

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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Deputy Clerk, Caroline Schultz called the Township Annual Meeting to order on March 14, 2023 @ 8:15 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board and 25/30 residents were present.

Deputy Clerk asked if there was a volunteer to moderate meeting, Leon Schultz nominated Dale Diedrich to moderate meeting, second by Keith Schultz, after asking three times and no other nominations, motion carried.

Deputy Clerk read minutes of the March 08, 2022 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Don Kalpin second by Shirley Jeppeson to accept as prepared and read, no other discussion motion carried.

Keith Schultz asked about the LED informational sign installed at hall. As per financial statement Dale explained details of cost, those that contributed and he went into detail about the policy that has been set in place for residents and non-residents to display an event on sign. Rod & Mary Froemming are posting all necessary information and their contact #'s are posted at hall.

All were asked to follow along as Dale reviewed and explained the 2022 financial printout. He explained expense, income and summary sheets and Board answered and explained all questions, concerns that were asked. He explained that the Covid Fund will be used for new windows and repairs to hall and if need to assist FR's with expenses. All monies have to be monitored and receipts available for State to review.

At this time Dale explained why Board proposed keeping General Fund levy at \$35,000.00 for 2024. Motion was made by Keith Schultz second by Leon Schultz to set 2024 General Fund levy at \$35,000.00 no other discussion all in favor motion carried.

Dale reviewed and discussed Road/Bridge Fund which Board proposed to keep at \$140,000.00 for 2024, same as 2023. It was mentioned that this fund may in future need to be increased because all factors affecting road maintenance continue to increase, Board agreed to monitor these expenses closely. Motion was made by Don Kalpin second by Bruce Springer to set 2024 Road/Bridge Fund at \$140,000.00, same as 2023, no other discussion all in favor motion carried.

Don Kalpin, representing fire dept., informed all a new grass rig has been ordered replacing the 1986 model. This older vehicle has been having mechanical problems over last several months. The new pick-up is a basic pick-up rig and most of equipment will be transferred onto newer truck, keeping additional costs at a minimum. It has been proposed to increase the Fire Fund levy \$2,000.00, bringing it to \$29,000.00 for 2024. Motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Bruce Springer to set the 2024 Fire Fund levy to \$29,000.00, no other discussion all were in favor motion carried. Don Kalpin gave up-date of fire department. Motion was made by Keith Schultz second by Ken Devine to make donation to PERA of \$100.00 per fireman, 25, no other discussion motion carried.

Mike Doehling, president of First Responders, up-dated that there are 4 new responders joining FR and when complete with training there will be total of 9 responders in township. They all have gone on about 15 fire calls and over 35 responder calls in 2022. The responders are considering in future purchasing LUCAS, mechanical device for chest compressions at cost of over \$15,000.00, this item is still under consideration and discussion. Mike Doehling proposed that \$5,000.00 be transferred into FR Fund for added equipment and training for 2024. Motion was made by Bruce Springer to transfer \$5,000.00 into FR Fund, Shirley Jeppeson amended this motion and said \$7,500.00 should be transferred, using the extra \$2,500.00 to assist in purchasing device LUCAS. There followed lengthy discussion and decided FR at the time of pricing or purchasing this item they would come to LV Board and discuss options, Shirley Jeppeson withdrew her original motion. Motion by Bruce Springer seconded by Keith Schultz to transfer \$5,000.00 to FR Fund, no other discussion motion carried.

Motion was made by Keith Schultz second by Shirley Jeppesen to give Board authority to spend monies for retirees, funerals, or special recognitions of Board member, after discussion all in favor motion carried.

Dale gave up-date on the addition to park shed and purchasing of new playground equipment at ballpark by the LV Sportsmen.

Dale asked all to follow along on the printout of the town hall report, all expenses were reviewed and any questions were addressed.

Jackie Peters representing Alex Senior Center gave presentation explaining how the center is used by many in community of Alexandria, informing all that there is a desperate need for expansion. She said the YMCA and Senior Center is considering combining facilities using the current YMCA location, if that happens the facilities would need to do a \$10 million campaigning project. These organizations are asking from each Township a \$500.00 donation. After a lengthy discussion Dale Diedrich stated it is not a policy or practice of LV Township to

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make donations to any organization, explaining if there is a donation made to any group township needs to follow through with all or any other request. No action was taken and Board thanked her for her time, she left brochures for future discussion.

2023 ELECTION RESULTS

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST

40

SUPERVISOR

3 YEAR TERM

Brent Ost
Write-in's
Blank

40

SUPERVISOR

1 YEAR TERM

Bob Hansen
Write-in's
Blank

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TREASURER

2 YEAR TERM

Barb Guenther

40

There was no other township business needing to be addressed motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Don Kalpin to adjourn, all in favor motion carried. 9:10 pm

**THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE
MARCH 12, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**