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**Lee Township**  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2011

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, Clerk King and Deputy Clerk Elwell. Absent: Supervisor Miller.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to have Clerk King chair the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Miller.*

**Board Comments :** Clerk King wanted to correct information that was given at the previous Budget Meeting regarding the Scott Creek Drain project and the cost to the township. Supervisor Miller stated that there would be no cost to the township. Clerk King talked to the engineer regarding the project and he stated that there would be roughly \$40,000.00 to the township with the other expense to be added as an assessment to all of those residents that are in the drain district.

**Citizen Comments:** Citizen Lacy wondered why Supervisor Miller was not at the meeting?

*A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Lowery to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes from March 14, 2011 meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to approve the Annual Budget Meeting minutes dated March 26, 2011. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

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

**Committee Reports:**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Jessup gave an update on the jail project, stating that a new plan was approved for a smaller version than the previous plans. The new plans would cost 19.5 million. He discussed the reapportionment of the districts for commissioners. Currently there are 11 commissioners, but due to the decrease of population, it is being reviewed to see if the number of commissioners should be reduced.

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**Deputies' Report:** Deputy Retmal reported 88 calls for the month of March. He also reported that he has talked to a resident that was not in compliance with the blight ordinance. He gave this resident 15 days, and the owner has been making progress and is complying.

**Fire Department Report:** During the month of March there were 4 fire calls. New station plans are done. The engineer has been paid the extra 15000.00 for the redrafting of plans. Chief DeWeerd is working with Paul Bristol, USDA. A new contract will need to be drafted to cover the addition cost of the plans.

**First Responders' Report :** During the month of March there was a total of 21 calls with 19 medical, 1 fire assist and 1 assist.

**Ambulance Report:** No report.

**Building Inspector's Report:** Inspector Shamblin reported more permits were issued last month than anytime in the last 5 years. He reported that he was able to stop a trailer that was brought in without any permits. He also stated that after inspecting the donated church building, there was very little damage due to the roof; most of the damage was water pipes that burst during the winter months.

**Cemetery Report:** Eve reported that Mike cleaned up the limbs that were down in the cemetery. She requested 5 new wreaths and a new flag for the cemetery. Several residents stated that they would donate a wreath to the cemetery for the upcoming Memorial Day. It was also requested that the Spring Cleanup be posted in the paper. Lastly one of the small trees has died and needs to be replaced. A tree was donated to replace the dead tree.

*A motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to authorize the Clerk to publish the Spring Cemetery Cleanup. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

**Library Report:** No Report

**Transfer Station Report:** During the month of March, \$582.00 collected and 45 tickets redeemed.

**Lake Board Report:** The Lake Board will meet at 2 pm on April 12, 2011.

**Newsletter Report:** Newsletters went out in the first of March.

**Assessor's Report:** No report.

**Holiday Committee:** Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 am. It will be held at the Pullman Elementary ball field.

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**Pullman Pride Committee:** Letters have been sent out on Tuesday and donation have been received. The committee will meet on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Clean Team Report:** The next clean up is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of May.

**Road Committee Report:** No Report.

**Church Activity Report:** There has been a request to use the building, but the interested group was unable due to the water damage. Trustee Ferguson stated that there was a lot of interest in the beginning for using the building. Treasurer Lowery wondered when the board should discuss what will be done with the building. A insurance claim will be submitted on the water damage to see if it will be covered. There is interest regarding the use of the building and it will be discussed in the future if the board will keep the building or not.

*A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Black to table the issue until more information is received regarding the insurance claim. Ferguson, Black and King voted "Aye". Lowery voted "No".*

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Drain Easement:** A resolution was presented allowing an easement to the Drain office for access of the Scott Creek County drain for the work that will be done. It was discussed that the cost of the project goes up if an easement is not signed and legal action needs to be taken.

*Motion was made by Black and seconded by Ferguson to sign the easement allowing the Drain office to have an easement to do the work scheduled on Scott Creek Drain. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

**Donated Church Building:** Was discussed during committee report.

**Attorney Contract for the New Fire Station:** A contract was presented by Attorney Blair for the purpose of a requirement with USDA. The signing was tabled until the contract could be reviewed by USDA

**Budget (Reduction of Deputy):** Discussion took place regarding the money budget for the year and what that meant as far as the contract with the Sheriff's Department for 2 deputies. The new budget starts in April so a formal decision needs to be the soon.

*A motion was made by Lowery and seconded by Black to reduce the contract to 1 deputy starting April 2011. Roll call vote was taken: Yes- Black, Ferguson, Lowery and King. Motion carried.*

Suggestions were made regarding what to do with the extra patrol car.

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

**Correspondence:** It was discussed that a letter was sent to the township from the school to request the township's help in keeping the trash emptied during the summer months when the school is out. Liability will be checked before a decision is made.

**Citizen's Comments:**

*A motion was made King and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.*

Minutes submitted by  
Sue Elwell, Deputy Clerk

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