



Lee Crossings

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Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Fall/Winter

2012

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This years' Annual Lee Township Community Holiday Social will take place on Friday December 7th from 6:00-8:30pm at Pullman Elementary School together with a school sponsored parent education program. Pullman Elementary School students from Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third grades will kick things off with their musical program, led by Tricia Overbeek, starting at 6:00pm in the school gym (students performing are asked to report to the gym by 5:45pm). Following the music performance families will rotate stations every 30 minutes with opportunities to decorate cookies, listen to holiday stories in the library, enjoy a healthy snack and get valuable tips on how to prepare healthy inexpensive meals; have a family photo taken with Santa (children up to age 10 will be given a small gift) and make a family ornament or greeting card. There will also be door prizes to win, including a beautiful "you cut" Christmas tree, donated by Allegan State Farm Agent Bob Hayes. At 8:30pm we will move outdoors to light the big tree with Santa. Families must stay the entire evening to be able access all the activities mentioned. This event is free and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. Any questions contact Lisa Galdikas @ 236-6119.



A yard sale was held in June with help of Ridgepoint Summer Bible School youth to raise money for this year's Holiday Social (Friday December 7th). Over \$600 was raised thanks to shoppers, those who donated, and the enthusiasm of the youth group.

TERRY LARAWAY MEMORIAL RAFFLE

Once again the winners of the Terry Laraway Memorial raffle will be announced at the end of the Holiday Social Friday December 7th. The items will be on display and raffle tickets can be bought that night. You can also pick up a raffle ticket (\$5 each or 3 for \$10) at Pizza Plus. Raffle items include: a Google Nexus 7, a Kindle Fire, an IPOD Shuffle and a \$200 gift certificate from Brush Enterprises. You do not need to be present to win but you can't win if you don't buy a ticket! Proceeds generated from the raffle go to fund the local Pullman sports teams and upkeep on the playing fields.

YOU DON'T NEED A GOOD SINGING VOICE TO PARTICIPATE- JUST THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Families are invited to come out on Saturday December 8th at 6:00pm for the annual Community Caroling on the corner of 56th and 109th (Pizza Plus parking lot). There will be a live manger scene as well as hot chocolate and cookies. No better way to get into the spirit of the season! All are welcome.

Love, INC Pullman Network

The Pullman Love, INC office is open Wednesdays and Fridays to serve families in need. Donations are needed for the food and personal needs pantries. Items most needed are: canned soups, fruits, vegetables and cereal. The Pullman office is also looking for volunteers to help out 2-3 hours a week, meeting with clients and keeping the office clean. Adopt-a-Family is an annual ministry that coordinates families in need and those who can help meet their needs at Christmas time. If you are interested in helping contact Ana at 269-751-2533 ext. 110. Families needing heat or electric assistance this winter season can contact Love, INC at 269-236-6295 or stop by the office at 943 56th St. Wednesdays or Fridays from Noon - 3:30pm.

Winter Safety Tips from the Lee Twp Fire Dept

Be prepared for the winter heating season by

- testing your smoke alarms and carbon dioxide detectors
- having your chimney cleaned if you burn wood (creosote from smoke can cause a chimney fire)
- having a family evacuation plan with an outside meeting place in case of a fire
- not leaving electric heaters unattended
- cleaning out your dryer filters
- changing your furnace filter. This is not only a safety tip, but it can help you save on your heating bill.

Note: Heating assistance is available for qualified families through the Allegan County Department of Human Service at 673-7700 (as well as Love, INC as noted in the previous article on page 1).

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Pullman has been truly blessed by the partnership with People Helping People. This summer PHP, in partnership with Lee Township's Clean Team, built a dozen flower boxes and filled them with beautiful donated flowers, and displayed them at several businesses in town. They also provided help with a community clean up day. This fall a group of volunteers from Ridgepoint Church/PHP came to Pullman to do the fall cleanup at the Lee Township cemetery as well as making 7 scarecrows. These were placed at downtown area businesses along with donated hay bales and mum plants. It was a dreary rainy day but that did not dampen their spirits. Thanks to all those who donated their time and materials. Each of the activities we work together on is a wonderful reminder of the great things that can happen for our community when we work hand in hand.



Bobby Walker from Walker Tires and Susan Green from Studio 109 and Forever Tan stand with the volunteers who made their scarecrow look-a-likes!

LEE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE WORKING AS SUCESSFUL SUMMER REPAIRS ARE COMPLETED

Submitted by Chuck Pugh

Four and a half miles of Township paved roads were repaired making these roads safer for all of us including the fire department, first responders, bused school children and law enforcement officers. These improved roads will also save residents on vehicle repairs. The paved roads that were tarred and chipped were 58th St, 105th St, and 103rd St. The first year of the three year millage paid for the repairs. In the Spring, the Township Road Committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding next year's paved and gravel road repairs. The recommendations will be based on present road conditions, protecting roads in fair condition, repair costs, and traffic volume. The worst paved road condition in the Township is 54th St from Lower Scott Lake to 112th. Gravel roads will be considered for drainage problems, using shoulder grading and new culverts. A renewal of the road millage will also be recommended to the board by the Road Committee to be placed on the Spring ballot. The present millage will run out in 2014, if not renewed.

The Lee Township Road Committee members are Les Rawson, Ray Russell, and Chuck Pugh. Let us know your suggestions (leave a message at the Township 236-6485). Thanks for supporting the improvements on our township roads.

2012 WINTER TAX INFORMATION

Tax bills will be mailed by December 1st. Please check your bill upon receipt for possible errors. Errors may be corrected at the December Board of Review scheduled for Tuesday December 11th at 1pm at the Township Hall.

The Treasurer will collect tax at the **Township Office** on **Tuesdays (9am – 12pm) and Fridays (9am - 5pm)** the months of December, January, and February. A 3% penalty will be added to winter tax paid after February 14th. Payment must be received by due date, postmarks are not honored.

Unpaid Summer 2012 tax must be paid at the Township (interest added 1% per month beginning September 15, 2012).

Beginning March 1, 2013, unpaid taxes (Summer & Winter) become delinquent and must be paid to the **ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER**, with an additional 4% administrative fee and 1.5% interest per month. Verify the correct amount to be paid by contacting the County Treasurer's Office at 673-0260 or www.allegancounty.org.

Defer penalty and interest

Qualifying senior citizens or permanently disabled persons may defer penalty and interest on tax payments until April 30th for **Homeowner's Principal Residence only**. Notify the Township Treasurer to apply for a **Deferment Application** at the receipt of your tax bill.

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 877 56th Street, Pullman and are open to the public.
- Be sure to check out the official Lee Township website for additional information at www.leetwp.org.
- Anyone with information for the newsletter can call the Township office at 236-6485 or email to leetwp@i2k.com or send to P.O. Box 427 Pullman, MI 49450.
- Pullman Branch Library is open Monday- Friday, 3 - 6 pm and Saturday, 10-12 pm. Fennville District Library now offers free library cards to Lee Township residents.
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).

Cemetery

Reminder: grave sites must be kept within the rules that are posted in the cemetery and are available in print at the Township Office.

General Township Information

Lee Township borders are 60th Street, 48th Street, Baseline Road and 112th Avenue, encompassing 23,040 acres, and the 2000 Census reported a population of 4,114. Lee Township is home to Pullman Elementary School; Lower Scott Lake (township park and beach, public boat access); Upper Scott Lake (public boat access); Osterhout Lake (public beach and boat access); Lester Lake, Clear Lake; Springbrook Lake; and Middle Branch of the Black River. Lee Township Cemetery is located at 53rd and 105th Ave.

Township Board Members & Department Staff ***Township Office 236-6485***

Steve Miller, Supervisor 236-6485
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-5129
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693
Bruce Ferguson, Trustee 434-6507
Heather Mitchell, Assessor 269-978-8274
Paul Shamblin, Building Inspector 628-5255
Nelvin DeWeerd, Fire Chief 236-5492
Ted Chamberlain, Asst. Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Ross Mysliwiec, Twp Deputy 673-0500
Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485

The Lee Township Board welcomes all comments and suggestions either by mail, e-mail, fax or left at the office.

CHURCH NEWS

Bravo Christian Reform - 5587 113th Ave. (113th & 56th St.), Fennville, Pastor Peter DeHaan, 269-235-5037. Service times: Sunday 10 am. Open to all. House of Mercy in conjunction with Love INC (emergency food and clothing) Wednesday 12:30 -3 pm; Family Night Worship Wednesday until April 13th, 5:30 to 6:30 pm dinner. Singing and Bible reading 6:30 - 7:00 and Bible study classes 7:00 - 7:30 pm. Sonshine Thrift Store Tues-Sat 10 - 4. Something for everyone. Donations accepted.

Fresh Start Gospel Church - 5581 109th Ave., Pullman, Pastor Jim Blackston, 269-655-6172. Sunday Worship Service 6 pm; Bible Friendship Group Service, Wed. 7 - 9 pm. Potluck held second Sunday of every other month.

Horseshoe Community Bible Church - 4950 104th Ave., Grand Junction, Pastor Don Miller. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm.
Mt. Calvary MB Church - 5424 105th, Pullman, Pastor Rev. A.G. Bailey. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship 11 am; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Tuesdays 5:30 pm.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - 558 58th St. Pullman, Pastor Steppney Black, 236-5693 or 5722. Service times: Sunday School 9:30 am; Morning Worship 11 am.

Pullman Bible Church - 5508 109th, Pullman, Pastor Jeff Stephens, 236-0409. Service times: Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am; Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 pm.

Pullman Country Chapel - 5769 106th Ave, Pullman, 236-9869. Service times: Sunday School 10 am and Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm and Wednesday at 7 pm.

Ray of Light Church - 886 60th St., Pastor Mary Hoots, 236-6966. Service times: Sunday Worship 10 am - noon and 6 - 8 pm; Family Training Wednesday 6:30 pm.

Seventh Day Adventist Church - 671 52nd St., 236-5011, Pastor William Richardson 616-644-4153. Worship Services: Sabbath school- Saturday 9:30 am; Divine worship 11 am; Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 pm.

November 6th General Election Results for Lee Township:

Supervisor: Scott Owen
Clerk: Jacquelyn King
Treasurer: Jessie Lowery
Trustee: Steve Black
Trustee: Lisa Galdikas

UPCOMING COUNTRY LIFE PROGRAMS

Oak Haven, 641 52nd St., Pullman, MI 49450 ~ www.clnf.org

November 18, 2012 – Sunday, 4:00 to 6:00 PM

“Holiday Brunches” For those times with family & friends!
At Faith Hall. No Charge.

By Reservation Only ~ For more information or to register call 269-236-8326 or 1-800-456-7694 ext. 326 or email patty@clnf.org

CLEAN TEAM LOOKING FOR NEW LEADERSHIP **Submitted by Donna Allgaier-Lamberti**

When we first began this grass roots community group six years ago, I remember being so frustrated and discouraged with the condition of the Lee Township roadsides. The roadways and ditches were clogged with litter, dirty diapers, tires, dead animals, appliances, old furniture, trash and more.

At first, I complained and then one day, it occurred to me that unless I stepped forward to help make the situation better, I had no right to complain. The Clean Team was formed. Although over the years our numbers have been small, those that participated have been warriors. It's not easy, nor fun, to be bending over for two hours outside in the heat and humidity on a 90 degree day picking up someone else's trash.

After six years of work and collaboration OUR roadsides have cleaned up and new skills have been learned by all. I would like to publically thank Clean Team participants: Gene Allgaier-Lamberti for his years of help, as well as a "shout-out" to our other volunteers; Nancy Endres, Lisa Galdikas and Tim Kotas, Robin Dubas, and Michael Carroll. Special groups have also pitched in to help from time to time over the past few years and "a high five" goes out to volunteers from PHP and Ridgepoint Church in Holland. Also, several local youths who served their volunteer hours picking up roadside trash and many others volunteer quietly and pick up their road on their own schedule. Thank you all!

After six years of monthly Clean Team duties, Gene and I have decided to retire our leadership position. It is our hope that someone new with fresh ideas and a youthful stamina will come forward and assume the leadership position. I am happy to train or assist the new leaders until they are comfortable with the job at hand. Let's keep up the forward movement that we have gained. This is our community! (If you would like more information on the Clean Team please contact Donna @ 236-5121).

A Special Note of Thanks ***Submitted by Debbie Laraway***

Back in the 1960s when Lyndon Johnson was President, his wife, Lady Bird Johnson, started a campaign to KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL. Mr. Russell Moran must have been listening when he was a child because he has been doing his best to keep Pullman beautiful. You can see him on days fair and foul, cleaning up litter all around the town. Combined with the efforts of the Clean Team we see improvements everywhere. We all owe it to our beautiful community to copy their efforts and never be litterbugs!

Congratulations to our Pullman Elementary Principal who got married in August and is now Mrs. Heather Grisales.

Pullman Elementary School Important Dates:

November 13- School Improvement Meeting 3:20pm, parents invited
November 14- Family Math Night & Fall Festival 5:30pm
November 16- Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm; Senior Luncheon 1:15pm; PTO Movie Night after school
November 21- ½ Day for Students and Staff – end of the 1st trimester
November 22-23- Thanksgiving Recess – No School
November 26- 2nd Trimester begins
December 5- Preschool-12th grade: late start (10:05); a.m. teacher PD
December 7- Holiday Social & Winter Music program and parent education night
December 17, 18 & 19- Dental Van at school
December 24- January 4 Christmas Break
January 7- School Resumes
January 18- Senior Luncheon 1:15pm; PTO Movie Night after school
January 21- Professional Development Day – No School for Students
January 24- ½ Day for Students – a.m.; Parent/Teacher conferences – p.m.
February 8- PTO Valentine Dance
February 22- PTO Movie Night after school
February 28- Star Student Assembly & Music on the Move Concert

FIRE IS A TOTAL LOSS FOR A LOCAL BUSINESS



When La Tienda store caught fire in August several area fire departments worked together to put out the flames. Chief DeWeerd noted at the August Township meeting that over \$3 million dollars worth of equipment was used to fight the blaze along with 270,000 gallons of water. In total, 7 fire departments were on the scene. No one was injured in the fire or fighting the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be a light fixture in the attic.

Pullman Pride

The 10th annual Pullman Pride Day was held Saturday July 21st and was a day filled with music, crafters, community yard sale, Bingo, book sale, auction, and free lunch and ice cream. Thanks to all the residents who came out and supported this event. We raised almost \$1400.00 for college scholarships for graduating seniors in Lee Township.

THANK YOU to the following for your continued support and willingness to donate to Pullman Pride: Scott and Becky Owen of Preferred Market, Prairie Farms and Love, INC (lunch donation), People Helping People (inflatable donation), Bravo Church (tables), Fresh Start Gospel Church (water), Ray of Light Church and Shirley Kay(bingo prizes), Gene & Donna Allgaier-Lamberti (paint supplies), Diann Whitaker (face painting), Debbie Laraway and Doug Bale, Cornerstone Ag., Baylor Buddy Johns, VFW Post 6134, Energy Lodge, Nelvin & Eleanor DeWeerd, Chuck Pugh, Osterhaut Lake People Inc., Lower Scott Lake Association, Ed & Virginia Brock, Sally Lacy, Ron & Joyce Worth, Jackie King, Steve Miller, Claire DeYoung, Eve Pacholski, Jeanine Mylanski, Colleen Kay, Chris & Bruce Saip, Rep. Bob Genetski, The Lost City, Saugatuck Dune Rides, The Beach House, Northwood's Café, Studio 109 and Forever Tan, Al-Van Humane Society, Pullman Intercare, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, The Shriners, and Bloomingdale Public Schools for the use of their beautiful facilities.

A day like this does not just happen, it takes many helpers and behind the scene folks. We would like to thank those of you who may go un-named, especially to our families who worked to make this day possible. Pullman Pride Committee is always looking for residents who can help with this annual community event. ***Anyone interested in the Pullman Pride Committee should contact Pam Rawson 434-6477, Lisa Galdikas 236-6119 or the Township office 236-6485.***



Pullman Pride offered something for everyone, big or small!



AL-VAN HUMANE SOCIETY SERVICE TO LEE TOWNSHIP

Al-Van Humane Society continues to provide emergency shelter and care for animals in Allegan and Van Buren counties. The Lee Township board has an annual contract with the shelter for these services and in turn has given the shelter \$750.00 to subsidize the cost of caring from the animals from our township (an estimated cost of over \$8000 annually). In addition the donation boxes in Preferred Market and Pizza Plus have collected about \$300 a year for the shelter. Thanks to everyone's generosity the cats and dogs in our community are getting the help they need.

Saturday December 7th will be Al-Van Humane Society's Annual Open House. Come and tour to the shelter located at 73303 8th Ave in South Haven between 11am-2pm. You are encouraged to bring an item on their "Wish List" which helps tremendously. Did you know that in a year the shelter goes through 600 gallons of bleach, 15,000 lbs of cat litter, 9000 lbs of dog food and 5000 lbs of cat food. Top items on their wish list: cat litter, Purina dog and cat food, bleach, paper towels, large garbage bags, towels and blankets. For information on low cost spay and neuter programs or how you can get involved, contact Al-Van Humane Society at 269-639-5062.

8 Steps to Cleaner Air and a Healthier Life for All

- Compost your leaves rather than burn them as burning leaves causes toxins to be released into our air and are harmful for pregnant women and the elderly or sick.
- Likewise, do not burn your trash (especially plastic bags).
- Compost food stuff (exclude meat, bones and grease) into wonderful soil for your garden.
- Recycle clean plastic bags at Wal-Mart or the local library.
- Don't burn – instead recycle cardboard, metal, glass and newspapers at Lee Township Transfer Station.
- Re-use as many household goods as possible; give usable items to Goodwill or find an organization that can use your leftover paint and cleaning supplies.
- Commercial cleaning supplies are toxic. Use inexpensive vinegar mixed 50/50 with water for a solution that kills bacteria and leaves no harmful toxins in our air.
- Buy used or consume less... for less to throw away!!

Basic Smoke Detector Information

Reprinted from The Reminder

What is the single most important thing you can do when it comes to fire safety in your home? All experts agree that without a doubt, the most important step to take is to make sure you have working smoke detectors installed. Smoke detectors have saved literally tens of thousands of lives, and prevented hundreds of thousands of injuries over the years. They are cheap, they are easy to install, and there's absolutely no excuse for not using them. You can pick them up at discount stores, hardware stores, home improvement stores, and even more and more grocery stores carry them.

How many do you need? At a bare minimum, you need at least one for every level of your house. If all the bedrooms share a common hallway, then one detector in the hallway should do. But if the house is laid out with bedrooms separated in different areas, you will need one for each separate area. In addition, any bedroom where people sleep with their door closed should have a detector inside the room. Smoke detectors over ten years old should be replaced, according to fire safety experts. They also recommend you test your smoke detectors on a regular basis-say every Friday night or Saturday morning, whatever works for you, and is easy to remember. Testing them is very simple. Most smoke detectors have a button marked TEST, and you simply push it in. If the alarm sounds, it's fine. If it doesn't, either the detector has gone bad or the battery is worn out. In either case, you will need to fix it right away.

Because it is easy to forget about batteries in smoke detectors, it's become something of a national institution in America to replace the batteries twice a year, when we switch to and from Daylight Savings Time. That's a good idea, and you should adopt the habit. Many people have been lulled into a false sense of safety because "I've got a smoke detector." But if the batteries are dead, it will do you no good. Fire experts estimate that about a third of all detectors in this country have dead batteries in them. Don't let this happen to you. One situation that needs to be addressed is what happens if the smoke detector keeps going off for no reason? Usually this happens because it is too close to the stove, and steam and light smoke are setting it off. In that case, you will need to move it. Don't just take the batteries out to get rid of the annoyance. This can be a deadly mistake.



A meeting was held to discuss the future of the Pullman Post Office and it was standing room only. The outcome: our Post Office will remain open 4 hours a day Mon-Fri and one hour on Saturday!

Synopsis of Lee Township Board Meetings Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30pm. Members present: Black, Lowery, Miller and King. Absent: Ferguson. Clerk gave update on Fennville School election. Resident concerned about condition of 54th St. Motion made to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 9, 2012. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. County Commissioner gave update on the jail; increase on phone bill to fund 911. Deputy report: 74 complaints, 29 handled by our deputy. Fire Department report: 11 calls for April. New rules for fireworks. New flag poles up. First Responders report: 28 calls. Building report: Shamblin requested more time to review his contract with the Township. Total of improvements:\$45,000. Transfer Station report: \$489 collected and 67 tickets. Lake Board is still looking for 2 members. Pullman Pride: 4 scholarship winners. Assessors report: Homestead date has been changed to November 1st. Road Committee report: A special meeting set for June 5th 6:30pm with Larry from the Road Commission to discuss possible repairs and best use of millage funds. Clean Team report: Township has received a grant for tire clean-up for \$3000. Motion made to advertise tire disposal in local paper. Scott Creek Drain project should begin in June. Motion made to authorize the Treasurer to purchase a new computer. Motion made to advertise position at transfer station in the paper. Motion made to have door installed to access the storage area in the extra building next to Township office. Supervisor Miller contacted USDA regarding grants for a new patrol car. Motion made to approve the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm.

Special Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2012

Motion made to call the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Miller and King. Absent: Lowery. Motion made to adopt the contract by the State of Michigan for the cemetery sexton as presented. The building inspector was not present so no action could be taken on his contract. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Special Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2012

Motion made to call the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Purpose of the meeting was to determine the most effective way to use the road millage funds. Action will be taken at the next regular meeting. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Regular Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Trustee Ferguson asked about roadside mowing. Motion made to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 14th and the special meeting on May 21st. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Deputy report: 92 complaints; 33 handled by our officer.

Fire Department report: 2 calls for the month of May. Pancake breakfast during Pullman Pride at the fire station. First Responders report: 25 calls. Building report: 3 permits issued. Contract signed with PHP to move ahead with repairs to old church building. Transfer station report: collected \$548 and 62 tickets. Pullman Pride plans are underway for July 17th event. Newsletter will be out at the end of the week. Board of Review set for July 17th 6pm. Road Committee report: recommendations for repairs submitted. Clean Team report: 1900 tires collected and there will be another collection done at transfer station. Motion made to sign the agreement with Great Lakes Connect to enable internet cable to be run to Intercare and the Township received a check for \$500. Motion made to add an additional mowing at the cost of \$2,380.32. Motion made to accept the recommendations for road repairs.

Motion made to accept contract with PHP for the Community Center. Motion made to approve the tax brochure and dump tickets to be placed in summer tax bill. Motion made to authorize the Clerk to publish Board of Review notice. Motion made to appoint Fred Rawson (only candidate) for open transfer station position. Motion made to install door in the store room at a cost of \$585. Motion made to approve the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

Fire District Meeting of July 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Motion made to retain the current millage rate of 4 mills. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Regular Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Candidates running were given time to introduce themselves. Road millage of 1 mill is up for renewal on the ballot. Citizens comments regarding blight on Grove St; people at the lake park after dusk; need for park rules sign. Motion made to accept the minutes of the June 11 meeting. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. County Commissioner highlighted the financial stability of the county. Fire Department report: 20 calls in June. Burning ban due to drought. First Responders report: 25 calls. Schedule is difficult to fill. Motion made to pay \$15 per day for responders when they are on call on a 6 month trial basis. Ambulance report: AMR purchased new defibrillator to share with other townships. Building report: 3 building, 1 electrical and 1 plumbing permit for a total value of \$91,000. Update on Community Center. Motion made to allow P. Shamblin to put pews for sale on EBay or Craig's list. Motion made to amend the motion on the pews and allow for residents to purchase them by auction. Transfer station report: \$612 collected and 62 tickets. Lake Board: Rep Genetski was contacted to see if the Lower Scott Lake Assoc or Drain Commission was responsible for clearing lily pads on the channel. Building inspector contract was tabled until the next meeting. Discussion about ongoing yard sales as blight.

Motion made to allow right of way per resident request. Motion made to approve the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm.

Regular Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lee Township Board was called to order at 7:30pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Comments on the possible closing of the post office. Comment complimenting the road millage signs. Complaint about noise late at night at public beach. Motion made to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 9th and Fire District meeting minutes. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Fire Department report: 23 calls; one firefighter was injured. First Responders report: 44 calls. Building report: 7 building, 6 electrical, 3 mechanical and 3 plumbing for a total of \$263,200. Transfer station report: \$720 collected and 113 tickets. Motion made to accept Dr. Steven Nitsch's letter of interest to serve on the Lake Board. Pullman Pride raised \$1400 for scholarships. Clean Team needs new leadership. Assessors contract tabled. Motion made to approve the bills as presented. Motion made to approve payment to election staff. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Lee township Board was called to order at 7:30pm. Members present: Black, Ferguson, Lowery, Miller and King. Residents concerned about burned out building between 105th and 106th as well as 911 Grove. Judge Baillargeon presented a short video on drinking and driving.

Motion made to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from August 13, 2012. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Fire Department report: 7 calls. Chief encouraged Board to adopt regulations for fire clean-up through Public Act 495. Reminder meeting regarding closing of the post office will be on Thursday Oct. 25th 5pm at the new fire station. First Responders report: 33 calls for August. Building Inspector's report: a total of \$10,000 in improvements. Plans approved for remodel of the old church building. No plans available at the meeting. Motion made to authorize the Clerk to publish the fall clean up for the cemetery. Library report: 3 new computers with internet access. Transfer station took in \$551 and 92 tickets. Allegan County offering tire disposal. Assessor reported that new act allows banks to file for homestead exemption on foreclosed properties. Clean Team encouraged board or school to look into additional trash cans for park area. Road Committee reminded residents that the millage will need to be renewed next year. Clerk will contact Consumers Energy regarding overpayment. Motion made to accept the Assessor's contract as presented. Motion made to approve land split presented for 5100 110th. Motion made to authorize the payment of the bills as presented. Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm.

(Complete minutes available at the Township office or www.leetwp.org)

**Lee Township Newsletter
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Pullman, MI 49450**

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