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Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2011

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

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

Absent: Supervisor Miller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by King and seconded by Black to have Treasurer Lowery chair the meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Board Comments: No comments

Citizens Comments:

A question was presented regarding the drain assessment on the Scott Creek Drain. Clerk King will get the citizens phone number and call the Drain Commissioner for details.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Regular Board minutes from September 12, 2011 meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by King 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.

County Commissioner: Commissioner Jessup gave a update on the jail project. Jessup expect to have the cost of the project in either November or December's meeting. They have set the limit of 17,500,000.00 for a 250 bed jail. Secondly, the budget for Allegan County should be approved Thursday night. It was necessary to cut 2,000,000.00 from the budget. They anticipate another large cut to the budget again next year. The cuts were made to law enforcement/ courts in the amount of \$750,000.00. A cut was made to the court house security in the amount of 100,000.00. Commissioner Jessup was not happy that a new department was established. Economic Development was started and he felt that there is not done in this department. Questions from the audience were presented regarding why the jail project is still be done after the voters stated with their votes that they did not want the project to go ahead, especially since they have had to cut law enforcement so drastically? How can we justify laying off officers protecting the citizens to build a jail. Jessup stated that the money being used for the jail is only to be used for capital improvements, not for personnel? Questions were presented regarding the amount of employees that are in the economic development department. Jessup stated that there was 2 employees and stated that he also voted to remove MSU Extension from the budget as well and the majority voted to keep Economic Development and MSU Extension. Lastly, it was asked why Equalization to the Dumont

Complex, instead of leaving them located near the departments that they work with the most, which were the Treasurer's office and Registered of Deeds

Bob Geneski /Congress: Congressman Geneski gave a update on the state budget. The budget was balanced in May. Unemployment is down from 14% to 11%, business tax was cut for small businesses. Major corporations will be paying more tax and No Fault Insurance will be reviewed in the next couple weeks. Lastly, Congressman Geneski thanked everyone for inviting him to the Fire Station dedication.

Deputy Report: No report – will be reported next month.

Fire Department: During the month of September there were 5 calls. The new fire station is coming along well, with the first payment made in the amount of \$118,107.00 with a balance of 796,000.00. There has been some deletions made to save some cost. Lastly, an update on 911 with the County. The Narrowband project held a meeting consisting of 16 fire chief's in attendance. The County will purchase all of the equipment. Service will be free if the equipment breaks. The funding will be coming from 911. The pagers will need to be reprogrammed, and that expense will be due from the townships.

First Responders: During the month of September there were 21 calls; 18 were medical, 1 accident and 2 were fire assist. The First Responders have received their license. The State of Michigan has done their audit, and the township did very well.

Ambulance Report: No report

Building Report: There were no monetary improvements for the month. Shamblin updated the board and residents on the Grove Street clean-up project. He estimates that it will cost between \$11,000 to \$20,000 to clean up the property. He stressed that nothing can be done until a court order is done.

Cemetery Report: It brought to the attention of the board that the well is not working at the cemetery. Sexton Curley suspected that it could be the pump, but requested permission to call Koops to get an estimate on what it might cost to repair the problem.

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Black to authorize the Cemetery Sexton to get an estimate by Koop's Well Drilling for a repair on the well pump. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Library Report: No report

Transfer Station: During the month, 73 tickets were redeemed and \$358.00 was collected. Superintendent Rawson felt that the board might want to review the number of tickets taken.

Lake Board: The Lake Board will hold a meeting on Saturday regarding assessment of the dredging project.

Newsletter committee: The deadline for the newsletter was tonight's meeting. Any information should be forwarded to L. Galdikas or Clerk King.

Assessor's Report: No report.

Holiday Committee: There has been a change in the date Thursday, December 1st. Students will perform, gifts with Santa. Tree lighting, decorating cookies.

Pullman Pride: No report.

Clean Team: A big thank you to Donna and Gene for all their hard work for the cleanup for the last year.

Road Committee:

The committee presented recommendation to the board for the next year's road repairs.

Donated Building Report: Shamblin reported that the Insurance Adjustor is sending documentation to be signed to proceed. Paul will contact the adjustor.

New Business:

Land Splits: *A motion was made by Black and seconded Ferguson to approve the land split for Curley at 755 56th. As approved by the Assessor and Building Inspector. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

A motion was made by Black and seconded Ferguson to approve the land split for Perez at 106th Avenue as approved by the Assessor and Building Inspector. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black and seconded Ferguson to approve the land split for Linkee at 58th Street as approved by the Assessor and Building Inspector. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Black to approve the authorization of the second partial payment in the amount of \$216,093.33. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, King. Motion carried.

Attorney Update: Steve has information. He has two prospects and will contact them to see if they are interests.

Street Lights – Consumers will be putting new energy savings bulbs in and then see what the cost. This will allow for a current calculation for an assessment.

Payment of the Bills: *A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Black to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Yes – Black, Ferguson, Lowery, King. Motion carried.*

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: *Motion was made by King/ Black seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

Minutes Submitted by:
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk