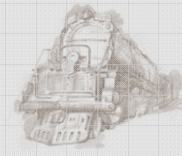


Lee Crossings



Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan

Spring 2009

Fourth Annual Lee Township Holiday Social and Tree Lighting

TWAS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Twas the first Friday of December,
the 5th to be exact.
The snow and temperature were falling
and all the details for a celebration intact.

Holiday lights and a tree,
and a live manger scene
Katrine's horses, angels and wise men
completed the scene.

Pastor Scott shared prayer and thanks,
School kids placed homemade ornaments on the tree.
Did someone see a fire truck on its way?
Now who on earth could that be?

With Chief DeWeerd behind the wheel
and Santa and Mrs. Claus on top
All the children formed a line to sit on Santa's lap
as Love Inc and friends helped Santa bring a lot!

The safety patrol sang like angels
and the Rawson Brothers sounded sweet
Mary's reading of the Night Before Christmas
certainly was an added holiday treat!

But treats didn't end there
with this year's first Business Open House.
Families scurried from place to place
getting their card stamped and eating treats like a mouse.

This year's holiday social
went off without a hitch.
And that wouldn't have been possible
without the many helpers that made it a cinch.

The Lee Township Holiday Committee
hopes everyone enjoyed the social and decorations just fine
and wishes you all a happy and healthy 2009!

(A special thanks goes out to the City of Douglas, Debbie,
Joanie, Tim and Tom Laraway, Doug Bale, Gary Bodfish,
Pastor Kevin Scott, Katrine Garfield, Mary Hinkle,

Tony Davison, Gene Allgaier-Lamberti, Tom Militello,
Ron & Joyce Worth, the Kay family, Shirley McMaster,
Carrie Sue Ahlman, Pullman Elementary students and staff
and Levine Pines. We are so grateful to Kirk and Michelle
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Bureau, Graafschap Christen Reformed Church, Al's
Excavating, Douglas Christian Neighbors, PVT Trucking,
Haven Reformed Church and Overisel Reformed Church



Santa & Mrs. Claus handing out gifts.



Pullman Safety Patrol Caroling



Santa & Mrs. Claus arriving by Fire Truck

Meet One of Your First Responders

My name is Ray Adams. I was a Chicago Fireman for 24 years. I returned and made Pullman my home and found out that there were only a handful of First Responders covering our Township. These First Responders all have full time jobs. They are willing to give up their time off to help the community. They are on call for 12 hour shifts, which means they cannot leave the township during that time. They only get paid \$12.00 if they are on call.

My wife and I decided that we wanted to help out our community. We went to classes and had to take a state test. We didn't realize the full dedication of commitment of these few First Responders until we were able to become First Responders ourselves. We just took for granted that if we needed medical help, it would be there.

As a First Responder, we are on the scene before the Paramedics and Ambulance can get to you or a loved one. We do what we have been trained to do, so that when the ambulance gets to you, you will be ready for immediate transport to the hospital. Minutes do count!

The Township has a contract with AMR ambulance service, which is paid out of the First Responder's budget. If this millage doesn't pass, the funds won't be available to pay for the contract. Ambulance service will then have to come from whatever ambulance is available, which could be as far away as Holland or Grand Rapids. Remember, minutes do count!

First Responders are vital to the citizens in this township. Hopefully you will never have to make that 911 call. It is good to know that we will be first on the scene if you do. Last year we had over 200 calls. Could you be one of those callers?

First Responders will hold a meeting April 26th from 2 to 5 p.m. to meeting with citizens and answer questions.

This will be the language on the May 5th ballot.

FIRST RESPONDER MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan, be increase by One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per thousand dollars (1.50 mills) of the taxable value for a period of five (5) years, 2009 to 2013, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds to Lee Township for emergency medical first responder services? It is estimated that 1.50 mills would raise approximately \$ 76,000.00 when first levied in 2009.

If you support and wish to continue the First Responders you will want to vote a "yes" vote. If you no longer would like to have the First Responders in our community than you would vote a "no" vote on May 5th.

First Responders Questions & Answer

by Donna Allgaier-Lamberti

Q: Now that First Responders renewal has failed, what happen next?

A: The board has three basic options: 1) Pay for the cost using township funds. 2) hold a special election to try to get the millage passed or 3) Leave township residents to manage an emergency on their own.

Q: Was there an additional cost to the taxpayers on the 2008 Millage Program?

A: No, this proposal would have replaced what was already paid with the previous millage..

Q: Will there be a cost to the tax payers for option 1) Pay for the cost using township fund. In this case, the money would be taken from the budget which consist of property taxes and other fees. In the case of option 2) money would be provided by the millage in 2009-2013 budgets.

Q: Why is the wording of the proposal so complicated and confusing?

A: A special lawyer writes up the proposals to meet state laws and requirements. No one can make any changes to the wording.

Q: Does the passing of this proposal cost me?

A: No, this is not an additional tax. This replaces the tax that was already approved previously.

Q: If the First Responders millage does not pass, will we be without emergency medical care in our township?

A: Yes, After the AMR contract expires. If the board does not budget for the First Responders and does not schedule another public vote, then yes, the residents of Lee Township will be without emergency medical assistance except that which they arrange for themselves.

Q: Where would the ambulance I need come from?

A: Without the millage, 911 ambulances for Lee might have to come from Allegan, Holland, South Haven, Fennville, Coloma or Grand Rapids and could take in more than 40 minutes to get to the caller depending on which part of the township and the conditions of the roads at the time.

Q: What if I elect to join an ambulance Membership Program?

A: If you elect to join an Ambulance program it will cost you at least \$39.00 per year (if you have insurance) or \$59.00 per year (if you have no insurance coverage.) It will be your responsibility to find which companies will cover your area and their cost.

Q: I've heard that time is of essence in emergency medical care-- isn't 15 to 40 minutes the difference between life and death in a heart attack?

A: Yes, in the event of a heart attack or stroke, minute wait time can be a real problem. Time is truly critical in the case of a heart attack. According to the American Heart Association, the sooner medical attention is offered the sooner the blood flow is restored. The goal is to prevent death of the heart muscle.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Have you heard of Neighborhood Watch? It is a national program that works locally when community members decide to actively become the "eyes and ears" of their community by notifying local law enforcement when they see or hear something suspicious. Cary Sue Ahlman started a local chapter in Lee Township in November 2008. The Neighborhood Watch committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Lee Township hall. Please try to come to a meeting to learn more about our efforts and how you can get involved. You can also purchase a Neighborhood Watch sticker for your home and/or auto for \$5.00 by contacting the Township office or Cary Sue at 236-6279. The money raised by the sale of the stickers will go to purchase larger Neighborhood Watch street signs for the Township. Please remember if you see or hear anything suspicious contact our Lee township officers' Greene or Lytle at 673-0200 ext 4286 or 4415

LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTER

Recently the Community Center asked for some help from the Lee Township board to keep the heat on so they could continue the Saturday food pantry going. The township board supported this request because we believe good things happen at the Community Center for the people of Lee Township. We also believe much more can be accomplished if we work together. Inez McMann has been involved with the Community Center for over 21 years. She, along with Karen Montgomery, Vickie Brock and others have kept the center going by purchasing food, gas, and many other things out of their own pockets. This certainly shows their dedication to the center and the community. The Community Center is open every Saturday to distribute food to Lee Township residents in need. As we all know, times are tough and the food pantry is a blessing for many families. Now is your chance to get more involved as the Township and Community Center together are forming a committee to reenergize the efforts and programs offered through the Community Center. The committee will be looking at assessing what types of programs could benefit our community as well as ways to raise money to support such programs. Let's all pull together, roll up our sleeves and volunteer for a great cause! Contact Trustee Bruce Ferguson at 434-6507 to get involved.

CLEAN TEAM—2009 Dates

Mark your calendars and join us! We meet at the Township Hall and spend 2 hours picking up roadside trash to help beautify the community.

2009 Clean Team Schedule

Saturday, April 12, -10-noon

Saturday, May 9 – 10-noon

Saturday, June 13th – 10-noon

Saturday, July 11, - 9-11 (due to heat)

Saturday, August 8 – 9-11 (due to heat)

Saturday, September 12, 10-noon

Saturday, October 10, 10-noon

Saturday, November 7, 10-noon

Call Donna Allgaier-Lamberti at 236-5121 to volunteer

All residents are asked to take a close look around their property and surrounding area as the snow thaws and pick up any garbage that has accumulated over the winter as part of our community spring clean up

Featured Church

GETTING TO KNOW.....

FRESH START GOSPEL CHURCH - Our Church is a Full Gospel Apostolic Church and we believe each day is a fresh start in Jesus. We are here to give hope in a world filled with uncertain times and problems. We wish to spread the gospel, love and encouragement to those around us. The spirit of God can change lives for the better and help life be filled with joy, no matter what our circumstances may be. Open worship can liberate people and bring them to a new place, boost self esteem and self worth through Jesus Christ. With Jesus all things are possible. We teach the whole Bible, the Old and New testaments. Some of our key verses are ACTS 2:38, JOHN 14:6 and MATTHEW 28:18-19.

CHURCH NEWS

Bravo Christian Reform - 1317 56th St, Fennville, Pastor Don Jabaay, 236-5500. Service Times: Sunday 10 am; House of Mercy (emergency food and clothing) Wednesday 12:30 -3 pm; Family Night Worship/free dinner Wednesday 5:30 pm;

Church in Pullman - 861 56th St., Pastor Gary Melson, 269-277-8483. Service Times: Sunday 10 am and Thursday at 7:30 pm.

Fresh Start Gospel Church—5587 109th Ave. Pullman, MI., Pastor Jimmy Blackston. The mailing address is 49 - 46Th street Grand Junction, MI., Phone 269-521-4178 or 517-575-9290. Service times: are Sunday School and Worship service is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bible Friendship Group and Worship Service Wed at 7 - 9 p.m.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - 558 58th St., Pastor Steppney Black, 236-5693 or 5722. Service Times: Sunday School 9:30 am; Morning Worship 11 am; Bible Class and prayer Service Tuesday 6 pm.

Pullman Bible Church- 5508 109th, 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, Service Times: Sunday School 10 am and Worship Sunday at 11 am - 6 pm and Wednesday at 7 pm; ladies prayer meeting every other Friday at 7 pm; children's program the 2nd Saturday of each month from Noon - 2 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 Kevin Scott, 269-236-8343. Service Times: Saturday Bible Study 9:30 am and Worship at 11 am.

NEWS & NOTES

- Lee Township Board meetings take place the Second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall 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
- Transfer Station hours (year round) are 9 am - 3 pm Saturday and Sunday only (no Wednesday hours).
- Pullman Branch Library is open Tuesday & Thursday 2 - 6 pm and Saturday 10 am - Noon. Our summer Branch Library Reading Program is still being developed but it will begin at school's end and involve treats donated by local merchants as reading goals are reached. We will also have some arts and crafts and science programs hosted by community members. We are also working toward some book club events and adult activities.
- Cemetery Clean Up— May 1st.

General Township Information

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

Township Board Members & Department Staff

Township Office 236-6485

Steve Miller, Supervisor 214-6276
Jacquelyn Ann King, Clerk 236-6446
Jessie Lowery, Treasurer 434-6614
Steppney (Steve) Black, Trustee 236-5693
William Ferguson, Trustee 434-6507
Doug Brousseau, Assessor 699-7619
Paul Shamblin, Building Inspector 628-5255
Nelvin DeWeerd, Fire Chief 236-5392
Ted Chamberlain, Asst. Fire Chief 236-5988
Albert Rawson, First Responders 434-6477
Mark Lytle and Bill Greene, Twp Deputies 673-0500
Lee Township Transfer Station 236-6485



Pullman Elementary School Park - Despite the cold and snowy winter weather, the picnic pavilion has recently been installed. The only finishing touches on the park will be concreting in the pavilion posts, cleaning some of the rocks out of the soccer field, eliminating some of the puddles on the basketball courts and installing some park lighting. Reminder that the park is closed at 10:00pm.

Sonshine Thrift Store is open Tuesday-Saturday 10-4 and Wednesday 12-6. It is located at 56th & 113th Ave in Bravo. All of the money received from the thrift store will be used to continue the work of caring for the poor and for telling others in the greater Bravo Pullman area about Jesus Christ and his love for sinners.

Maternal & Infant Health Program-

This program offers medical, nutritional and mental health services for pregnant women or caretakers of infants younger than 1 year. For information contact Allegan County Health Department at 269-673-5411.

Allegan County Transportation (ACT) –

Need a ride, call 269-673-4229. Last year ACT provided over 56,000 rides mostly for employment and medical reasons.

House of Mercy Food Pantry serves families south of Fennville to Grand Junction in the Allegan County area. It is open every Wednesday from 12:30-3:00pm located at 5587 113th Ave. Please bring proof of income, address, and social security numbers.

*** ENERGY SAVING TIP ***

Investing in a programmable thermostat can save you up to 40% on your fuel usage. A programmable thermostat can be purchased for around \$30 to \$90 and can save you more than it's cost in the first month of use. You can request a brochure on energy savings tips at the township office.

Holiday Open House—Winner Shares Prize!

As part of 2008's holiday celebration the holiday committee hosted the first Business Open House. Many residents have not shopped or been in to local businesses or are uncertain of what they have to offer. Ten downtown Pullman businesses in walking distance from the holiday social located on 56th & 109th participated. They were: Scoops, The Pullman Tavern, Preferred Market, Back Door Video, Pizza Plus, Jillian's Country Clipin's, Pat Knapp's Excavating, Rosewood Floral & Gifts, Cericola's Banquet Hall (and Fresh Start Gospel Church), and The Pear Tree. These businesses kept their doors open from 5:30-8:30pm on Friday December 5th and provided warmth and a tasty treat for all who came through their doors. We had 25 families get their cards stamped and entered to win up to \$100 worth of gift certificates. Those gift certificates were generously donated by other local businesses (\$50 from Karam's Food Mart, previously known as West Pullman Grocery; \$20 from Belitas' Market, \$10 from Nolan's Party Store and an anonymous \$20 gift certificate to Wal-Mart). The winner of the drawing would receive \$10 for each business they had visited and had stamped on their card.

This year's winner was 10-year-old Shannon Dohr, from St. Charles IL (pictured with her dog Biscuit). Shannon attended the holiday social with her mom, brother, aunt and grandmother. They visited all 10 businesses and she won \$100 in gift certificates. When awarded her prize the next day Shannon and her family stated that Shannon wanted to shop locally for pet food and supplies to donate to the Al-Van Humane Society (which she visits every time she comes up to visit family), and wanted to put a food gift basket together for Pullman Country Chapel after she learned from her grandmother that they had lost their beloved pastor a few years ago.

What an inspirational story of giving and understanding of the spirit of Christmas from the heart of a 10 year old. Thanks to all who came out on a cold, blustery evening to celebrate together and support our local businesses. Keep shopping locally all year long!



SEPTIC SYSTEMS VS. CLEAN CLEAR LAKES

The following information was gathered by resident Chuck Pugh to give everyone some awareness of how we may be affecting the environment.

There is an adverse effect septic systems have on the healthy conditions of inland lakes. The way that septic systems cause problems is that the nutrient laden water from drain fields or dry wells ends up in the lakes. Normally this septic water is filtered by many layers of soil before entering the underground water. In the case of septic systems being too close to lakes, the amount of soil available to filter the septic water is not adequate. The nutrient that is most problematic is phosphorus. Phosphorus is the main nutrient needed for plants to grow. Aquatic plants are no different from land plants. The more phosphorus in the lake water or lake sediment means more aquatic plant growth. Too many aquatic plants cause problems for a balanced lake environment, fishing and boating. As more septic phosphorus is added to inland lakes, year by year, very little leaves the lake water or sediment. Even if the lake has an outlet, there are very few nutrients that escape the lake. When the amount of phosphorus reaches a high level of concentration, not only does the lake water produce an abundant weed growth, but also algae blooms start to appear. An algae bloom is a biological growth that is suspended at the surface of the water and in abundance covers the surface with a greenish-brown, oily-looking scum. This algae scum, if it remains in the water for more than 3 or 4 days, gives off a very pungent odor. Once the phosphorus level of the lake reaches this point, it takes many years of active intervention to reduce the phosphorus to an acceptable level that would allow the lake to come back to a natural balance.

The septic drainage that causes most of the problems are the ones within approximately 200 feet or less of the lake shoreline. The absolute worst septic systems are the ones that are within a couple feet of the lake's water table. These systems are almost receiving no soil filtering and the nutrients are draining straight into the lake. The more use a septic system gets, the more nutrient-laden drainage is put into the lake. What can be done? Pump your septic tank. By pumping your septic tank you are reducing the level of concentrated nutrients from going into the drain field or dry well, therefore reducing the phosphorus going into the lake. Year round resident who use their septic systems more frequently should consider pumping their tank annually and summer only residents once every 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

People Helping People March 5, 2009 Open House



(Pullman) Leaders from Pullman area churches and ministries have plans to network resources in Pullman and the region for Pullman area residents. Initial plans involve establishing a Pullman office, pantries resources, a L.I.F.E. (Learning In Finances and Everyday Skills) Program and opportunities for community gatherings, volunteers, work projects and a building and property dedicated for outreach.



A collaboration involving Bravo House of Mercy, Douglas Christian Neighbors, We Care of South Haven, and Pullman area churches will work under the umbrella of Love INC of Northwest Allegan County to establish an office in Pullman. At the office, volunteers and staff will meet with people in need and make referrals to pantries in Pullman. These pantries are currently being connected/developed and will initially include food, personal needs and potentially clothing. Pullman residents served at We Care or Douglas Christian Neighbors will eventually be referred to the Pullman office. We Care and Douglas Christian Neighbors have committed resources and support to help run the office and/or supply the pantries. The group hopes to open the office by the end of May. The L.I.F.E. Skills Program is scheduled to begin in July.

The Love INC Pullman Office will use office space at the People Helping People building located at 943 - 56th Street in Pullman. People Helping People is a newly formed Christian community agency which will use the building and property for outreach in collaboration with ministries like Love INC and other groups, ministries or agencies.

The mission statement of People Helping People is to promote economic development, family health, physical health and spiritual growth, by providing services and activities that encourage and bring hope and wholeness to individuals and families. We partner with community leaders and agencies to promote the general welfare that produces faith and hope and opportunity for all.

Love INC, People Helping People, and the other ministries involved will be hosting an open house/informational meeting for the general public on March 26th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the People Helping People building (943 - 56th Street in Pullman). Meet the people involved, share needs, ideas, resources and make connections.

For information and further details you may contact Kirk Vander Molen with Love INC (269-751-2533 or loveinckv@verizon.net – website is loveincnwa.org) or Dave Fackler with People Helping People at (616.502.9375 or davef.peoplehelpingpeople@gmail.com)

Pancake Breakfast - Area High School students have put together some great projects for their community service requirements. Kayla Shinault and Michelle Rawson have planned a pancake breakfast (pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, juice, coffee) at Pullman Elementary School Saturday April 4th from 7am-Noon. Proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life. Cost for breakfast is \$2.50-\$5.00.

Car Wash -Michael Morrison and Sonny DeGoede have planned a car wash at the Lee Township Fire Station on 56th St. Saturday April 4th from 9am-2pm. Proceeds will go to purchase smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for families who cannot afford them. A \$5.00 donation is suggested.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt is also scheduled for Saturday April 4th at 9:00am for kids up to age 12. Plan to meet at the ball field next to the fire station on 56th St. Candy eggs provided by Ray of Light Church.

Pullman Elementary School Senior Citizen luncheons - Circle your calendar on Friday, April 17 and Friday, May 15. The times for both dates is 1:15pm. This is a free luncheon sponsored by the elementary school.

Memorial Day Parade - **Monday, May 25th at 2:30 p.m** with Lee Twp. Cemetery Program after the parade. As always, the parade will be sponsored by the Pullman VFW. Everyone come and enjoy the parade.

What Cooking at Country Life

April 26: “Spring has Sprung” – featuring light, healthy recipes for warmer days ahead.

May 29-31: Oncology Dietician Lenore S. Hodges, PhD, RD, LD from Florida Hospital speaking on “Nutrition and Cancer.” Lenore will also include the latest research on nutrients of concern: calcium, iron, B₁₂, choline, omega 3’s, and vitamin D.

For more information contact Patty LaVanture, director, Country Life Cooking Schools at patty@clnf.org or 236-5011 extension

PULLMAN PRIDE - Needs Your Help

The Annual Lee Township Pullman Pride Day is set for Saturday July 18th from 9am-5pm on the grounds of Pullman Elementary and the Township Hall. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- Crafters, food vendors, bands, and classic car owners are wanted
- Sales consultants (i.e., Avon, Tupperware, Mary Kay, etc) are wanted
- Donations for the silent auction are needed
- Volunteers from Church groups, youth groups etc are needed to provide a family area for games
- Community agencies and local law enforcement to provide informational booths
- Any graduating senior who lives in Lee Township should pick up a scholarship application in their school’s guidance office for the chance to win a \$500 college scholarship.
- Volunteer to head up or be on the planning committee for this very important event—we can’t do it without help!

Everyone should plan to come out even for an hour to join in the township celebration! It has been a wonderful event, rain or shine, to raise money for college scholarships for our youth. If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact Pam Rawson at 434-6477.

Lee Township Regular Board Meeting Synopsis of Minutes

November 10, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion was passed to approve the regular board meeting minutes from October 2008 meeting and treasurer's report presented by the Treasurer.

Motion was passed to purchase a generator for the Fire Department to run the lights of the rescue truck.

Motion was passed to authorize the folding machine lease from Pitney Bowles for \$117.00 per month for 36 months. Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Black, Christensen, Lowery, Schlack and King. Motion carries.

Motion was passed to purchase a table in the amount of \$300.00 to hold the new folding machine.

Motion was passed to have S. Miller work with Supervisor Schlack to have a PA system set up before the next meeting, not to exceed \$1,800.00.

Motion passed to approve the treasurer to publish the informational brochure to be inserted with the December tax bills.

Motion was passed to approve the 2009 Federal Tax Poverty Guidelines.

Motion was passed to authorize the clerk to send registration fees for new official's training for Supervisor Miller and Trustee Ferguson along with the necessary materials.

Motion passed to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,308.24.
Motion passed to pay the election staff in the amount of \$2315.00 for the November 4th Election.

December 8, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion passed to approve the regular board meeting minutes from the November 8, 2008 meeting as well as to receive the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion passed to authorize the purchase of 30 yards of gravel by distribution by Pat Knapp's Excavating to make the necessary repairs to the transfer station.

Motion passed to authorize the clerk to publish the ad for those interested in filling the appointed positions of the Board of Review.

Motion passed to authorize the clerk to pay the bills in the amount of \$54,312.97, which include the payment to the Building Inspector for \$731.00.

December 22, 2008 –Special Meeting

The Board met for the purpose of hiring a new attorney to handle ordinances, to appoint new Board of Review Members and sign the bank resolution to add new Supervisor Millers signature and remove previous Supervisor from the signature file.

Motion passed to retain the services of Schuitmaker, Coopers, Schuitmaker, Cypher and Knoter for ordinance matters for a trial period of one year.

Motion passed to re-appointed Les Rawson, Ed Brock, Sally Lacy as the Board of Review Members. Neva Tice was newly appointed as the alternate member.

Motion passed to sign the bank resolution adding the newly elected Supervisor as an alternate signer on all bank accounts and removing the previous Supervisor from the signature file.

January 12, 2009 –Regular Meeting

Motion passed to approve the minutes from December 8, 2008 regular meeting, December 22, 2008 special meeting and the

treasurer's report was received.

Motion passed to pay the bills in the amount of \$92,020.23 as presented.

January 26, 2009 –Special Meeting

The board met for the purpose of making a one time contribution to the Community Center to assist with the heating of the facility and to publish an ad to start the process to obtain bids for grant purposes for the building of a new fire station/township hall.

Motion passed to approve a one time contribution to the Pullman Community Center not to exceed \$600.00 of propane from Hamilton Farm Bureau.

Motion passed to publish the necessary ad for securing engineering bids to be used for the purpose obtaining grants.

February 9, 2009 –Regular Meeting

Motions passed to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009 regular meeting, the January 26, 2009 special meeting and treasurer's report as presented.

Motion passed to accept the Board of Review Hours as Monday, March 9th from 8 a.m.- 12 noon and 1 – 4 p.m. and Wednesday, March 11th from 1 – 4 p.m. and 6 – 9 p.m.

Motion passed to authorize the clerk to publish the Board of Review Notices.

Motion passed to extend the deadline for property taxes to be paid without penalty to March 2, 2009.

Motion passed to sign a resolution to request a salary increase for the Treasurer in the amount of \$2000.00, making the annual salary \$20,000.00 and will be presented for vote at the Annual Meeting of the Electors on March 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion passed to add the First Responders request for millage on the May Ballot and to approve the language to be written.

Motion passed to authorize the work order to be prepared by the Allegan County Road Commission to pave a section of 60th Street.

Motion passed to pay \$463.14 for the repair of the sidewalk at the Pullman Post Office after the township's water lines damaged the sidewalk.

Motion passed to increase the salaries of the Board of Review members starting in March 2009 to \$12.00 per hour for the March meetings and a flat rate of \$35.00 per meeting for each July and December meetings.

Motion passed to submit application fee of \$50.00 to the State in request for the necessary permits to have the work done to repair the Lower Scott Lake structure.

Motion passed to approve the budget adjustments as presented.

Motion passed to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,027.02.

February 24, 2009 –Special Meeting

The Board met for the purpose of signing the resolution for the First Responders millage language and to discuss the township participation in the Arial map project from Allegan County.

Motion passed to sign the resolution with the approved language for the First Responders millage language.

Motion passed to sign the portion of the request form to acknowledge the township's interest in possible participation in the Arial maps program with the ability to make the final decision once the information requested has been ascertained.

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the Lee Township Office as well as the website www.leetwp.com

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESS

Al's Citgo
Back Door Video
Baylor Buddy Johns
Belitas Taco & Grocery
Bell's Grocery
Bodtke Farms
Cericola's Banquet and Hall Rental
Clemons Blueberries
County Life Natural Foods & Store
Dream House Development
H & F Electronics
InterCare Community Health Network
Jillian Country Clipn's
LaTienda Store
Laraway & Son Movers
Maynard's Customized Concrete
Mrs. Earl's Greenhouse
Nolan's Party Store

Northwoods Café
Pat's Excavating
Pizza Plus
Preferred Market
Pullman Tavern (PT109)
Rawson's Brothers Auto Parts
Rosewood Floral & Gift Shop
Scoops Ice Cream Parlor
Shear Fantasy Beauty Shop
Simpsarosa Riding Stables
Studio 109- Forever Tan
T & J Trucking
Terry's Auto Sales
Thin-Spin Productions
Walkers Tire & Lube
Warner Camp