

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CLERK called the March 13, 2012 Annual Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, there were about 25 residents in attendance. Clerk asked for volunteer to be the moderator and with no one volunteering motion was made by Leon Schultz for Mike Jeppesen to be the moderator and with no one else being motion was second by Don Kalpin. Clerk asked for show of hands voting for Mike Jeppesen. All were in favor no opposed, motion carried.

Clerk read the minutes of the March 08, 2011 Annual Meeting, motion was made by Leon Schulz, second by Norman Stark and with no discussion motion carried to accept the minutes as prepared and read.

Treasurer asked all to review all the financial statements and reports. There were few questions that were addressed and with no other concerns motion made by Brad Ruckheim, second by Leon Cuperus to accept these statements/reports as prepared, no further discussion motion carried.

Mike said all Funds would be discussed, when discussion completed then motion would be taken on the 2013 levies.

Wade Nibbe discussed the cost of the bathroom and kitchen wall remodeling project. He informed all there is need to replace the two small service doors, south side, next to each of the fire truck garage doors. He has contacted a contractor so Board has idea on cost of replacement and repairs of these doors and frames. The south wall in the old section of basement is also rooting away from foundation with several holes in foundation. The floor in the upper level of hall will soon need to be completely replaced many tiles have already been replaced and are lifting and breaking apart, it has been suggested to finish putting the white wall board on the inside wall to match what has been done. A couple years ago the Hall Maintenance Fund was set up for projects like what was mentioned and that is what was used to pay for the bathroom project, it has about \$7,550.00 remaining so when a levy is set for General Fund the Board would like to propose that \$10,000.00 be put into this Hall Maintenance Fund for such projects. There were many good comments regarding the bathrooms being remodeled. It is proposed to increase the General Levy for 2013 to \$110,000.00.

Dale Diedrich said that there will be for the next four years a major expense from the Road/Bridge Fund for all new signs that have been mandated to replace. This cost could very well be about \$200.00 per sign, that a quarter of the Township will be completed each year getting the township completed by 2018. The Board is going to go on road tour with road engineer from Douglas County highway sign department in hopes of eliminating completely some of the signs throughout Township. By doing a quarter of township each year some of the old signs can be recycled, if there are no bullet holes, this will help with cost of this project. There is a major erosion on the hill on Little Ida Bh Rd and the residents have been at several meetings in the last year voicing their concerns and with suggestions on how to repair this section of road, so once it can be agreed on with residents, LV Board, and County this section of road will be repaired, sharing cost with residents and Township. Dale informed everyone that about 3,000 yards of gravel was applied 2011 and roads are going to need that many yards and possibly more and cost of gas has already increased. He asked if anyone had any road concerns and with no concerns he informed everyone that at any time there are any road issues to contact any one on Board. He suggested that the Road/Bridge Fund be increased from 2012 of \$120,000.00 to \$130,000.00 for 2013. There was no further discussion.

Brad Ruckheim, Fire Chief, brought everyone up to date with the happenings of the fire department and new radio system that is county wide. He proposed that the levy for 2013 remain the same as was set for 2012 \$24,000.00. He informed everyone that there were only 17 firemen so if there is anyone in the Township that has interest in joining the department to get in contact with him or any firemen. There was no other discussion pertaining to the fire fund levy.

Mike reviewed the proposed 2013 Levy:

General Fund is \$110,000.00
Road/Bridge Fund \$130,000.00
Fire Fund \$24,000.00

Don Kalpin made motion and Bruce Springer second the motion to accept these levies as discussed and with no further discussion motion carried. Motion was made by Brad Ruckheim second by Shirley Jeppesen to donate to the Firemen's Relief Association, \$100.00 per man (17 men) with no further discussion motion carried. Motion was made by Leon Schultz and second by Leon Cuperus to earmark \$10,000.00, from General Fund, into hall Maintenance Fund. No further discussion motion carried.

Mike asked everyone to review the printout of the Hall Comparison Report, there had been significant increases in several items listed and all were explained. Several suggestions were made regarding the dumpster being used by many people in community and if it gets locked will those individuals just throw the garbage on ground near/around the dumpster and then it

will blow all over roads. No decision was made and Board will discuss options at future meetings.

Election results were: Total 38 votes cast

Supervisor for three year term Wade Nibbe was re-elected with 38 votes.

Clerk for two year term Pam Cuperus re-elected with 37 votes and Karen Schultz one vote.

Brad Ruckheim reminded everyone that burning permits are needed to contact him and he will issue the permit.

Mike Jeppesen asked if there was any other township business needing to be addressed, there was nothing, so with that motion was made by Don Kalpin second by Brad Ruckheim to adjourn, no other discussion motion carried.

Lunch served, 7:45 pm

THESE MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING