

Lee Township Board General Meeting
Public Hearing for Fire Millage
September 13, 2021, 7:00 PM
1485 W. Olson Rd. Midland, MI 48640
(APPROVED)

Kristy Gustafson called the meeting to order at 7: 01pm. Roll call was taken. Darla Rippee, Kristy Gustafson, William Stewart, Lawrence Henry, and Laura Dawson were present, as well as a few guests.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Bill made a motion to approve the agenda (the Clerk's additions should have been mentioned They were left off the agenda). Darla 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Bill: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: yes Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes. A yes motion carried.
- **Public Hearing:** Kristy made a motion to close the general meeting and open the Public Hearing Bill 2nd said motion. Voice vote of yes carried.
 1. Richard Payne of Meridian Road asked what the Fire Millage was being used for.
 2. Rick also asked what the amount of Cd's is for fire (\$562,635.18) is. Fire Dept Fund Checking (\$344,024.08). Both figures are from August 2021 Treasurers Report.
 3. Kristy stated it is for operational as well as putting some away for a new Fire Building etc. As this was the only question Kristy made a motion to close the Public Hearing and move back into the general meeting. Bill seconded said motion. A voice vote of yes carried.
- **Fire Millage:** Bill made a motion to approve the current Fire millage, which is 2 mills. Darla 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Kristy: yes, Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes, Bill: yes. A yes motion carried.
- **Minutes from August 9, 2021:** Bill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kristy 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Darla: no, Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes, Bill: yes, Kristy: yes. A yes motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Bill presented the monthly Treasurer's report. Bill stated \$50,000 was transferred into Solid Waste from General to cover expenses. Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurers report. Darla 2nd said motion. A yes voice vote carried.
- **Clerk's Additions:** Laura gave a packet to the Board as well as the residents. She asked for discussion on a few topics. (A.) Charges on the township credit card for the yearly charges for the web site. It has been paid through a personal credit card for the past years, to put it on the township credit card without Board approval. It appeared on the June bank rec without prior Board approval. Laura made a motion to pay the charges and have it on the township credit card not on a board member. Lawrence 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Lawrence: yes, Bill: no, Kristy: yes, Darla: no, Laura: yes. (B.) The statement from the Township Attorney was discussed. Laura stated she needed the attorney to breakdown the dollar amount as there are charges from General as well as Fire and to pay them correctly, she needs the charges for each line item. Kristy said she would contact them to have it corrected. (C.) Laura talked about the State Agricultural Dept. contacting her due to the Lawn Service spraying both the park and the hall. She presented the letter sent to the Lawn Service requesting no more spraying as his service

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isn't licensed to do so and he as well as the Township could receive a fine for it happening.

(D.) Requesting payments for late bills that just came in, in the amount of \$ 4852.32 for general and \$456.25 for fire fund.

➤ **Approval of bills:**

1. Fire: Laura made a motion to approve the Fire Bills as presented. Bill 2nd said motion. The amount is \$11,500.88. Roll call was taken. Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes, Bill: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: yes. A yes motion carried.

2. Payroll: Bill made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of: **Gross:** \$15,658.53 and Net: \$12,521.10. Kristy 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Laura: yes, Bill: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes. A yes motion carried.

3. Solid Waste: Laura made a motion to approve solid waste in the amount of: \$14,346.79. Bill 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Bill: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes. A yes motion carried.

4. Water: none.

➤ **5. General:** Bill made a motion to pay the general as presented in the amount of \$12,665.41. Laura 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Kristy: yes, Darla: no, Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes, Bill: yes. A yes motion carried.

➤ **Guests:** Shelly Brown – Audit Presentation

➤ **Fire Report:** Daryl gave a brief report then discussion took place on the generator at the Fire Station. 3 quotes were presented. The chief gave his recommendation of O'Keefe Electric as they can do the install sooner than the others. The quote from O'Keefe is \$7,000 installed. Bill made a motion to approve the purchase at the price of \$7,000. Lawrence 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes, Bill: yes, Kristy: yes. A yes motion carried. Laura made a motion to pay the water bill for the fire dept. in the amount of \$96.03 with is included in the total amount mention above. Lawrence 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes, Bill: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: yes. A yes motion carried.

➤ **Public Comment:** Public Comment was open from **8:15- 8:45 pm.**

➤ **Planning Commission:** Mari Spraul gave a brief report. They have a lot of activity happening.

➤ **Code Authority:** Darla gave a brief update.

➤ **Correspondence:** Laura presented the current MTA Professional Development Retreats. Laura made a motion to approve all Board members and deputies as well as any current Planning Commissioner to attend the two-day training in their given role. Lawrence 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Kristy: yes, Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes, Bill: no, Laura: yes. A yes motion carried. Please contact Laura to reserve your spot. Laura also presented a Summons and Formal Complaint to Supervisor/FOIA Coordinator, Kristy Gustafson, from Attorney Brian Zettle, stating the township didn't fulfill a FOIA request.

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- **Unfinished Business:** 1. Tree Service: still on going, 2. Planning Ordinance: (Medical Marijuana) still on going. 3. Rules for Public Comment: still on going. 4. Website final payment was tabled until further notice as the residents said there are too many unfinished items. Lawrence made a motion to have a post on Facebook as well as the Website to “Stress Test” the site and relay them to the Board. Bill 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes, Bill: yes, Laura: yes, Kristy: no. A yes motion carried. Laura will contact Heather to pass on the information and that she will take on the role of maintaining the Website.
- **New Business:** 1. Special Meetings: The Board discussed the possibility of scheduling an extra meeting each month to work on maintenance of all Township Buildings. 2. MTA Books: Lawrence made a motion to approve the purchase up to \$1,050 for new MTA books for the Planning Commission. Each member needs a new set as the current ones are very outdated. The clerk also needs a new “Little Red” book. Laura 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Lawrence: yes, Bill: no, Laura: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: no. A yes motion carried.
- **Any other business:** Laura made a motion to approve up to \$300 for the purchase of a new flag for outside as well as a new stand for the inside flag. Lawrence 2nd said motion. Roll call was taken. Bill: yes, Kristy: yes, Darla: yes, Lawrence: yes, Laura: yes. A yes Motion carried.
- As there was no other business to attend to Kristy made a motion to adjourn. Bill 2nd said motion. A voice vote of yes carried.

Your Public Servant

Laura Dawson _____

Lee Township Clerk