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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
Special Meeting**

*November 5, 2009*

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. 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.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to sign the resolution regarding terminating the services of Building Inspector Paul Shamblin.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to sign the resolution to discontinue services from Inspector Shamblin. Roll call vote was taken: Yes: Ferguson, Miller. No- Black, Lowery and King. Motion failed.

Clerk King stated that she was not going to agree to sign the resolution until discussion took place as well as Inspector Shamblin had an opportunity to speak on his behalf.

Inspector Shamblin wanted it stated for the record that he was not given enough time to prepare for the meeting. He had called and left a message for the Supervisor as well as spoke to the Clerk to let them know that he would be out of town until the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Upon his return he received the notice the day of the meeting and was not prepared to defend what complaints were against him.

Supervisor Miller stated that he felt that Inspector Shamblin was aware of what complaints were against him.

Inspector Shamblin requested that the meeting be postpone until he can receive copies of what complaints were received by Supervisor Miller.

Clerk King stated that there have been complaints in the past, and stated that Inspector Shamblin had wrote a letter to each board member in defense of the meeting. She stated that a copy was left on her desk as well as given to each of the other members.

Inspector Shamblin said that he did know that there was complaints, but had not been given specific complaints. Clerk King confirmed that he had not been given a packet from Supervisor Miller regarding complaints.

Bruce Ferguson stated that he was also given a letter from Shamblin and stated that he felt that Shamblin did understand what he was being accused of.

Several Citizens made comments with regards to the notice/letter sent by Supervisor Miller as being an insufficient amount of time for the Inspector to respond; no proof of complaints given to Paul; the increased rates that were being charged where approved at the August board meeting and the presence of two State Troopers at the meeting was intimidating as well as they did not believe Supervisor Millers reason for their presence.

Clerk King stated that the accusation of being over charged had nothing to do with the new rates that the board approved in August. The accusation was that the values were over inflated to increase the amount of the permit fee. Inspector Shamblin stated again that he had not been given anything regarding these complaints from the Supervisor.

Treasurer Lowery had Paul read part of the resolution and made sure that he knew he could call a closed meeting.

Citizen S. Anderson asked one of the Troopers why he was in attendance and he stated that it was under the direction of his Sergeant.

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to postpone the meeting for at least two weeks giving him the opportunity to get the packet of information that would clarify what complaints were against him as well as the opportunity to request a closed meeting if he chose to do so.

Meeting set for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn A. King