

# LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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**CHAIR**, Wade Nibbe called the July 09, 2015 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 pm with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus, Fire Chief Brad Ruckheim, Road Maintenance Engineer Richard Vogt and several residents attended.

**CLERK** read the minutes of the June 11, 2015 monthly meeting. Corrections were made to the count and explanation of the petition that was collected and given to Board regarding the tarring of Spring Lk. Rd. Motion was made and second to accept the minutes with correction with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

**TREASURER** gave the financial report/statement since the June 2015 meeting. Treasurer transferred \$43,000.00 from savings to checking. There was income totaling \$153,941.68; on June 30, 2015 savings account balance was \$822,448.71; checking account balance June 30, 2015 was \$1,224.48; CD @ BlackRidge Bank remains @ \$12,672.60 (Fire Fund). Motion was made and second to accept this report as prepared and given with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion, motion carried. Treasurer will get claims ready for Board to review and sign.

Sandy Dittberner presented to Board the petition of signatures from many residents in township that ARE NOT in favor of tarring of Spring Lk. Rd. Board thanked her for her time and effort.

In the past month the Board had discussed at length with the MAT attorneys the procedure needed and progress that is being done with the tarring of Spring Lk. Rd. and other roads off of or adjoining this road. Wade had reviewed the petition received from Mel Bump with signatures of many residents in township and because several husband and wife signatures that had been counted as two signatures and should have counted as one there were several issues and questions answered and not agreed on; also there are several residents with more than 2 or 3 or even more parcels this needs to be completely decided how to address. This changed the percentage of votes on petition but it still remains at more than the 55% the Board had originally asked residents to get. It was discussed that many townships handle the tarring of roads each township differently, not one township or road project the same; that each project could be different. According to the Attorneys each road should be considered a

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separate project. The discussion followed fairness to residents using that road and residents on side roads using tarred road, how to assess all residents on all these roads. Next order of business is getting a feasibility study completed on Spring Lk. Rd. and all other roads considered for tarring. Motion was made and second to get the feasibility study completed on SPRING LK. RD, SCHUELKE BH. RD. and SCHUELKE BH. LN. The cost of this study will be assessed to the project if the tarring project is completed; the cost of this study will be assessed to residents on these roads getting the feasibility study completed if the tarring project is rejected; with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye. Discussion followed clearing any/all questions/concerns regarding cost of study, motion carried. Board asked residents to continue attending meetings with questions and concerns, many in township have concerns about this project and township monthly meetings is the best place to get answers.

**Road Maintenance Engineer** and Board discussed matting projects that are going to be started, the culverts that need to be replaced in township and the beaver problem. Richard will keep Dale informed as all projects are started and completed.

**Fire Chief**, Brad Ruckheim gave information he had obtained regarding the installation and cost of replacing siren in township. He will continue to keep Board up to date with this project.

There were two (2) bids received for Board to review and discuss about the future of adding onto hall. It was decided no decision can be made until this winter, Dale is working on getting a grant for this project.

Motion was made to hire Leon Cuperus to paint the railing on east side of hall, along the ramp, and inside hall, and to also paint the new posts/pillars (4) on south side of hall with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting aye. No further discussion motion carried.

There are three second weed notices that need to be sent, Clerk will get them in mail tomorrow (10<sup>th</sup>).

At this time building permits were reviewed and all mail discussed. Treasurer had claims #8455 to #8466 prepared for review and to be signed, all claims totaled \$33,571.61. General Fund totaled \$2,078.97, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$29,299.58, Fire Fund totaled \$1,920.63, and Park Fund totaled \$272.43. 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.

With no other Township business needing to be addressed motion was made and second to adjourn with Wade Nibbe, Dale Diedrich, and Brent Ost voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

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

**JULY 2015**

	<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>	<b><u>RD/BRIDGE</u></b>	<b><u>FIRE</u></b>	<b><u>PARK</u></b>
<b>8455</b> IRS	\$381.13			
<b>8456</b> H & R Block	\$75.00			
<b>8457</b> Waste Mgt.	\$108.31			
<b>8458</b> Gardonville	\$81.34			
<b>8459</b> Pam Cuperus	\$86.81		\$20.95	
<b>8460</b> Ida Township		\$10,797.26		
<b>8461</b> ALASD		\$8,405.00		
<b>8462</b> RBS Exc.		\$10,097.32		
<b>8463</b> B & H Builders	\$1,153.80		\$288.45	
<b>8464</b> Ottertail Power				\$272.43
<b>8465</b> Runestone	\$192.58			
<b>8466</b> Emg. App.			\$1,611.23	