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Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2011

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 wished everyone a happy and safe new year.

Trustee Ferguson spoke of the passing of Hoyt Higgs. He asked that everyone keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

Treasurer Lowery also extended condolences on behalf of the entire board. She spoke on Hoyt's involvement with local government and even though opinions could disagree, he always agreed to disagree and his involvement was appreciated by the Board.

Supervisor Miller agreed with Jessie.

Clerk King stated that Hoyt was very involved with local government and was involved in several elections. He always wanted to contribute to the community and would be truly missed.

Supervisor Miller gave an update on the new fire station. He stated that the expenses had stayed the same, but the interest rate had dropped. He asked each board member if they all were in agreement in proceeding with the new station. The State Treasury sent the approval letter for the township to issue bonds. The board will need to complete the next series of paperwork, bids will need to be taken and he is hopeful that ground can be broken in March.

Citizen Comments:

No comments

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting dated December 13, 2010. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to receive the treasurer's report as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

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Committee Reports:

County Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Jessup stated that there was a new Commissioner. A new Road Commission Director was hired to replace Bill Nelson, who recently retired. Judge Corsiglia retired after 38 years and Marge Baker was elected to fill his position in the November election. Lastly, the jail millage was defeated by more votes than in the August election. The Commissioners reviewed the plans and cut cost to allow the project to be more affordable. They will be announcing more current figures by March 2011.

Deputies' Report:

During the month of December, there were 80 complaints. The majority were taken by the nightshift. Deputy Lytle announced that he has worked in Lee Township for 3 years and has made many friends. He has started a new assignment in another contract position, but wanted to let everyone know that he will miss the residents of Lee Township. The Lee Township Board presented a certificate of appreciation to Deputy Lytle for all of his dedicated service to the residents of Lee Township. The board also welcomed Ross Mysliewiec to Lee Township. Ross will be replacing Deputy Lytle's position.

Fire Department Report:

During the month of December, there were 11 fire calls making 112 calls for the year. The water well at Station 2 was in need of replacement. The cost could run between 3,500.00 to 6,000.00. Koops suggested that they drill the well first to assess the water supply before they determine which pump could be used. The cost of drilling the well would be around \$1,250.00. During the month, the firefighters all had their physicals done. It was originally thought that the cost would be around \$6,000.00, but was only \$3,600.00. Also an ad was run in the local advertising papers for volunteer firefighters. There was no response from the ads, so Chief DeWeerd is looking into another possibility for coverage. Lastly, after April 1st residents will no longer be able to burn trash in burn barrels. Leaves and brush will still be allowed to be burned, with permit.

First Responders' Report : During the month, there were 23 calls of which 17 were medicals, 3 accidents and 3 fire assist. This makes the annual total 299 for Lee Township. There was an annual inspection done on the unit, which passed. The new ambulance is in the process.

Ambulance Report: None

Building Inspector's Report: The number of permits issued for the month was 0 building, 6 electrical, 2 mechanical and 2 plumbing. Construction has come to a halt. Another law has been put into place. ~~Residents~~ ^{Contractors & subcontractors} will no longer be able to do ~~their own~~ work without a license. If caught, 1st offense is ~~\$500.00~~ ^{\$5000.00}, 2nd offenses is \$15,000 and three years jail. Residents are still able to build their own houses.

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Inspector Shamblin answered questions regarding the blight case on Grove Street. He has looked into every option, and there is no help available for the township to dispose of all the blight.

Cemetery Report: None

Library Report: None

Transfer Station Report: During the month there was \$227.00 in money collected with many coupons taken in.

Lake Board Report: No report

Newsletter Report: Next newsletter will come out in March. The deadline for articles will be February's regular board meeting. A meeting was set for the committee on February 16th at 6:30 pm.

Assessor's Report: In assessments, the residential class has gone down as well as the Agricultural properties. The notices for assessments will go out 14 prior to the March Board of Review. The Board of Review date is still yet to be determined.

Holiday Committee: The Holiday committee has managed to use the nice weather to take down some of the decorations. The committee will hold their next meeting on February 2nd at the Love Inc. building.

Pullman Pride Committee: There were 2 scholarships passed out to Joseph Sapp and Emily Rawson. Congratulations to the winners.

Clean Team Report: No report

Road Committee Report: No report.

Church Activity Report: No report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the re-drilling of the Station 2 Fire Station. The amount can not exceed \$7500.00 for the drilling and the new pump. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve a new set of plans to be drawn in the amount of \$17,000.00 for the new fire station. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Clean up dates – April 21 and 22 Spring Alternate dates are April 24 and 25. Supervisor Miller stated that the Allegan County inmates will be doing the Spring clean up.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to suspend the Regular Meeting to hold a public hearing as posted in reference to the 102nd culvert.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to open the public hearing at 8:30 pm.

The purpose of the public meeting was to allow public comment and questions from the resident. As a requirement of the state, the details were given on the repair. The work was completed and all bills have been paid.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to close the public hearing at 8:35 pm. 4 voted “Aye” – Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. 1 voted “No” - Lowery. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to re-open the Regular Board meeting. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Land Split – A land split for John Grant was presented. The configuration was approved by the Assessor as well as the Building Inspector. Assessor Brousseau needed to check with the county to verify that the number of allowable splits had not exceeded the state law.

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve the land division for J. Grant pending verification that the number of splits had not exceeded the allowable number by law.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to approve the payment for Board of Review training and manual for R. Russell. All voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Road Commission Recommendation: A letter was received recommending the board to consider repaving 60th Street from 106th to 109th Avenue. The cost would be 48,000.00 for the township. Supervisor Miller stated that we should table the issue until Spring. Clerk King stated that any recommendation for road repair should be considered after the road millage has been collected. With a dedicated road millage, it would not be appropriate to spend money

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from the General Fund, when there are designated millage monies for road projects. The board agreed to wait for more details.

Chief DeWeerd announced the pancake breakfast to take place on the 15th of January. The Red Cross will be handing out smoke detectors.

Payment of the Bills:

Motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to authorize the clerk to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter was sent from the Fire Chief in Allegan regarding a complaint regarding a fire that took place in Valley Township. He was accusing Lee of using his fill station to fill their trucks. This information was incorrect. The Lee department filled their trucks before they left with water from our township.

Citizen's Comments:

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm . All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk

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