

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CLERK, Pam Cuperus called the Annual Meeting to order on March 10, 2020 @ 8:15 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther and about 15 residents were present.

CLERK asked for volunteer to moderate the meeting; Brent Ost made motion to nominate **Dale Diedrich** as moderator. Clerk asked again for volunteer or other nominations, after another request motion was made and second to close nominations, motion carried. Motion was second by Don Kalpin motion carried.

CLERK read the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Keith Schutz second by Brent Ost to accept the minutes as prepared and read, all in favor motion carried.

Dale asked everyone to review the prepared 2019 financial report. There were questions regarding the breakdown of some of the expenditures and what repairs hope to be completed in 2020. Dale reviewed the income and summary sheets and pointed out why the Board is proposing no increase in 2021 levies. With no other questions or concerns motion was made by Don Kalpin second by Leon Schultz to accept the 2019 financial report as prepared, all in favor motion carried.

Board had proposed **GENERAL FUND LEVY** to remain at \$35,000.00 for 2021. Motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Bruce Springer to set General Fund Levy @ \$35,000.00 for 2021, short discussion followed that there is NO need to ear-mark any funds going into Hall Maintenance Fund in 2021, all were in favor and motion carried.

Board had proposed **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND LEVY** to remain at \$140,000.00 for 2021. Motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Brent Ost to set the Road/Bridge Fund @ \$140,000.00 for 2021. It was discussed what roads have had major repairs completed and what roads will be repaired summer of 2020. All were in favor and motion carried.

Board and Fire Department were in agreement to keep **FIRE FUND LEVY @ \$25,000.00**. Motion was made by Bruce Springer second by Leon Schultz to set Fire Fund @ \$25,000.00 for 2021. Scott Korkowski, Fire Chief informed everyone that the fire pumper truck was paid off in

January 2021, the department purchased a skid rig, and new fire turnout gear was purchased for all firemen. Effington and Ida Township's paid their fire protection. The department is currently looking for a newer water tanker and there is the Fire Truck Fund available if one is purchased. He informed everyone that the siren at hall has been repaired and is working and installation of the siren on pole on Spring Lake Rd. has been completed. Both of these are activated/checked monthly by Do. Co. Sheriff's Dept., no other discussion all in favor and motion carried. Motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Bruce Springer to pay to Leaf Valley Firemen's Relief Association \$100.00 per fireman, total of 21 firemen and first responders, no other discussion all were in favor motion carried.

Mike Doehling, Leaf Valley First Responder President shared that several young residents have completed all training courses for fire department and first responders. He requested financial assistance from township for purchasing new equipment that is outdated and virtually wearing out. Some of equipment being used is almost 20 years old and needs to be replaced. A newer rig for going on calls was purchased couple years ago by the fire department. He asked if a **FIRST RESPONDER FUND** could be set up. This Fund would be addressed yearly to determine how much if any additional funds would be set aside into First Responder Fund. This money would be used for equipment and necessary training. There followed short discussion regarding this proposal and the importance of the First Responders are in LV community. Motion was made by Bruce Springer second by Marvin Thoennes to establish **FIRST RESPONDER FUND** in 2020 transferring \$5,000.00 from General Fund. The exact amount will be decided each year at Annual Meeting all were in favor and motion carried.

Dale asked everyone to review the Town Hall Comparison report all questions/concerns were addressed.

Election results

Total of 23 ballots cast

SUPERVISOR

CLERK

Brent Ost - 3 year term

Pam Cuperus - 2 year term

22 ballots

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At this time Supervisors asked if there were any other township questions or concerns that need to be addressed and with no comments motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Don Kalpin to adjourn, all in favor and motion carried. 9:00

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