeerd stated that we had recently had an incident with our current propane company that has been the third episode of poor service and a new company should be discussed.

**First Responders:** During the month of September there were 20 calls of which 15 were medical, 3 personal injury accidents and 2 fire assist.

**Ambulance report:** no report

**Building Inspector:** P. Shamblin gave the Building report in Paul's absence. During the month there were 2 building, 5 electrical, 3 mechanical and 1 plumbing permit issued with a property value of \$134,000.00. An update was given on the removal of the building located next to Cericola's Banquet hall.

**Cemetery Report:** It was reported at the request of Supervisor Miller that there are 895 empty lots at the cemetery.

**Library Report:** No report

**Transfer Station:** For the month of September there was a total of \$590.00 collected and 62 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board:** Committee member E. DeWeerd reported that the dredging is close to be done for this year. During this season not much was done due to various repairs needed on the equipment. DeWeerd announced that the Lake Board has tentatively schedule a meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

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**Newsletter Committee:** Committee member L. Galdikas announced the next newsletter meeting which is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the township office.

**Assessor's report:** No report

**Holiday Committee:** Committee member L. Galdikas announced the next Holiday Committee meeting scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to be held at Pizza Plus. The committee met in the last month to start planning this year's event. Anyone interested in being involved can contact Supervisor Miller or Clerk King.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** Committee member P. Rawson announced that anyone with ideas for next years celebration or interest in participating to contact her.

**Clean Team:** No report. A annual summary will listed in the upcoming newsletter. Volunteers are needed for those interested.

**Lee Township Road Committee:** No report

**Neighborhood Watch Committee:** No report

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Citizen Comments:** Citizen T. Nolan requested the board to reconsider waiving the application fee of \$440.00 in the hook up of water at the VFW. He stated that he felt it should be waived because of his participation in the community. He also questioned what the application fee is used for. Treasurer Lowery reported that the fees are put towards the reporting of the water usage for billing, repair of meters and expenses related to.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Resolution to Accept Church Donation:** *Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to sign the resolution to accept the donation of the Pullman Church. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

**New Propane Service:** Chief DeWeerd has requested quotes from several propane companies in the area. There were four bids collected. More information will be needed to accurately compare the services. The issue will be tabled for the next meeting.

**Attorney for Ordinance/ Traffic Issued:** *A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to continue using Burnette & Kastran for the ordinance and traffic issues as done previous. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

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**Liquor License Name Change:** A resolution was presented by the Michigan Liquor Control to change the name of the Westside Grocery or Karm's. There has been a change of ownership between family members. It is not necessary for the Township to approve, but an acceptance is required to confirm that there are no outstanding violations.

*Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to accept the name change for the liquor license for the Westside Grocery or Karm's as presented by the MLCC. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

**Discharge of Mortgage Lein:** Treasurer Lowery presented a request for a mortgage dated 1987 to be discharged. The owner is deceased and there is no outstanding balance.

*Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Ferguson to discharge the paid mortgage as presented. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

**Payment of the Bills:** *Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to pay the bills in the amount of \$110,681.66 as presented by Clerk with additions. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:** Supervisor Miller read a letter from resident Debbie Laraway regarding her discontentment of the Cemetery Rules and the clean up practice. Supervisor Miller stated that he would not take comments regarding letter due to the fact that he did not want more arguments to take place within the audience.

*Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to set the Trick or Treat hours at 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. All voted "aye". Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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