

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the scheduled February 08, 2024 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost and Bob Hansen, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Deputy Clerk Trista Johnson, Road Maintenance Engineer Richard Vogt, FD Don Kalpin, FR. Mike Doehling, and Issy Szech.

CLERK read minutes of the January 11, 2024 monthly meeting, motion was made and second with Dale, Brent, and Bob voting aye to accept the minutes as prepared and read, motion carried. Minutes of the January 08, 2024 Board of Audit were read, motion was made and second to accept the minutes as prepared and read with Dale, Brent, and Bob voting aye motion carried.

TREASURER gave the prepared monthly financial statement. On 02/01/2024 in the General, Road/Bridge and Fire Funds there was balance of \$657,544.90; FR Fund \$9,201.24, Park Fund \$4,680.92, and HM Fund \$36,263.87. Balance in checking account \$9,579.32 and Treasurer transferred \$195,000.00 from savings to checking. There was income into township totaled \$28,655.03. Motion was made and second to accept the report as prepared and read with Dale, Brent, and Bob voting aye, no other discussion motion carried. Treasurer continued to prepare receipts for Board to review, approve and sign.

Mike Doehling had gone to 3 vehicle dealers checking into a new/different first responder rig and had printout with quote from Juettner's. Mike reviewed with everyone all details of other two vehicles and why it was agreed, with FR and firemen, to go with the Ford Expedition. MD and DK answered all questions the Board had regarding the purchasing of this type vehicle, availability of used vehicle, discussed the electrical problems that the rig is having and with a new rig all these problems eliminated? Financing, fund raisers and if FR have monies for down payment was also discussed. All agreed that more information is needed before any decision can be made regarding purchasing of a new or different vehicle. This was tabled for future meeting when more information is available by Board and FR & FD. Don Kalpin informed Board Pancake Sausage Fund raiser is on April 13, 2024. He informed Board that FD discussed and agreed to NOT increase the Fire Fund levy, remaining at \$29,000.00 for 2025. The Board was in agreement with the decision and this will be proposed at Annual Meeting.

Board and RBS discussed township roads and with little rain some roads are somewhat slippery, they all agreed with change in temps this weekend conditions will change. RBS said they plan on starting to do brush and tree trimming as soon as weather allows.

Board reviewed the draft of the 2023 financial printout, after correction and discussion of each Fund Board agreed it was ready for Annual Meeting. At the same time Board discussed the proposed 2025 levies. All agreed to propose NO changes to any of levies for the township. It was discussed at length the monies spent in Road/Bridge for gravel roads throughout township but all agreed to not raise levy. Proposed for 2025 in General \$35,000, Road/Bridge \$140,000.00, and Fire \$29,000.00, again same as 2024.

Issy Szech attended showing interest in being appointed as Deputy Treasurer, she will follow-up at future meeting before any permanent decision is made.

Clerk reviewed with Board elections and meetings that are in future. There were no building permits and mail received discussed.

At this time Board reviewed all receipts, checks #1911 to #1921. General Fund \$2,321.24; Road/Bridge Fund \$5,863.51; Fire Fund \$566.57; Park Fund \$378.20; all funds totaling \$9,129.52. Motion was made and second to accept and pay all receipts with Dale, Brent and Bob voting aye, no other discussion motion carried.

At this time there was no other township business needing to be addressed motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale, Brent and Bob to adjourn. 8:15 pm

**THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE SCHEDULED
MARCH 14, 2024 MONTHLY MEETING.**

FEBRUARY 2024

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ROAD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	<u>PARK</u>
1911 MATIT	\$1,246.00			
1912 Jim & Judy's			\$87.00	
1913 Independent	\$85.50			
1914 BetterWare Comp.	\$349.00			
1915 AR&R	\$98.75			
1916 OtterTail Power				\$302.57
1917 Gardonville	\$105.25		\$9.95	\$75.63
1918 Koep's Septic	\$150.00			
1919 Runestone	\$286.74			
1920 RBS Excavating		\$5,863.51		
1921 RHI Supply			\$469.62	