

# LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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**CHAIR**, Dale Diedrich called the July 14, 2016 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Brent Ost, Barb Guenther, Pam Cuperus, Fire Chief Brad Ruckheim, Road Maintenance Engineer Richard Vogt, Jeff Stabnow, couple road contractors and several township residents were also present. Keith Schultz was out of the state.

First order of business was opening the two (2) bid envelopes for the tarring projects in the township. Central Specialties bid was \$572,800.00 and Mark Lee Excavating bid was \$585,425.00, Jeff Stabnow re-calculated all the math figures, after all amounts and all figures were same and correct a motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye to award the tarring projects to Central Specialties.

## **RESOLUTION 07142016 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS**

It was asked if the total dollar amount accepted was for both projects and it was, no further discussion motion carried. Resident asked when projects hope to be completed and was told mid to end of October. There will be as soon as projects completed another Public Hearing to inform and discuss the financing and assessments for each resident with property on the tarred roads. The assessment could be on the 2017 tax notice. Board will continue to get all financing information prepared for the upcoming Public Hearing.

**Clerk** read the minutes of the June 06, 2016 meeting, there was a correction that Hidden Valley Rd could be a township road or a private road, Dale will get the info from county. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye to accept minutes with correction no further discussion motion carried.

**TREASURER** gave the financial report since the June 2016 meeting. There was income totaling \$160,958.02, checking account on 06/30/2016 was \$1,648.76 and ALL FUNDS totaled on 06/30/2016 \$900,184.02, and the CD (F.F.) @ BlackRidge Bank valued @ \$12,709.29, transferred \$64,00.00 from savings to checking. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye to accept these reports as prepared and given, no further discussion motion carried. Treasurer continued to prepare checks for review and to be signed.

Dale and a resident living on Schuelke Bh. Rd reviewed road and properties affected by a trench or ditch dug in the drive way and yard alongside the township road. This ditching done

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by the resident has caused considerable damage to other neighbors' properties, yards are washed out and a retaining wall has also been affected. It is illegal to ditch water onto someone else's property. This has been going on for several years the property owner has been informed in past to not ditch the water but it still continues. A letter will be sent to property owner, if this continues there will be legal action taken. Clerk will send a letter.

Jack Lelwica asked when Mums Road maintenance & repairs will be addressed. Dale and Brent have visited with Jerry Haggemiller regarding the DNR permit that is required before any digging can be completed on the affected area. When working with state it takes time and this project will be addressed as soon as permit is gotten. Dale and RBS discussed the blading needed on Shea Rd., maintenance needs to be done on Sceinic Rd, fencing will be moved on Dove Ln and as soon as work completed on Parkers/ Urbank road the repairs will be done on Thoennes Ln. The traffic on that road is very heavy due to the detour.

Brad Ruckheim informed Board the lower driveway cement work will be completed soon, contractor is behind schedule. The addition to the lower level of the fire hall is going according to schedule, addition is enclosed, siding will soon be completed, and sheet rocking will be started this next week. The Board, B & H Builders and Fire Chief discussed installation of an overhead door with remote and keyless entry and installation of handicap ramp inside upper level on south side of the hall at the cost of \$6,750.00. Motion was made to accept bid and complete this project with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. There was one bid for the 85 step-van from Mike Jost. Motion was made and second to accept this bid of \$613.00 with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. Brad had discussed with each Board member that fire department had the opportunity to put a bid in for a newer grass rig but time was a factor. It was agreed that fire chief should put a bid on truck, and a 1993 Ford F350 with 6800 actual miles on it was purchased for \$8,053.00. Motion was made to accept the purchase with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. There are some exterior lights and other electrical items needed to be hooked up and fire department will get that completed as soon as arrangements can be made.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye to accept Rod & Marvelle Rolfe and Leon & Caroline Schultz as 2016 Election Judges, Barb and Pam will be the Head Election Judges. Hours for the Primary Election are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and hours for General Election are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mel Bump presented a petition from residents on MiltonaW. Rd.NW for the tarring of that road. Mel said the residents could/would compensate Jeff Stabnow if he would be able to immediately do a feasibility study on road. Board asked that this petition for the tarring project be presented in the spring because of the time table needed for any tarring project. A

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feasibility study is needed, a Public Hearing and additional time needed to obtain information for all tarring projects in township.

Board gave the go ahead for the hall to get cleaned as soon as remodeling is completed.

Building permits and mail were reviewed. Treasurer had all claims ready for Board to discuss and sign #8659 to #8680 totaling \$111,554.69. General Fund totaled \$70,141.41, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$32,756.84, Fire Fund totaled \$344.84, Park Fund totaled \$258.60 and Fire Truck Fund totaled \$8,053.00. Motion was made and second to accept and pay all claims with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

There was no other Township business needing to be addressed motion was made to adjourn with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye motion carried. 8:30 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE  
AUGUST 11, 2016 MONTHLY MEETING.**

**JULY 2016**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>RD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>PARK</u>	<u>FTK</u>
8659 Alx. F.D.					\$8,053.00
8660 Jeff Stabnow	\$15,000.00				
8661 Pam Cuperus	\$125.11				
8662 Forum Comm.	\$14.57		\$73.75		
8663 P.P. Ind.	\$240.26		\$80.80		
8664 Jim & Judy's			\$49.01		
8665 NAPA			\$141.28		
8666 OtterTail Power				\$258.60	
8667 RBS Exc.		\$12,783.47			
8668 Gardonville	\$84.25				
8669 Ida Twps.		\$11,431.37			
8670 B & H Builders	\$53,310.00				
8671 H & R Block	\$75.00				
8672 IRS	\$643.22				
8673 L. V. Aux.	\$100.00				
8674 REA	\$182.45				
8675 ALASD		\$8,542.00			
8676 Leon Schultz	\$60.40				
8677 Caroline Schultz	\$42.00				

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8678	Rod Rolfe	\$76.80
8679	Marvelle Rolfe	\$36.00
8680	Christian's Appl.	\$151.35