

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Wade Nibbe called the August 09, 2012 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 pm with Supervisors Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus present. Visitors were Richard Vogt, RBS Excavating, Brad Ruckheim, LV Fire Chief, Joe Burdeau, 3160 Little Ida Bh Rd NW and Dale Vollmers 2144 Riedel Bh LN NW.

CLERK read the minutes of the July 12, 2012 monthly meeting. Motion was made and second to accept these minutes as prepared and read with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

TREASURER gave the financial report/statement since July 31, 2012. Savings account balance 07/31/2012 was \$441,768.18, checking account was \$4,665.15; CD @ BlackRidge Bank valued @ \$12,460.48 (Fire Fund). There was a total of \$2,118.00 income for the month of July. There are only 15 checks that were sent in June for the 2011 CLRSO refunds that have not been cashed. Motion was made and second to accept these reports and income as prepared with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting aye no further discussion motion carried. There was a second donation to the Leaf Valley First Responders from A.B.A.T.E. in amount of \$200.00. A motion was made to accept these contributions and to give to the LV First Responders a check in amount of \$400.00 with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, (Township received first donation of \$200.00 in May)no further discussion motion carried.

Joe Burdeau inquired why there was no chloride applied this spring, condition of roads he drives daily are in terrible wash-board condition and very dusty. He pays taxes for road maintenance and in his opinion his taxes are not spent wisely. It was explained that at the 2011 LV Annual Meeting vote was taken by the residents in attendance to not apply chloride because the cost every year continues to increase; that past summer it cost over \$18,000.00. A policy was adopted that if any resident wants chloride the resident or residents need to hire a licensed contractor to apply chloride. He insisted he is paying taxes for road maintenance and he is not getting his moneys' worth. He was told it is responsibility of Township to maintain roads in township but not townships responsibility to apply chloride. He asked why this decision was not known to all residents in Township, he did not know there is Annual Meeting in March, and at this time he told Township he wants a copy of agenda sent to his resident 48 hours prior to every meeting so if need to be at the meeting he can or will be there. It was explained all meetings follow the same agenda and these agendas are not

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printed till Wed, 24 hours prior to meeting because all mail/claims have not been received by Clerk or Treasurer. On all agenda's following Treasurer's report we have given all visitors that attend the opportunity to have all/any questions/concerns addressed; even though by law this is not required. He informed Board he has talked to attorney and he will follow through with legal action. An agenda will be sent to him every month and because all mail, income, any visitors that call and ask to be on agenda after agenda is sent to him this information will not be on one sent to him. He also informed LV Board that these monthly meetings are not conducted correctly, he has been on many Boards and knows LV's meetings are incorrect. At this time he asked why the shoulders on Little Ida Bh Rd have not been corrected/repared it has been several years that it was asked by residents living on that section of road to correct the problem. It was explained all residents living there cannot agree on how to correct the problem and cost was also concern with all parties and LV Board. When all can agree on the solution and paying for repairs then the problem will be addressed, until then Board will continue to check out solutions. At this time Chair said it was time to move on.

Dale Vollmers informed Board the gravel roads he travels daily are in very good condition and Thanked Richard for doing great job, with chloride being applied to some roads, lack of rain and heavy traffic on some roads it is impossible to keep all residents happy and it was agreed some gravel roads with heavy traffic (Spring Lake Rd) it is impossible to not have some wash boarding to some extent all the time.

Brad Ruckheim, LV Fire Chief, informed Board that all electrical work has been completed and new compressor has been installed. The new F.R. rig has all lights installed and lettering completed, information will be given to Clerk and a bid notice will be published in both papers. The new radios, county wide switch, will be completed within couple months and there will be several radios and a set of lights from old F.R. rig that need to be sold so all agreed to check out options where to sell these items.

Discussed if ice machine should be locked, it's there to be used and for hall rentals but there have been individuals coming into fire truck garage that should not be there without adults from township. It was agreed to monitor situation and make changes later if need.

Dale received letter from attorney regarding Hidden Valley Lane, both letters will be added to minutes and kept in file. LV will continue to maintain this lane.

RBS has agreed to start eliminating signs and posts that are going to be no longer needed on roads in Township, Richard and Dale will check if the posts can be used for mail boxes in township. RBS has agreed to store all old road signs in basement of fire truck garage that are in way storage for fire department equipment. RBS will start work on Shea Rd and will put extra dirt from digging on Mums RD where fill is needed. Dale asked RBS to also check out

some tree limbs that are hanging in road right away that need to be removed prior to fall harvest.

Brent and Dale attended the County Commissioner's meeting and asked if the \$4,200.00, Leaf Valley share of funds that are in the Douglas County Park Fund could be gotten and used for repairs, improvements of ballpark and bleachers and playground equipment in Leaf Valley. Brent had also attended the LV Sportsmen's meeting and they have agreed to match the funds from Douglas County and to assist in the work at the ball field and playground. Brent and Dale will keep Board up to date when this project starts.

All mail and building permit was reviewed. Treasurer had all claims in order and checks prepared for review and to be signed. Checks #7811 thru #7824 totaling \$18,132.32; General Fund \$690.68, Road/Bridge Fund \$7,943.64, Fire Fund \$9,421.35 and Park Fund \$76.65. Motion was made and second to accept and pay all claims with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

There was no other Township business needing to be addressed motion was made and second to adjourn no further discussion motion carried.

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

AUGUST 2012

	GENERAL	RD/BRIDGE	FIRE	PARK
7811 Kraig Mitchell	\$90.00			
7812 OtterTail Power				\$31.66
7813 HiWay Amaco				\$44.99
7814 RBS Excavating		\$7,943.64		
7815 Don Kalpin			\$84.66	
7816 LV First Responders			\$400.00	
7817 Ellingson			\$891.69	
7818 Andy's Auto Repair			\$45.00	
7819 Alx. Air Apparatus			\$8,000.00	
7820 Gardonville	\$74.27			
7821 Waste Mgt.	\$16.40			
7822 Jim's Wholesale	\$45.00			
7823 Victor Lundeen	\$257.77			
7824 Runestone	\$207.24			
TOTAL	\$690.68	\$7,943.64	\$9,421.35	\$76.65

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