

LEE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 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: Update on the dam (Lower Scott Lake structure) repair will begin on the 20-22nd of July. Total fix will be \$17,200.00 which includes the extra large sheeting to hold off the water. This was an additional expense of 1200.00 from original quote.

New fire station/township hall the blue print is on the wall for all to view. The \$50,000.00 grant was approved and a USDA has approved a loan for the township for up to \$400,000.00. 4.6 % flat rate. We will start the process the with the bond issue, which 45 day referendum. The can pass without voter approval unless a petition is filled to bring it to a vote by the residents. The cost will be determined by next week of the total cost. Test well will be dug tomorrow morning to be sure that the water supply is adequate. Land Split will be presented for approval tonight.

Citizen's Comments: The care of Osterhout lake has been very good this year. Question where is the bill for weed treatment for the township portion.

Why is the post office consistently reducing hours. The residents need to voice their complaints to Grand Rapids. Many complaints about the service of the post office and the hours.

Please make more copies of agendas. Maybe 50 or more.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Ferguson to approve the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes with minor corrections. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Miller to approve the June 15, 2009 Special Meeting minutes with minor corrections. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report:

No commissioners report

Deputies Report: Deputy Franck gave the report for the month of June 2009. 152 total complaint township 52, Blueberry farm confirmed 2 cases of the swine flu and more today. The treatments have been issued and no need for a cause for concern at this point.

Fire Department: calls 16 for June. Very busy which the storm had much to do with. Downed power lines.

My priviledge tonight to intro 67 classes, 201 hours - introduced Brent Radny and Aaron Waldschmit. 2 nights a week and lots of Saturday classes.

Past month a fema grant was written. A grant came out for strictly fire stations. They thought that they would at least try it. The estimated cost of construction was 899,969.00 was an estimate. Grant would cover if approved 599,969.00 to cover the unpaid expense. The estimate is strictly arrived at for the grant purpose.

Now writing a grant DNR grant 50/50 290,000.00 for the state of Michigan. Has had good luck over the year to cover other items and they won't determine approval till next year. Ladder testing is done and they all passed testing.

Question regarding tornado. They alarm is set off by weather service calls 911 and they set the alarms. They couldn't make determination due to the night and it was confirmed till the next day.

First Responders: Month 20 call 18 med 1 fire assist/1 accident. Most all ready to be renewed class have been completed. In addition, they First Responders would like to be considered for an increase for 12- 15 dollars, and 10 per meeting. The director and assistant would like to be reviewed for a possible increase. Hasn't been increased in years. The board will table till the next meeting.

Ambulance report: No report

Building Inspector : Total improvements 169,850.00.

Permits 8 building, (the most in three years), 7 electrical, 1 plumbing

West Michigan is improving. Met with attorney regarding blight house and dangerous buildings. The house for clean up, took place good turnout of people, when the clean up time was over, the property has been condemned, can't be lived in. Black mold is all they way up the walls. Building was full and 40 yards of dumpster and they only made it about 15 feet ahead . The gentleman who was living in Grand Haven and the Mason will take care of him. He is a Mason. The building next to Cericola's is still standing, and it is under the care of the attorney.

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They are dealing with one of the newer attorneys on the firm. They delay has been the involvement for the courts and the legal process. First step is a letter, 20 letter to respond, 2nd letter and 30 days to respond. Questions regarding the blight of the trailer, which is now stealing power. Paul will check on it. Complaints about Winchester.

Cemetery, The freeze pump is done and the stones have been purchased. Gary has cleaned up the trees and flags are down. Cemetery is the nicest and cleanest cemetery he has seen.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station: During the month of June, \$453 was collected with 33 cards redeemed. Commended the board in spending the money necessary to keep the community clean.

Lake Board: Dredging has started. Something a little different. Contract with the association and contract with LSL dredging. They have been advised by the auditors to talk to the attorney in the process of which they pay their bills.

Newsletter Committee: Newsletters went out. There are no extras. Clerk will print off copies and leave in the township hall.

Assessor's report: Board of review is Monday which is for clerical errors only. Assessor will meet with the attorney tomorrow to discuss Warner Camp which is in tax tribunal. Should all of camp Warner be exempt. Is the questions.

Board of Review hour start at 4:30 pm and errors need to be brought before the assessor prior to to be discussed at the meeting.

It is an Open Meeting, anyone can watch, but it is a pre-qualified meeting due to the research that needs to be done by the Assessor.

Holiday Committee: Thank Pam for all they do for Pullman Pride. Encourage the attendance.

Pullman Pride Committee: Pancake at 8, vendor in place by 9 cake walk, games, food in the school. Music all day. Band in the afternoon.

Clean Team: 3 on Saturday, florescent vest August 8th 9 am.

Lee Township Road Committee: Named the committee members. Doing road logs. Tuesday at 7pm (July 14th) Chuck defined primary /secondary road. Primary is County maintained, Secondary is Township maintained. County does graveling, grating, snowplowing. (Mistake from the state 500,000.00 must be paid back to Ottawa.) Questions regarding the ditch. County wants to charge 60,000 and Supervisor Miller checked on Pat Knapp is checking on a cost to do ditch.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: no report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

The quote for the dam was just under 16,000.00 but the cost will be 1200 more. They had discovered that the sheets will need to be larger therefore costing an addition. A request would be something in writing to cap it. The first bid came from Merritt, and Compton will do the work and it Comptons that requested to have larger sheets than what was originally thought to work. Therefore the cost increase by 1200.00
Steve will contact Merritt about the discrepancy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Splits: Wesbey property. Split to the township for the property on 109th for the property in questions for the new fire station/township hall.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery. To accept the land split as presented by the assessor/building inspector as presented.

Approval for the Notice of Intent: The board members reviewed the Notice of Intent to issue bonds and it will be tabled till further research.

Purchase Benches for Cemetery: Letter from the D. Laraway regarding benches at the cemetery. \$140.00 each starting with 2 to see how well they hold up. They will be removable for winter storage. \$40.00 for preen to cut down on weeds. Several flats of flower to put in abandoned urns. Donating harding rose of Sharon to the placement to make it attractive. Encourage donations daffodils, daylilies (deer proof) Was sent to the cemetery committee and passed on. Cemetery committee was in favor of the flowers, but didn't understand the benches to where they could be put. Tabled until the cemetery committee can met and determine what they will request. Questions regarding the removal of the port john. Supervisor Miller checked the john and it was full,

VFW Water Hookup: Talked to Tom Nolan, at one time the fee was waived. More research will be done.

Payment of the Bills:

Motion by Miller and sconded by Ferguson to authorize the clerk to pay the bills.

Roll call – Yes

Citizen Comments:

Correspondence:

Meeting adjourned at pm

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Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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