

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Brent Ost called the April 09, 2015 Township monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Fire Chief Brad Ruckheim, Road Maintenance Engineer Richard Vogt, visitor Mel Bump and Clerk Pam Cuperus were present.

CLERK read the minutes of the March 12, 2015 monthly meeting. Motion was made and second to accept as prepared and read these minutes with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

TREASURER gave the financial report since the March 2015 meeting. On March 17, 2015 \$29,000.00 was transferred from checking to savings; savings account had balance of \$877,427.13 on 03/31/2015; checking account had balance of \$1,502.80 on 03/31/2015. There was income of \$2,512.60 into Township for month of April 2015. Motion was made and second to accept these reports as prepared and given with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. Treasurer started to prepare all checks for Board to review and sign.

Mel Bump and Board discussed at length the project (s) of tarring Spring Lake Rd, Schuelke Bh Rd and Schuelke Bh Ln and Basswood Shores Ln. Mel up-dated Board on all information he has obtained and worked on extensively regarding this project and asked several questions pertaining to cost, tax increase, parcel cost-several residents have more than one parcel on these township roads verse one tax assessment per every resident. There is still considerably amount of information both Board and residents need to investigate before any decisions can or will be made. All agreed to continue to bring all questions and concerns and information to monthly meetings to discuss all matters. Dale voiced his concern that he wants more than a small percentage, 38%, of residents on these affected roads to show their support because the entire Township is going to pay for this project and he feels this could be a burden to and on the township. Wade said he travels these roads a lot and would love to have them tarred BUT agreed with Dale and Brent's opinion our Township does NOT need history like CLRSD project and all problems to repeat itself. The Board has discussed with MAT attorney a few concerns and will continue to use MAT with all or any more questions. The cost of these projects could be up to or exceed \$400,000.00. Mel will continue to meet with residents as need and will contact Supervisors as there is need.

There are a couple Township gravel roads that are showing some need of repairs and gravel at the spring road tour these roads will be inspected.

Brad and Board discussed one estimate that was received to make improvements on south side of hall around the new wells and parking area and the entire drive-way approach onto County #5 that is used by the fire trucks. They all agreed to discuss this project at length when more bids are received. There is also the problem of the parking lot around the well being used daily and if/when the fire department has call and this parking lot has cars in the way of the fire trucks. This will be addressed as soon as the repairs and improvements are being completed deciding what will be most effective; if posting signs, using tape, and contacting the sheriff's department.

Motion was made and second for Wade Nibbe to be Chair for the 2015/2016 term with Brent Ost and Dale Diedrich voting aye. No further discussion motion carried. Motion was made and second for Dale Diedrich to be Vice-Chair for the 2015/2016 term with Brent Ost and Wade Nibbe voting aye. No further discussion motion carried.

The Board discussed and made motions on all items on the Board of Re-Organization.

Brent discussed with Board the one bid that was received for a storage room, 26x40 onto hall. The Board hopes to receive a more bids then a decision will be made what or if anything is going to be completed. A motion was made and second to have a new sign above the east side of hall get made, painted, and installed by ETC Signs with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Board set date for Spring Road Tour to be immediately following the Board of Review on April 21, 2015. Clerk will post notice.

Treasurer had checks #8406 to #8420 prepared for review and to be signed totaling \$7,515.18. The General Fund totaled \$2,173.95, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$3,247.23 and Fire Fund totaled \$2,094.00. Motion was made and second to accept and pay all claims with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye. Clerk will inform 2 individuals that a certificate of liability is needed from them before they do any more work for township. Motion carried.

There was no other township business needing to be addressed a motion was made to adjourn with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, motion carried. 9:00 p.m.

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APRIL 2015

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ROAD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>
8406 Do. Co. Aud/Treas.	\$26.00		
8407 IRS	\$366.43		
8408 H & R Block	\$75.00		
8409 L.V. Aux.	\$150.00		
8410 Runestone Elec.	\$176.34		
8411 Independent	\$107.20		
8412 Gardonville	\$84.72		
8413 W. Magt.	\$210.76		
8414 Do. Co. Aud/Treas.		\$19.48	
8415 RBS Exc.		\$3,152.75	
8416 Stuart Wussow		\$75.00	
8417 Fire Safety USA			\$1,435.00
8418 Ultimate Safety			\$659.00
8419 Parview Properties	\$177.50		
8420 Jessie Bodell	\$800.00		

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2015 BOARD of RE-ORGANIZATION

Motion was made and second to use the law firm of Leuthner & Assc.; when & if MATIT recommends Township should contact a local attorney for legal representation. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich, and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second all banking transactions/business will be completed @ U.S. Bank, Alex.MN. The TREASURER will continue to do all these necessary monthly transferring/depositing of funds and will be compensated for all necessary trips and mileage. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second that Township will continue to use MATIT for insurance coverage. This includes all Fire Dept. and First Responders volunteers, Town Hall and all equipment, all vehicles and necessary fire equipment, ballpark and sheds and the E/O coverage. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich, and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to continue to publish all required notices in the Echo Press and P.P. Independent, post @ hall and use web page as need. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to use federal gas reimbursement rate of \$.575, adjust accordingly if rate changes. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to continue to pay gopher bounty @ \$3.00 (2014) and beaver tails @ \$30.00 (2014?). Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to use the Millerville Township's Clerk and Treasurer as Deputy Clerk and Treasurer. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to compensate all Board members @ \$13.00 an hour for a two (2) hour minimum (2013) for any Township business needing to be addressed beyond the regular schedule meeting. For any unscheduled road checks mileage also to be paid plus the hourly rate, minutes also need to be recorded. If any resident needs copies of any recorded information the resident making the request will compensate Board member for time and cost of all copies. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second Board members will be compensated \$60.00 for all meetings, (2013). If these meetings/conferences are out of Township mileage will be paid, meetings/conferences over 4 hours then the \$13.00 an hour will be compensated. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second that the Clerk's yearly salary will be \$2,000.00 (2010) plus \$13.00 per Diem plus mileage when applies; the Treasurer's yearly salary will be \$1,250.00 (2010) plus per Diem plus mileage when applies to out of Township trips for Township business. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion made and second to compensate all Head Election Judges and Board members @ \$13.00 (2011) an hour plus mileage for training, all election judges will be compensated \$11.00 (2011) an hour plus mileage for training. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to meet @ L.V. Hall, second Thursday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be posted @ hall; will be on web-page. Any/all Special Meetings will also be posted @ hall and will be added to web-page and will be published in both papers. The entire yearlong schedule is also posted at hall and is on web page. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion made and second to compensate the Moderator for the Annual Meeting \$25.00. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion made and second to sign Affidavits suggested by MAT for any Township work whenever Board member is involved. Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

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CHAIR, Brent Ost called the Board of Review to order on April 21, 2015 @ 9:15 a.m. with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe, Clerk Pam Cuperus were present, representing the Do. Co. Assessors' office was Keith Albertson and Matt Tikkanen.

Parcel # 33-0132-990 owned by Gerald Fiecke was questioning that value of said parcel. Mr. Fiecke did not request permission to record and tape the entire meeting and he informed Board that he does not need permission. Mr. Fiecke proceeded to inform Board and show pictures showing why he felt the value of property should be lowed. There was discussion between Assessors and Board. A motion was made and second with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich, and Wade Nibbe voting aye to lower value of parcel # 33-0132-990 to \$36,400.00 from the \$60,600.00.

Gaylord Strand addressed Board that he is interested in buying parcel #33-0426-000 and parcel # 33-0425-700, Leaf Valley Creamery with extra shed and house and the cemetery property. He would like to know if taxes could be lowed he is going to use all property for personal storage. The property in question has not been sold yet so nothing can be considered until spring 2016.

Board had several questions concerns regarding taxes and land prices in Douglas County and after all concerns addressed motion was made to adjourn with Brent Ost, Dale Diedrich and Wade Nibbe voting aye. No further discussion motion carried. 10:20 a.m.

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