

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Wade Nibbe called the April 14, 2011 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors' Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost, Treasurer Barb Guenther and Clerk Pam Cuperus and several residents were present.

Clerk read the minutes of the March 10, 2011 monthly meeting. Clerk asked the Board if they wanted to continue with reading minutes at the start of each meeting or because they are on the web page to discontinue reading minutes to save time. It was agreed to continue reading minutes. At this time Wade asked for motion to accept minutes of the March 10, 2011 minutes, Mel Bump asked why these minutes read that RBS Excavating was included in minutes to go on the spring 2011 road tour when the contract for road maintenance was not going to be made till this meeting, that this is incorrectly printed and RBS should be excluded. There was also a correction made in the wording that the Board tables a policy for dust control and this is going to be addressed tonight. At this time motion was made and second to accept, with corrections, the minutes of the March 10, 2011 minutes with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting aye. No further discussion motion carried.

Treasurer gave the financial report/statement since the March meeting. Savings account is \$385,700.94, checking account is \$1,549.57; the CD @ Miltona State Bank is \$12,331.43. There was income totaling \$18,476.71. There was a \$10,000.00 donation from the LV Turkey Toms; \$7,000.00 into Hall Maintenance Fund and \$3,000.00 into Fire Fund to assist in paying for radios. It was asked why there is no printout of all claims that are submitted and paid with the minutes on the web-page? These are available with agenda and minutes when residents attend meeting. At one of the previous meetings it was decided to not include them on the web-page? Motion was made and second to add with minutes on the web-page that information with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye. No further discussion motion carried. Mel Bump asked that from now on when Supervisors review all claims and prior to signing any checks Chair states to whom and how much each payment is.

Mel Bump informed Board that when the house was moved into the property on Spring Lake Rd that the trees and brush that were removed were not completely cleaned up that there are still branches along and in road ditches and his daughter, Melissa said there were signs that were taken down and are still not properly or correctly put back up causing a hazard for drivers and that there several mail boxes that were taken down or destroyed and still not up correctly. Mel was also very concerned that Sheriff's Dept had not been contacted when this

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house was being brought down the road, the route taken could have been a different route, did the individual have all necessary permits to bring this house onto Spring Lk. Rd., why weren't all property owners along the entire route given notice that a house was going to be moved in, and why didn't LV Board know what was going on? Dale Diedrich was there that day and knew Don Kalpin and Al Schuck were going to clean up brush, Al Schuck wanted wood so that was why he was helping Don Kalpin. Dale will check out entire area in the next day. Brad Ruckheim informed all that when a mover moves ANY property mover normally gets and has all necessary permits before property goes onto any road.

Dale Vollmers attended the meeting and asked to give a five minute presentation on tax valuations throughout the township. (Printout in ledger).

Mel Bump asked if there had been any complaints regarding the cul-de-sac on W. Lk. Miltona Rd. near his property. He said that RBS Excavating's attitude has been deliberately destructive when doing road maintenance on road around this cul-de-sac and he hopes that this area does not get removed, he takes great pride in maintaining this piece of lawn, unlike some people in Township with their property. The Board informed him there are already trees, cement driveway, and mailboxes in the road right-away and as long as there are no problems the cul-de-sac will not be removed. Mel was again informed that this is a township road and Township's responsibility to maintain that road and as long as there are no problems when road maintenance contractor does any road work near the cul-de-sac it will not be removed.

Brad Ruckheim, fire Chief, up-dated Board on progress being made throughout the County with the new pager system, bids are still coming in. He will continue to keep Board informed. First Responders just completed recertification.

Mel Bump asked Board if they had any plans regarding making a donation or contribution for monitoring the access on the west side of Lake Miltona for zebra mussels. This access is owned by the Township but maintained by the Leaf Valley Sportsmen, all expenses and improvements are paid completely by the LV Sportsmen Club. There followed a discussion how this problem is getting out of hand state wide, but who carries the financial responsibility of this problem in the Leaf Valley Township? Mel said he was representing the Miltona Lake Association and he would like the Township to donate \$20,000.00 for this cause. Wade asked if there was any plan or grant available for the Board to review, he personally did not think it was the responsibility of the Township to financially assist in this matter but it was agreed if Mel could bring to Board more information and what other Townships are doing the Board would address it a future meeting. No decision was made and was tabled till more information is available.

There was information all learned at the Spring short course and agreed to discuss PERA at another meeting.

Wade has contacted Ringdahl Architects and they have agreed to prepare and get the necessary permits and prepare blue prints to start the bid process for the remodeling of the bathrooms, the cost will be around \$2,000.00. Motion was made and second to hire Ringdahl Architects with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost all voting aye. Discussion followed that this process must get started so that with hall rentals it can be scheduled by fall. Motion carried.

Dale Diedrich had a dust control notice that another Township in southern Minnesota uses to notify public and Board has agreed to add another paragraph with more added information for LV Township. When this notice is completed it will be published in both papers, in the web-page and posted at the hall and creamery. Dale suggested that those planning on doing any type application need to contact neighbors to get the best prices.

The retaining wall that the party wants to put up on Frances Ln. the Board reviewed several prints that were available from the Public works and agreed to table any decision until more information is gotten from property owner.

Mel Bump asked about the law suit regarding CLRSD? Only information Clerk had was that April 08, 2011 there was a summary judgment with both attorneys and judge. She was not contacted prior to this date and has not heard anything from them since. He asked why we were not informed and everyone should know what is going on.

Board opened and discussed the road quotes that were delivered. Mel Bump reminded Board several times that it's time to make a change to get a new maintenance contractor. He knows several in the community that want a new or different contractor and these individuals will be very disappointed if there are no changes. He continued LV has the opportunity now to make a difference in our community by getting a different contractor, to not continue to use "sleeze factor" that our Township has been using. We will be doing "a great disservice to continue with RBS Excavating and to continue with this individual the Board is not spending our tax dollars wisely". He was reminded the Board is not looking at bids, these are all quotes and they are not obligated to take lowest quote. Motion was made and second to renew the Road Maintenance Contract with RBS Excavating for another year, May 01, 2011 thru April 30, 2012. Followed with more comments from audience, motion carried.

Wade told Mel he is taking this entire situation with RBS to a very personal level and he should be ashamed of himself of his behavior. Mel informed BOARD they should be ashamed of themselves for giving contract to RBS. Mel and Melissa Bump and Mr. Hudson left.

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Dave Van Kirk asked Brent Ost if he could put up a couple NO PARKING signs near the entrance of the ball park and near Park Ln. Motion was made and second that these signs should be installed with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting eye. Discussion followed that people have driven onto the ball field and destroyed infield, so with signs up Sportsmen are hoping this will stop drivers from going onto property near/ around ball park. Motion carried.

RBS Excavating informed Board that Miltona Township will be filling in the cracks on Hidden Valley Rd and that half of this expense will be Leaf Valley Township. The Board and RBS agreed to have the spring road tour on Friday April 22, 2011. All road signs will be checked out while on road tour the Board and will try to get count on what is needed for this improvement. Dale explained some of the new and different policy changes that the Township will have to make over the next several years regarding all the signs.

The Board of Re-organization was held at this time. (Separate sheet attached.) Motions were made and second to accept #1 thru #12 with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting eye. After all were read and no corrections or changes motions carried.

Clerk reminded Supervisors of the Board of Review on Tuesday, 19th. @ 9:00 am, at this time all building permits and mail were reviewed and discussed. All prepared checks # 6957 thru #6980, voiding # 6959 were discussed, reviewed and signed. These checks totaled \$16,124.21: General Fund was \$11,617.21, Road/Bridge Fund was \$4,042.80, Fire Fund was \$229.60 and Park Fund was \$234.74. Motion was made and second to accept and pay all prepared checks with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting eye. No further discussion motion carried.

With no other Township business needing to be address motion was made and second to adjourn. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING.

Board of Re-Organization
April 14, 2011

Be sure a date has been set for the spring road tour.

1. Compensation for all meetings @ \$50.00 (2007), if extends beyond 4 hours compensate by hourly rate.
2. Compensate all Board for minimum of two (2) hours @ the hourly rate. 2007 set @ \$12.50 an hour. If a resident that needs copies made, there is a charge of hourly rate and completed at the convenience of the Board member. When Board needs to make a road check they will be compensated for minimum of two (2) hours plus mileage.
3. Treasurer yearly salary @ \$1,250.00 (2009); Clerk's yearly salary @\$2,000.00 (2009), plus the per diem of hourly rate \$12.50. (2007)
4. Head Election Judge and Board @ \$12.50 hour, other election judges @\$10.00 an hour, including all training, plus mileage to/from training and hall. (2007)
5. All Township banking transactions will be @ US Bank and Treasurer will make all necessary monthly transferring of funds.
6. All Township insurance with Minnesota Assc. Of Townships. (MAT). Includes hall, fire dept/first responders, vehicles and equipment, ball park and shed and E/O coverage.
7. Will use Echo Press and Independent for all public notices, post @ creamery and Hall.
8. Continue to meet second Thursday every month @7:00 pm @ hall. All meetings posted @ Hall and Creamery and publish as need.
9. Compensate moderator of Annual meeting @ \$25.00
10. Gas mileage whatever current Federal rate is, \$.51. (4/2011)
11. Gopher bounty @\$2.50 , beaver tails @ \$30.00 @ nothing for stripes (2010)
12. Decide on deputy Treasurer and Clerk for 2012

For all extra meetings that are held out of the Township all Supervisors decide if feasible for any of them to attend or if all should attend. Normally meetings over 30 miles and around meal time Township compensates for meal, RECEIPTS MUST BE AVAILABLE AND SIGNED BY THAT BOARD MEMBER.