

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the May 12, 2016 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus, Road Engineer Richard Vogt and Fire Chief Brad Ruckheim were present. There were several visitors also in attendance.

CLERK read the minutes of the April 14, 2016 monthly meeting which also included and printed separately the Board of Re-Organization. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept these minutes as read and prepared. No further discussion motion carried.

TREASURER gave the financial report/statement since the April 2016 meeting. There was \$16,000.00 transferred from checking to savings; the balance on April 30, 2016 of the checking account was \$1,823.08, all Funds balance was \$998,527.47; CD @ BlackRidge Bank was \$12,709.29 (Fire Fund); and the township received \$4,883.00 for income. Motion was made and second to accept this report as prepared and given with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye. Board discussed the donation from L.V. Aux for the electrical work completed in kitchen and the flooring that will be installed in kitchen. Motion carried. Treasurer started to prepare checks for Board to discuss and review

Clayton Swanson addressed Board and very strongly expressed his disgust and disappointment with the Board. He commented and asked with "over \$998,500.00 in savings why roads and all tax payers are not getting better service. Board is not using all this money wisely; L. V. residents are paying highest taxes all around. If no roads are getting tarred then why doesn't Board apply chloride?" The Board tried to explain again that expenses get paid from certain funds that there is NOT a savings account over \$998,500.00. He also expressed that the Annual Meeting is held at wrong time of year, those that go out of township for winter cannot attend this meeting so if there is anything to be decided/discussed they are not there to voice their opinion or vote. Board commented at the last election there were over 200 votes cast, many residents were there voting to get someone else on Board but could NOT attend meeting. There were 35 residents attending the annual meeting, few from lakes. Visitors had concerns that this tarring project is taking too long and did not understand the procedure township MUST follow according to laws. This is the first time the L.V. Township is contemplating doing a tarring project and they are going to do it correctly, regardless of opinion and pressure. Public Hearing is a means for those in the project and those out of

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project to voice questions and concerns. The board realizes this is going to be a very difficult decision that they are going to have to make and they know it is not going to be right choice for some so that is why they are welcoming all township residents to attend. There were several more concerns Board tried to address, they are again meeting with attorney next day so they did not have all answers. Everyone will be notified regardless if they are in or out of the project area. At this time Clayton apologized for his behavior and some of his comments to Board.

The quote for road maintenance was reviewed at this time, motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept RBS Excavating for the 2016/2017 Road Engineer for L. V. township. There was no other discussion motion carried. Dale and Richard will contact each other when work is to start on Mums Rd. Dale will also contact Fergus Falls Pump and will keep RBS up-to-date regarding when chloride application will start in township.

The Board will contact each other towards end of May to do weed tour.

Brad informed Board that the new step-van had radios' installed and is ready; he will get notice prepared for the selling of the old step-van which will be at the hall for anyone to check out. If all goes according to plan the contractor may start the concrete drive-way for the fire trucks end of May. Brad will keep Board informed closer it gets to start of this project.

Brent up-dated Board on the progress of the hall addition, he will continue to keep everyone informed as changes continue.

At this time the Board reviewed and discussed the resolution and the policy needed for the tarring project and any other future tarring projects in the township. If and when attorney makes any necessary changes/additions they will have a Special meeting to adopt these. It will be posted and if this happens with enough time set by law to send notices and to post notices the Public Hearing could be on June 4, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

Board reviewed mail. Treasurer prepared checks #8628 to #8640 totaling \$41,703.92. General Fund totaled \$32,031.34, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$9,422.63, and Fire Fund totaled \$249.95. 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.

There was no other township business needing to be address motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye, motion carried. 9:30 p.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE
JUNE 09, 2016 MONTHLY MEETING.**

MAY 2016

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>RD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>
8628 B&H Builders	\$26,400.00		
8629 Do. Co. Assessor	\$5,024.25		
8630 Pam Cuperus	\$47.75		
8631 Postmaster	\$235.00		
8632 L. V. Auxiliary	\$50.00		
8633 Gardonville	\$81.58		
8634 Runestone	\$132.76		
8635 Forum Comm.		\$132.75	
8636 RBS Excavating		\$9,289.88	
8637 Millerville Auto Ctr.			\$33.00
8638 Terry Emter	\$60.00		
8639 Brandon Comm.			\$135.23
8640 Jim & Judy's			\$81.72

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the Special Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance on Thursday, May 19, 2016 @ 7:00 a.m. Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Clerk Pam Cuperus were present.

Motion was made and second to accept as prepared and read:

RESOLUTION #05192016
Receiving the Feasibility Report
And Calling Hearing on Improvement

For the tarring Projects:

Spring Lake Road: from County Road 5 north to County Road 14;

Schuelke Beach Road: from Spring Lake Road east and south to cul-de-sac; and

Schuelke Lane: from Spring Lake Road north to Schuelke Beach Road.

Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye. Resolution was completely re-read and with no further discussion motion carried.

Board thoroughly reviewed and discussed:

Cost Share and Assessment Guidelines
For Improvement Projects of Maintained Township Roads

There were corrections made in section C. Review of petitions, #4) letter b) should read township pays 20% of construction costs, letter c) landowners will be assessed for project and pay over period of 5-10 years. In section D. Allocation of assessments between landowners. Second class, (box) should read one (1) assessment. The seventh class, (box), should read: Each non-buildable and non-conforming lot, parcel or fraction of platted lot, tract or parcel which appears to be individually unbuildable and receiving no increased fair-market value as result of the paving/improvement, with zero (0) assessment. Motion was made and second to accept the Policy/Guidelines with corrections with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

The Board rechecked the maps and re-counted all parcels in each Project coming up with total of 141.5 parcels; at this time using the April 2016 Feasibility Study numbers or cost were

determined. These numbers the attorney will review and then discussed at the Public Hearing on June 04, 2016.

Clerk had issues for the Public Hearing that were addressed at this time, all notices will be published in papers, posted at hall, on the web page and all residents will get mailing regarding the Public Hearing.

Motion was made to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye, motion carried. 8:30 a.m.

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the Public Hearing to order on June 04, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. He opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. The Board and guests were introduced, Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus, township attorney Bill Leuthner and Engineer Jeff Stabnow. There were well over 100 residents present.

Clerk informed everyone that the Affidavit of Service was completed on May 20, 2016. Notice was published 05/ 20th and 25th, posted @ hall on 20th and also put on web-page on the 20th.

Jeff Stabnow reviewed the cost analysis of each project. He explained in detail procedure projects must follow to proceed and it could be completed by early fall 2016, that it will take couple weeks at most to complete, weather cooperating. There were many questions regarding the condition of road now and with tarring if it is going to stand up or handle all traffic. He explained all specs that are required by county that will have to be followed before and as roads are tarred. There were many concerns regarding the maintenance of roads over several years and that the assessment that residents pay 80% of all the future maintenance is not fair. It was strongly suggested this aspect of assessment should be re-evaluated by board, because many out of township and many not living on Spring Lake Rd are using this road, that township should pay more than the 20%.

All were asked to follow along on the financial handout explaining the cost of each project and explanation of assessment for property owners for each project. There were several comments made that township has a reserve, **savings**, totaling over \$900,000.00. Dale then explained that this reserve is all Funds, six, General, Road/Bridge, Fire, Park, Fire Truck, and Hall Maintenance. This project all expense gets paid out of **ONLY** the Road/Bridge Fund-NO other Fund pays for this project. When claims are paid they are paid out of the correct fund which applies and a reserve is needed regardless of how much money is in any Fund.

The Supervisors had several calls prior to hearing from residents that were unable to attend voicing their opinions and there were several notes sent to clerk and several notes that were handed in at hearing also giving their opinions for or against these projects. Those were read and will be kept in file. At this time there were many residents addressing Board with their feelings why the Board **MUST** vote in favor of this project; strongly suggesting now is the time to follow thru with this project and **GET IT DONE**. There were not many, less than ten (10),

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residents calling voicing concerns why this project should not be completed, mainly because it will be a financial burden for them and may even have to sell property. Several months ago Sandy Dittberner had gotten a petition from residents in township all these residents were NOT in favor of this project and it was suggested that Board review that petition counting how many signatures on petition owned property on/in the two projects, or were these signatures from property owners residing in the township. After all questions were addressed Board informed all remaining residents a decision will be voted on at the June 09, 2016 meeting.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to adjourn, no further discussion motion carried. 11:10 a.m.

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