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LEE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

May 11, 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:**

Clerk King gave an update on the results of May 5<sup>th</sup> election. The First Responders millage passed 133 yes to 45 no.

Supervisor Miller gave an update on the property that was in consideration for the location of the new fire station project. The water was perk tested twice and did not have favorable results. The water table is too high and fill would need to be brought in to make the location a viable location for consideration. Another piece of property that has been researched for consideration is B. Wesby's on 109<sup>th</sup> across from Beech Street. This property is slightly higher in price, but with a favorable perk test and soil quality, the expense would be far less. The property price is \$40,000.00 and was originally at 69,900.00. The cost of purchase and preparation of the property on 56<sup>th</sup> Street would total \$63,000.00 and property on 109<sup>th</sup> would be approximately \$20,000.00 less. Super visor Miller has applied for a grant to fund the repair of the 102<sup>nd</sup> culvert. Lastly the Mar's property on 109<sup>th</sup> has been successfully drained with the efforts of Bodke Farms, Lee Township Fire Department, Lower Scott Lake Association and other concerned citizens.

**Citizen's Comments:**

Questions were asked regarding what roads are scheduled to be re-surfaced. The road commission is considering 109<sup>th</sup> to 49<sup>th</sup> Street, west of 56<sup>th</sup> Street. The rest of the roads will just be patched. Supervisor Miller said that a road millage will have to be obtained in order to bring the roads back into an acceptable condition.

Citizen presented the question regarding if the damaged tube on 109<sup>th</sup> will be repaired before the resurfacing.

A special thank you was given to the Lee Township Fire Department for pumping water out of the Mar's property. Will there be trench to alleviate the flooding. The quote from the Allegan County Road Commission for digging the ditch between Mar's property and 50<sup>th</sup> Street would be \$60,000.00 for the Southside of the road only. Thanked the Lee Township Fire Department for pumping water out of Mar's property. Will there be a trench to alleviate the flooding?

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A comment was made regarding the Rodeo on 104<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Street. The past Sunday's Rodeo was not as noisy as there were issues with drag racing and some alcohol issues. Supervisor Miller stated that if there is any issues in the future, the deputies will respond.

Comments were made regarding the noise issue last year from the LaTienda and the rodeo that took place several times. Also it was mentioned that there is a dog issue. There are not enough Animal Control officers and it is hard to get a response.

A resident commented that complaints are handled quicker when others call and complain as well. Don't hesitate to contact Central Dispatch if there are issues that need to be responded.

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to approve the April 13, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Miller to approve the Special Meeting minutes of May 6, 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 vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**County Commissioner Report:** No report.

**Deputies Report:** Deputy Lytle gave the report for the month April. During April, there were 121 complaints, 33 domestic, 6 suicide call, 4 drunk driving and 3 crashes. Supervisor Miller requested a copy of the police reports pertaining to blight complaints so that he can have updated information on hand for questions. Deputy Lyle asked for those present at the meeting to keep the Daniel's family in their thoughts and prayers. Debbie Daniels, Human Resource Director of the County of Allegan passed in an accident on Mother's Day.

**Fire Department:** During the month of April there were 15 calls. Chief DeWeerd reported that the ladders will be tested during the next month. He also reminded everyone the importance of obtaining permit. Some of the things that Chief DeWeerd also reported were: The date as been set for the annual testing of the air packs and the training regarding accidents with Hybrid cars which was located at Muskegon Community College was attended by 5 fireman

**First Responders:** During the month of April there were 28 calls with 27 calls and 1 accident. The month of June will hold training for the First Responders. Lastly, Albert thanked all the voters for there support in passing the recent millage proposal.

**Ambulance report:** No report

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**Building Inspector :** Things are improving within the township. During the last two weeks of April there were more permits issued than in the last year and half. Inspector Shamblin requested that there be an increase in the building permits. There hasn't been an increase in more than 12 years. He will prepare the new rate schedule and bring it to the board for review. He stated that he will use the table from the BS/A software as well as the state recommendations for permit fees.

**Cemetery Report:** It was reported that the cemetery will be ready for the parade is at 2:30 pm – should last 45 minutes and the cemetery service will take place directly after the parade.

**Library Report:** No report was presented. Supervisor Miller stated that the library is in the process of being straightened after a person in charge had an episode and was arrested. The locks have been changed. During the re-organization, the books will be resorted and outdated books will be removed.

**Transfer Station:** During the month of April there was \$582.00 collected with 47 cards redeemed. .

**Lake Board:** The next Lake Board Meeting will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The dredging is due to start after they receive the last report from the State.

**Newsletter Committee:** Chuck stated that the information for the next edition is due by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor's report:** Treasurer Lowery and Assessor Brousseau recently attended the <sup>BS/A</sup> software training to obtain the newest updates. Assessor Brousseau reported that any homestead forms that have been received have been processed and this information should reflect on your July tax bill. If there are any more to be taken care of contact the assessor so that he can hold a meeting to get the forms processed. ~~The~~ ~~These~~ later additional homestead forms will not show on July's bills, but will be retroactive.

**Holiday Committee:** Thanks were given to Rocky Kleeves for putting up the flags in town. There were placed out for Flag Day (June 14) as well as the Memorial Day parade. Lisa also reported that the Free Gospel church will provide refreshments during the parade.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** P. Rawson was encouraged by the attendance of the new members at the last Pullman Pride meeting. The meeting brought forth some new ideas. The next meeting will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Lee Township Hall.

**Clean Team:** Clean team meeting last week was rained out, but two individual were in attendance were able to collect 8 bags of trash and used tires. The next meeting will take place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Lee Township Hall. Lastly reported that the Allegan County Road Commission donated 12 safety vest to be worn while clean up is done.

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**Neighborhood Watch Committee:** Marie Arens will be filling in for the Neighborhood Watch committee. Their next meeting will be held on June 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Lee Township Hall. The Neighborhood Watch will not be represented in the Memorial Day parade, but will have time to prepare for Pullman Pride Day.

**School Report:** S. Anderson requested to announce the upcoming Senior Luncheon for Pullman Elementary on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm. She also reminded everyone regarding the pancake breakfast on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the VFW as well. There will also be a Walk-a-thon on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the new School playground/park. The Pullman Elementary children have been collecting pledges for the walk that will begin at 8:00 am. Money raised from this project will go towards picnic tables with leftover funds to be used in the class rooms.

**Lee Township Road Committee:** The road committee members have meet twice during the month and are reviewing all the roads to give a full report on work that is needed. C. Pugh stated that Lee Township currently has 52 miles of unpaved roads.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Dust Control:** It is that time of year that the work order for dust control will need to be presented to the Road Commission for the three applications that take place during the summer months. Supervisor Miller quoted the quote to be approximately \$52,000.00 for the year.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve the work order for Dust Control in the amount of approximately \$52,000.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King.*

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Land Splits:** - none

**Noise Ordinance Variance Request:** A request was presented to the Board for a variance to be issued at the LaTienda. The event is to take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 9:00 pm. Discussion took place regarding the location being too close to many neighbors and the noise bothersome. The use of alcohol was also discussed and the board decided that they would not honor the request for the variance.

**Approval of Auditors:** Each year an annual audit is mandatory for all townships. The current auditors are Siegfried/Crandall for the last several years.

*A motion was made by King and seconded by Miller to retain the services of Siegfried and Crandall for the annual audit. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

**Properties Tax Foreclosures:** A list was provided by the Allegan County Treasurer's office with many small lots. Anyone interested in looking at the list can review it at the township office. The properties need to be purchased before July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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**Citizen's Comment:** B. Ferguson commented regarding the Community Center and their last two meetings. The question and answer meeting was helpful. Some ideas of recycling, fund raisers etc. were also discussed.

**Payment of the Bills:** *A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$32,097.60 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made Miller and seconded by Lowery to pay the election inspectors from the May 5<sup>th</sup> election in the to of \$350.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:**

A letter from the Fennville Library announced that library cards will be half price (\$12.50) from April till September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk