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LEE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

August 10, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:34 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: Steve Black thanked everyone for their prayers during his illness. Bruce Ferguson stated that he was another year older and was blessed with a wonderful birthday party.

Supervisor Miller gave an update on 109th Street (Lower Scott Lake Dam). Compton's did an excellent job. In repairing the structure, a membrane was installed which could be slippery and pose a danger to swimmers. Miller felt that a warning sign should be considered by the board.

Citizen's Comments:

A comment regarding the high water table –will anything further be done as far as the county drains.

A comment was made regarding the possibility of having sand distributed in the Lower Scott Lake creek area for swimmers to use instead of using structure to swim off of.

Citizen, E. Brock thanked everyone including the board for their donation of fuel this winter to the Pullman Community Center. The grant that was originally used at the Community Center has long expired and I. Mann has paid the expenses from that point forward. The Community Center will be holding a yard sale on the 17th of July to help with expenses in the upcoming months. Also, on August 22nd there will be another fund raiser for the same purpose.

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to approve the July 13, 2009 Regular Meeting . All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve the July 17, 2009 Special Meeting minutes with minor corrections. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report:

Commissioner Jessup passed out his monthly newsletter and highlighted the ground breaking of the Animal Shelter on August 13th at 11:00 am; ongoing discussion on the county jail issue and the counties interest in wind energy. They have contracted Forest City, a development company out of Ohio to look into the possibilities in Allegan County. Lastly, Senior Services is in search of a new full time director. They hope to have the position filled by October.

Bob Geneski introduced himself and spoke of the many challenges that we are facing here in Michigan. He answered question regarding who determines how the stimulus monies are distributed. The Governor is the person to determine where the money is most needed and roughly only 11% was used for infrastructure in Michigan

Deputies Report: Deputy Franck gave the report for the month of July 2009. 165 total complaint were answered with the contracted deputies handling 83 of those calls. He also reminded everyone to make sure to lock your car doors at night.

Fire Department: During the month there were 7 calls. The ladders were tested and passed inspection. Also tested were the air packs, which also passed inspection. Last month, 25 new traffic vests were obtained at no charge though Allegan Co. Emergency Management. Annual health test will need to be done at an estimate of \$6,000 to \$7,000.00 for all firefighters. The tests include fitness, drug, blood and respiratory testing just to name a few.

First Responders: During the month there were a total of 32 calls. Of these calls 28 were medical, 2 fire assist and 2 accident.

Ambulance report: No report

Building Inspector: Permits issued this month included 5 building, 5 electrical, 4 mechanical and 1 plumbing for a total property improvement of \$43,500.00. Inspector Shamblin has requested the board to consider increasing only the administrative fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00. This is the only fee increase requested for changed in many years.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to increase the application fee to \$50.00 from the current \$30.00 – Roll call: Yes –Black, Ferguson, Miller, Lowery and King. Motion carried.

Cemetery Report: Supervisor Miller requested a meeting to be schedule to decide the issue which was raised regarding the donation of shrubs to the cemetery.

Library Report: No report. Anyone who would like to volunteer in the reorganization of the library can contact a Lee Township Board member or Library Committee member Deb Laraway.

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Transfer Station: During the month of July a total of \$390.00 was collected and 76 coupons redeemed. Gary Melson has notified Supervisor Miller that he will be moving and will need to resign from his position. An advertisement will be placed in the local paper for anyone interested in filling this position. All interested parties can send a letter of interest to the Lee Township Supervisor to be presented at the next meeting for review.

Motion was made Miller and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to publish for the position- maintenance /park attendant. All voted "Aye. Motion carried

Lake Board: The dredging project has experienced some set backs and dredging has temporarily ceased until repairs can be made.

Newsletter Committee: The next edition will be published in November. Anyone with information or a article of interest can contact the Newsletter Committee with requested information.

Assessor's report: No report.

Holiday Committee: Only 4 months from the annual Holiday Social. The committee is looking for musical performers, volunteers for the live manager scene and a few farm animals. Anyone interested can contact Lisa Galdikas or leave their name and number with the township clerk.

Pullman Pride Committee: This year's event was a great success! Beautiful weather with many residents attending. Total profit of \$1,919.14 were collected after the expenditures totaling \$426.00 were subtracted.

Clean Team: The clean team was rained out on Saturday so not clean up was done. It was mentioned that there is still a very large amount of tires on 104th that need clean up. Supervisor Miller will look further into this issue.

Lee Township Road Committee: In September the Road Committee will present their finding to the board for review. Anyone with questions can meet with Chuck after the meeting. The Committee will meet next on August 11th at 7:00 pm.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: No report.
No one has taken over yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Lower Scott Lake Dam Repair - During the repair, Compton's ran into some additional problems due to more erosion. Heavier materials were needed causing the cost to be slightly higher.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Land Split – Supervisor Miller requested that the board consider waiving the township’s half of the Land Split application fee for Wesbey’s papers work.

Motion was made Miller and seconded by Black to waive the township portion of \$75.00 for the Land Split application fee for Wesbey. Roll call vote was taken: Yes - Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. No- Lowery. Motion carried.

Donation of Church to Lee Township with Board’s Approval: Board will need to determine if they are willing to accept the donated church located on 56th Street. Upon an approval by the board, a quit claim deed would need to be done. Supervisor Miller suggested that this might be a good location for a senior center, receptions among many other purposes.

Motion made by Miller and seconded by Black to have the attorney draft the necessary deed for transfer to Lee Township. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. No – Lowery. Motion carried.

Pass the RD 1910-11 Federal Collection paperwork:

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Miller to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to start the grant process by signing the RD1910-11. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Repair of Broken Pump at Cemetery – Currently there is a pump in need of repair at the cemetery and should cost approximately \$190.00.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to authorize the repair of the broken pump at the cemetery in the amount of approximately \$190.00. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Request from the VFW liquor license (outside picnic area): A request was made by the VFW to request the board to authorize the request for a permit to serve alcohol in their outside, fenced picnic area.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to give consent from the township for the VFW to apply for the necessary permit to serve alcohol in their fenced in picnic area. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Miller to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$106,217.79 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carries.

Request from Osterhout Lake Weed Treatment- The Osterhout Lake Association presented the Lee Township Board with their portion of the 2008 and 2009 weed treatment cost. The

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board decided that they would not consider past treatments and should only pay for the 2009 year.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to pay the total amount of \$500.00 for the 2009 Weed Treatment bill to Lee Township for the public areas of Osterhout Lake. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to give authorization for the annual physicals for the Lee Township Firefighters through Biocare in the amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: No comments.

Correspondence: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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