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**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee Township Hall, 877 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pullman, Michigan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Comments:**

No comments

**Citizen Comments:**

Citizen F. Rawson wanted to thank the board for finding a way to fix the 102<sup>nd</sup> culvert.

Citizen H. Melson thanked the board for their contribution to the Fennville library enabling Lee Township residents to now receive a free library card.

Citizen L. Galdikas requested an update on the progress of the new fire station. Miller sated that the paperwork is still at the State Treasury and the township board is waiting for the response on the issuance of bonds.

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Lowery to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting dated 9/13/10. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting dated October 5, 2010. 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.*

**Committee Reports:**

**County Commissioner's Report:**

Commissioner Jessup gave an update on the jail. There will be a informational meeting open to the public on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Casco Township Hall at 7:00 pm to answer questions regarding the new jail project. Lowery wondered why the meeting location was chosen for Casco Township instead of Lee. Commissioner Jessup stated that it was a district meeting and the location was chosen based on a central location. Commissioner Jessup stated that the commissioners were going to hold their annual meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The budget will be discussed. Currently there is a 2.4 million deficit in which several thousand dollars where saved in early retirements, but there is still more to be cut and it will be personnel. The Sheriff's department is looking at the possible layoff of two deputies.

**Deputies' Report:** During the month of September there were 139 complaints. Of these calls, 28 were taken by the day shift and 111 where taken by the night shift. Lytle stated that there has been a change in the

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scheduling which staggers the schedules into 3 different shift. A question was asked on the number of noise complaints during the month. Lytle stated that it is down now that summer is over.

**Fire Department Report:** During the month of September there were 3 calls. This was down from previous months. Fire Prevention week is coming up, and school programs will be done again by the fire fighters. The fire fighter's physicals are due, and if all physicals were done it could cost around \$10,000.00. Chief DeWeerd made a request from the board to approve \$5870.00 for the number of physicals that are needed. He stated that he still would check into Biocare to see if they can do the physicals more reasonable. DeWeerd also spoke of a water problem with Station 2. He plans to call Koop's Well, which he estimates will be around \$2,500.00. Lastly, he reminded everyone that there is currently a burn ban set by the DNR. Anyone burning would be subject to a ticket.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve the fire department to spend up to \$6,000.00 for the required physicals for the Lee Township firefighters. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King.*

**First Responders' Report:** During the month of September there were 28 calls. Of these calls 27 were medical and 1 accident.

**Ambulance Report:** No report

**Building Inspector's Report:** During the month, 6 mechanical, 6 electric, 2 plumbing and 2 mechanical permits were issued for a property value of \$111,251.00. Inspector Shamblin commented on the status of the property where the Peacefeast has been held. He stated that he had a meeting with Bim, the owner, to discuss permits and violations if any. After some discussion, B. Willow started to get upset and Shamblin asked him to leave. It was the choice of Mr. Willow to close the facility down; it was not closed down because of violations. Lastly Shamblin commended the Lee Township Fire Department for their service in responding to a rental that was owned by Mr. Shamblin. He was impressed with the organized and professional way that they fought the fire. He stated that "they had a job to do, and was very serious in their responsibilities". He stated that other departments responded, but just stood back and watched Lee Township Fire Department in action. A question was presented from a resident regarding the property on Grove Street. What is the clean-up status? Shamblin stated that there were relatives that are making an honest effort to clean up the property.

**Cemetery Report:**

Committee member Eve reported that the back road has been graveled. There will need to be work done on the north side in the near future to expand for more burial lots.

**Library Report:** No report

**Transfer Station:** New Parks Superintendent, Jim Rawson, was introduced and gave the report for the previous weekend's activity at the transfer station. Treasurer Lowery reported the monthly totals of \$480.00 cash collected and 60 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board Report:** No report

**Newsletter Report:** Committee member L. Galdikas reminded everyone that any information to be included in the next edition of Lee Crossing Newsletter needs to be at the township by the end of the week.

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Assessor's Report: No report

**Holiday Committee:** Committee member L. Galdikas reported that she was waiting for Consumers to fix the service to the pole in town. The committee has scheduled a meeting on October 13th at 3:30 pm at the Pullman Elementary School. The Annual Holiday Social is set for December 11th from 4 to 7 pm. There will be remote parking and shuttling.

**Pullman Pride Committee:** No report.

**Clean Team Report:** No report.

**Road Committee Report:** Supervisor Miller read the road report in the absences of Committee member C. Pugh. He reminded everyone that the road millage is on the November 2nd ballot, please remember to vote. The project on 102nd is finished and along with the replacement of the culvert, there were extra monies to extend out some of the pavement.

**Church/Activity Center Committee:** Committee member S. Anderson thanked the township for approving \$500.00 for repairs to the donated facilities. The total of the project was well under the \$500.00 due to volunteered labor by People Helping People. The difference of \$243.41 would be refunded back to the township. She also stated that there have been request from 3 families for religious artifacts from the building and they will be sending in their request in writing to the township board for a decision.

**New Attorney for Ordinances and Small matters:** Clerk King passed out two quotes by local attorney's for representing the township in matters regarding ordinances and small issues. Jonathon Blair, a new attorney, had an impeccable resume and has been working in Allegan helping out with the case load for Attorney Heidi Wolfe. His quote was \$100.00 per hour to represent the township with ordinances and minor small issues. The second quote was from Attorney Kelly Page in Paw Paw. Mr. Page is a long time attorney who quoted \$150.00 per hour or a flat monthly fee. The board decided that a monthly fee was not something the township would be interested in and felt that Attorney Blair would be the better choice.

*A motion was made by King and seconded by Miller to retain the services of Attorney Jonathon Blair for the use of only ordinances and small minor issues within the township. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

**Road work on 102nd Avenue:** Mickey Bittner from Wightman & Associates presented more grant paperwork for the board to review and be signed by the Supervisor to finish the payment of the 102nd Avenue culvert project. He stated that the next request for payment could be send in to the State for reimbursement before payment was made which would eliminate the township having to front the estimated \$158,000.00. The contract was modified due to the bid coming in much less that expected. This will allow for more paving done on 102nd.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Lowery to accept the modification on the road repair contract in the amount of \$41,675.58. Roll call vote was taken: yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve the partial payment of \$158,217.57 to be submitted to the State for payment. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

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## Unfinished Business:

**Time Capsule** - Committee member S. Lacy requested that this issue be tabled until the spring. The board agreed to table until the spring to schedule a ceremony to open and reseal the capsule.

## New Business

**Trick or Treat Hours:** The board agreed to set the Trick or Treat hours for Saturday, October 30th from 5 pm – 8 pm.

## Payment of the Bills:

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented with the addition of \$1200.00 to the General Fund for the graveling of the Cemetery drive. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

**Correspondence:** A citizen pointed out that with all the wet weather this summer that the gravel has washed out from under the pavement at the public landing area leaving the pavement unsupported.

*A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to have the damaged reviewed and more gravel to be replaced by P. Knapp Excavating not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.*

## Citizens Comments:

A citizen asked why there was not bid process on the gravel for the public landing. Supervisor Miller did not answer. Clerk King stated that normally any job \$2000.00 and over needs to be placed for bid. For small jobs under \$2000.00 the township, in the past has generally tried to support the local business in the community.

A citizen requested that a petition be considered or the board to write letters to our representatives about the Pullman Post Office remaining open. He had heard that the post office was going to close down and this would be a severe hardship on our residents. Another resident in the audience stated that the carriers would be stationed out of Fennville, but the office hours would remain the same.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk