

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the February 11, 2016 scheduled township monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus, Fire Chief Brad Ruckheim, Road Maintenance Engineer Richard Vogt and Sandy Dittberner also present.

CLERK read minutes of the January 14, 2016 monthly meeting and minutes of the Board of Audit, held on same date. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz all voting aye to accept both sets of minutes as prepared and read, no further discussion motion carried.

TREASURER gave the financial report since the January 2016 meeting. CD @ BlackRidge Bank rolled over 01/29/2016 and earned \$41.20 interest, \$12,709.29 (Fire Fund); treasurer transferred \$4,000.00 from savings to checking; on 01/31/2016 funds balance (savings) \$973,503.53; checking account balance was \$1,961.30 and there was income into township totaled \$28,849.40. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, Keith Schultz voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. Treasurer continued to prepare claims for Board to review and sign.

Supervisors and Road Maintenance Engineer agreed that there are several roads and intersections in township that need some salt/gravel application; he will start on Friday a.m.

Dale reviewed with Board a discussion he had with township attorney regarding the Spring Lake Rd tarring project(s). The attorney has agreed to come to any township meeting whenever it is needed to address and answer all questions and concerns regarding this project. The price of fuel was mentioned and is a major factor so all information the Board and attorney can get together for all concerned residents prior to any meetings is of up-most importance for everyone. One question that everyone has regarding this project is "how much are our taxes going to increase", even with lower fuel prices because this will be assessed for several years.

Fire Chief informed Board on progress being made on the changes to the new step-van, when all work completed then it will be decided on the bidding procedure for the old step-van. Leaf Valley Sportsmen gave a contribution of \$10,000.00 to the Fire Dept to cement the lower drive-way that could be completed this spring/summer.

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TREASURER had prepared the 2015 financial report for the Supervisors to discuss and review. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept as prepared the 2015 Income, Expense and Summary reports. Board discussed the funds from 2014 and compared to 2015 funds and what were some of changes. Motion carried. After lengthy discussion Board will propose at the Annual Meeting to set the 2017 General Fund Levy @ \$80,000.00 (lowered from \$110,000.00 for 2016). There are three township roads that will get matted this summer so it was agreed to propose setting the Road/Bridge Fund for 2017 @\$130,000.00 (same as 2016). The Fire Chief and Board recommended keeping the Fire Fund @ \$24,000.00 for 2017 (same as 2016).

Clerk reminded the Board of up-coming meeting dates for the future. The Treasurer had claims #8569 to #8580 prepared and ready for Board to review and sign totaling \$6,706.77. General Fund totaled \$4,061.77, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$1,386.00 and Fire Fund totaled \$1,259.00. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept and pay all claims no further discussion motion carried.

With no other Township business needing to be addressed motion was made and second to adjourn, motion carried. 8:15 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE
MARCH 10, 2016 MONTHLY MEETING.**

FEBRUARY 2016

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>RD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>
8569 Independent	\$60.80		
8570 Spectrum	\$74.35		
8571 W. Mgt.	\$116.29		
8572 Gardonville	\$81.61		
8573 Runestone Elec.	\$188.71		
8574 Central Lk. Rest.	\$240.06		
8475 Lennes Brothers	\$3,299.95		
8476 RBS Excavating		\$1,386.00	
8477MATIT			\$410.00
8478 Ellingson			\$221.00
8479 Alex. Tech. C.C.			\$450.00
8480 Fire Safety USA			\$178.00