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LEE TOWNSHIP Special Meeting

February 24, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 6:06 p.m. 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.

The purpose of the special meeting was to have the board sign the resolution for the First Responders Millage Language. This language had been previously approved to be completed by Attorney Steve Mann and a resolution was prepared by Attorney Mann. The ballot language that will be used for the May 5th ballot is as follows:

FIRST RESPONDER MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, be increase by One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per thousand dollars (1.50 mills) of the taxable value for a period of five (5) years, 2009 to 2013, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds to Lee Township for emergency medical first responder services? It is estimated that 1.50 mills would raise approximately \$76,000.00 when first levied in 2009.

Clerk King read the millage proposal language from the resolution and opened discussion for any questions regarding the language.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to sign the resolution with the approved language for the First Responders Millage proposal. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

The second purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss a proposal from the Allegan County Land Information Services regarding a program for Arial maps of the township. The program would cost the township \$1800.00 for the set of maps covering Lee Township, providing that the other townships would also participate in the sharing of the cost by purchasing their township maps.

The total cost of this project would be around \$55,000.00 which is why they are asking for all townships to participate to help reduce the cost per township. The cost can be spread over the next two budget years. They are requesting payment April 2009 and April 2010.

The project has just been put up for bids, and questions were asked if the cost would increase if other townships do not participate.

Trustee Ferguson was concerned about the accuracy of these maps. It was decided that the portion of the form, requesting township to express their possible interest would be filled out and

submitted with the contingency that the township would make a final decision when all of our questions have been answered.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to sign the portion of the request form that acknowledges possible interest of the township in participating in the Arial maps program with the ability to make our final decision once the information requested has been ascertained.

Citizen's Comments: Three citizens had questions regarding the expiration of the contract with AMR Ambulance Service, the possibility of the township to running their own ambulance service and if the new township fire barn would have space for the First Responders? Comments regarding questions: It was expressed that the millage proposal request in August and November were not explained well to the public. It is not an option for the township to run its own ambulance service because of liability issues and staffing issues. It was also stated that the First Responders can use the computer program that is currently being used by the Fire Department which will open up the eligibility of grants.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk