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Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2010

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Comments: Trustee Black commented on a fire that he had at his house. He wanted it known that he had a permit for his fire. Apparently, someone had called and complained. Black also had heard that the VFW had not gotten equal credit for their participation in the Holiday Social.

Trustee Ferguson commented on what a fine job J. Rawson was doing at the transfers station as well as F. Muncy. He also apologized for missing the Holiday Social.

Supervisor Miller commented on how beautiful the lights were. He also stated that he had heard that the Holiday Social was a great success and thanked all those who worked so hard to make it happen.

Clerk King commented that in these hard economic times, that the Holiday Social was just what everyone needed to help forget about their struggles and enjoy the holiday. She thanked all those who worked so hard for brining back Christmas spirit.

Citizen Comments:

Citizen S. Kay thanked the board members who attended.

A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting dated 11/8/2010. 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: No report

Deputies' Report: Deputy Retamal gave the report for the month of November. During the month there were 93 calls of which the majority where taken by our contracted deputies. He stated that a suspect had been apprehended for the kidnapping and they are investigating to see if there is a link between this incident and the other break-ins in the area.

Fire Department Report: -In the absence of Chief DeWeerd, firefighter S. Kasinger gave the report. During the month, there were 10 calls. Bio-Care physicals have been scheduled for the 16th of December. She also stated that during a training exercise, the fire fighters discovered that their ice suit would need to be replaced. A new suit would cost around \$613.99 and clamps and helmets were also needed. They also will need to replace their CO2 detector. An estimate was provided for \$213.95, which would be sufficient for their needs.

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A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the Fire Department to spend up to \$1,200.00 to purchase the necessary ice suit, helmet, clamps and CO2 detector as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Trustee Black, Trustee Ferguson, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Miller and Clerk King. Motion carried.

Some discussion took place regarding the well at station #2. Supervisor Miller stated that Chief DeWeerd was looking into it and it was best to wait until he was present to find out the details.

First Responders' Report: During the month of November there were 24 calls- 21 Medical and 3 fire assist. That brings the total to 292 for the year.

Ambulance Report: Trustee Black reported that the contract for AMR was discussed as well as mutual aid. The AMR contract is set to increase 5% in the upcoming year. It was discussed that our township should get a discount due to the First Responders having the patient ready for transport when AMR arrives.

Building Inspector's Report: Building Inspector Shamblin commented on the Lee Township Fire Department being second to none. During the month there was 1 building permit, 6 mechanical and no plumbing permits issued for a total property improvement of \$4000.00. He also stated that the clean-up on 54th Street is done.

Cemetery Report: No report.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station – During the month there was \$482.00 collected and 61 tickets redeemed.

Lake Board Report: No report.

Newsletter Report: The next edition will be coming out in March. The committee is always looking for historical articles from the community.

Assessor's Report: No report.

Holiday Committee –Committee member, L. Galdikas wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She also commented on the VFW was one of many organizations to make the Holiday Social possible. She estimated that there was about \$30,000 in food and presents distributed.

Pullman Pride Committee: No report

Clean Team Report: No report

Road Committee No report.

Church/Activity Center Committee: No report

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

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Cemetery issues – Supervisor Miller stated that the issues with the Cemetery should be tabled to the next meeting.

109th Street Dam –During the summer the rocks that have been place to help alleviate erosion where being thrown into the water by the kids that fish and swim Maintenance could be done for about \$300-400 per year which could be shared between the township and the Lower Scott Lake Association.

BOR appointments- Supervisor Miller stated that there would need to be reappointment for the Board of Review members. Ed Brock, Sally Lacy and Les Rawson had all expressed interest in serving again. Supervisor Miller called Neva Tice to see if she is interested in being an alternate. There should be 2 alternates so Ray Russell expressed interest.

A motion was made to accept the appointments for Ed Brock, Sally Lacy and Les Rawson as members and Neva Tice and Ray Russell as alternates pending contact from Neva Tice. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Sunday sales for liquor- This topic required no action from the Board unless they decided to create a resolution to ban the sales on Sunday before noon. Trustee Black and Trustee Ferguson wanted it stated for the record that they both were not in favor of the new changes in the law regarding alcohol being sold/served before noon on Sundays.

Reimbursement for plans from the fire department- *A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to table this topic until Chief DeWeerd can be present. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

Poverty guidelines – The federal guideline was presented to the board to be adopted.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to adopted the federal Poverty Exemption as presented. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Land splits –Land splits for Sumner Blueberries and Hazel Hobs were presented.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve the land split /lot line adjustment for Sumner Blueberries as presented and approved by the Assessor as well as the Building Inspector. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve the land division for H. Hobbs as presented and approved by both the Assessor and Building Inspector. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Payment of the Bills:

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Trustee Black, Trustee Ferguson, Treasurer Lowery, Supervisor Miller and Clerk King. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Supervisor Miller read a letter from the Allegan Co. Road Commission with a recommendation to fix the section of 60th Street from 106th to 109th with Casco splitting the cost. This would be a cost of \$17,500 for each township to resurface that portion of road.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to table issue until January 2011. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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