

Lee Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:00 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 Ferguson gave an update on the Blight Committee. The committee has made great strides. Flyers were made available to those interested in attendance.

Citizen's Comments:

Inspector Shamblin commented on the amount of tires that he has picked up in the township during the past few days.

A citizen presented a question regarding when 54th Street would be repaired? It will hopefully be on the top of the list of those repairs to be done by the road millage, once it has been collected.

J. Curtis stated that he lives on 54th Street. The condition of the road has been made worse by the loose stones applied by the Allegan County Road Commission. He stated that he was unable to use his deck due to the dust and stones. He also was unhappy that semi-trucks were using the road, making it worse. He requested the schedule for the Allegan County Road Commission meetings, so that he might attend.

R. Russell commented on the 60th Street project. He stated that this project was paid for out of different funding.

A motion was made by Ferguson and seconded by Miller to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Black 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.

Committee Reports:

County Commissioner's Report: No report.

Deputies Report: No report.

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Fire Department Report: During the month there were 14 calls. Bid were opened at the June 28th Special Meeting at 2 p.m. There were 9 bids, USDA recommended to accept the bid from BCI. Once the bid has been accepted by the township board, it goes back to BCI & USDA and Miller Canfield for the final approval.

First Responders' Report: During the month of June, there were 19 calls. All the calls were medical. To date, there have been 119 calls for 2011. The training schedule for June, has been rescheduled due to conflicts.

Ambulance Report: No report.

Building Inspector's Report: During the month there were 9 permits issued. Permits issued included 3 building, 3 electrical, 2 mechanical and 1 plumbing for a total improvement value of \$25, 220.00. The township board will be receiving a letter from an attorney regarding a rental property that is substandard and was closed down. The rental had warped floors, no electric and no running water. The property owners have continued to try to sell, but will have to bring it up to code before it can be rented. Rentals are under the Commercial Code and not the Residential Code. It has been condemned twice. Update on the insurance claim of the donated building. An adjuster came out and questioned if they really wanted to fix it? He is working up bids and has not as of yet heard from him. He will contact him regarding the status.

Cemetery Report: No report. The committee will create a letter if necessary. Addresses were requested by Janice for those in violation of the Cemetery Ordinance.

Library Report: No report.

Transfer Station Report: During the month of June, there was \$662.00 collected and 49 coupons redeemed.

Lake Board Report: Not too much to report, since the dredging equipment is broken. It should resume in 2 to 3 days.

Newsletter Report: The latest edition of the Lee Crossing is out in the mail. It is posted on the website as well. Treasurer Lowery commended Lisa on the condensed version of the newsletter and Clerk King commented on the appearance and her appreciation for Lisa taking the initiative in condensing it to save the tax payers money.

Assessor's Report: As of July 13th, we no longer have an Assessor contracted. An ad will be placed to request interested parties to send a letter of interest and qualifications for the Board to review. The Board of Review will take place on the 19th at 4 p.m.

Holiday Committee: Holiday Social will be held on December 3rd. During June the Ridge Point Youth held a yard sale and was very successful in raising money for the Holiday Social.

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Minutes July 2011

Pullman Pride Committee: The date is set for July 16th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a singer, a free pork roast dinner and free rides for the kids. There will also be pony rides for free, with a request for donation. Donuts, Danish, hot dogs and sausages will be sold. The free pork dinner will start at 2 p.m.

Clean Team Committee: The Clean Team would like to thank Jim Rawson and all those who helped with cleaning up during Vacation Bible School. A beautification project was also done with flowers donated by Bodfish Nurseries, Ed Brock and Osman's Nurseries. There were also flowers planted in the front of the township, and it was requested that the board members help keep them watered and looking good.

Road Committee Report: Supervisor Miller read the road report provided by C. Pugh, Road Committee member. The report briefly touches on what roads would be considered for repair upon the collection of millage money. The worse roads are 54th Street from 110th to 112th Avenue; 105th Avenue from 53rd to 58th Street; 58th Street from 105th to 109th Avenue; 103rd Avenue from 50th to 52nd Street. All roads listed are currently asphalted. The committee plans to have a report prepared for the September 2011 Regular Board Meeting for review. Please contact committee members, Les Rawson, Chuck Pugh, and Ray Russell.

Donated Building Report: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Alvan Donation: Supervisor Miller read the law regarding township monies. The law reads *"Contributions or appropriations which are not specifically authorized by the Constitution or State Status cannot be authorized regardless of the worthiness of the cause. Examples of such prohibited expenditures where there is no contract for specific services to lawful wards or functions of the local unit have been negotiated are as follows: Contributions to church, veterans, non-profit organization, Payment of funeral expenses for a person injured on government property, donations to a private ambulance or EMS service not under contract with the governmental unit. Donations to community organizations."*

New Attorney: Attorney Blair is still under contract for the fire station, but we are waiting for a list of possible choices for the ordinance violations.

New Assessor: Blain McLeod, director of Allegan Co. Equalization, will be at the Board of Review on the 19th. We will be receiving help to find candidates for a possible assessor.

Pullman Pride/People Helping People: Dumpsters have been ordered, but there is a request for 8 to 10 volunteers to monitor the dumpsters. Volunteers can sign up after the meeting.

New Business:

Jerry Curtis/Shriners: In Chicago is the location of the Cripple Children's Hospital as well as Pennsylvania has a Amish hospital to address the vaccinations. The Shiners provide the transportation to

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take the child to the hospital and bring them home as well as providing all the meals while they are in their care. If anyone knows of a child in need of care, please contact Jerry.

Request for Liquor License: Correspondence from the state was sent to the township regarding the request for a liquor license. The board does not need to act on this issue. Only the state has authority and only sends correspondence to the township for information purposes.

Bid for the New Contractor: A recommendation was made to award the bid to BCI upon the approval from the township's attorney.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to approve/accept the bid from BCI pending approval from township attorney, Jonathon Blair. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: None.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by
Jacquelyn A. King

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