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**LEE TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 3, 2009

The Special Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman, Michigan.

Members Present: Trustee Black, Trustee Ferguson, Supervisor Miller and Clerk King.  
Absent: Treasurer Lowery.

The purpose of the special meeting was to compare and select an engineering firm to complete the grant process for the construction of a new fire department and township hall.

Supervisor Miller presented the board with the information that was submitted regarding the costs associated with a new construction project.

The first firm to be reviewed was Wightman & Assoc. from Benton Harbor, Michigan. They quoted \$79,000.00, which was extremely high when compared to the others submitted for consideration.

Forum Design, located in Grand Rapids presented a quote in the amount of \$1,800.00 with an addition cost of \$1,200.00 for the preparation of blue prints. This quote seemed responsible, but the firm did not handle all of the necessary elements of the project, making it impossible to determine what the final cost would be.

The last bid presented was from Midwest Civil Engineering, located in South Haven. Their bid was in the amount of \$26,900.00. In reviewing what type of work that they do, Miller found that they were currently working with Casco Township for their new fire stations and have receiving favorable reports from Ron Wise, the Chief at the South Haven Fire Department as well as Paul Bristol, USDA representative.

Clerk King asked if we were financially obligated, if the project was unable to take place. Supervisor Miller stated that we would be responsible for only services rendered. Miller stated that Midwest will work with the township on procuring bids, but allowing the township to review and decide which to accept.

Trustee Black wondered if we were expecting to receive grants for this project. Supervisor Miller stated that in speaking with Paul Bristol, Lee Township's income status will make us better positioned for receiving available grant monies.

Supervisor Miller updated the board members on the status of the property at 56<sup>th</sup> Street, north of 109<sup>th</sup> which was a possible site for this new facility. Ben Williams from the Allegan County Health Department will do a boring and Ken Driasma will have a test well done to be certain that the area would sustain the necessary water usage required by the Fire Department.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to retain the services of Midwest Civil Engineering located in South Haven to satisfy the necessary requirements for grant purposes as well as working with the township in the engineering of the possible construction of a new fire station and township hall. Roll call vote was taken: Black, Ferguson, Miller, King. Motion carries.*

Meeting was adjourned at 7.27 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk