

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the October 13, 2016 monthly township 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 several guests were present.

CLERK read the minutes of the September 08, 2016 monthly meeting. Motion was made and second to accept the minutes after corrections with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voted aye, no other discussions motion carried.

Clerk read the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 15, 2016. Motion was made and second to accept those minutes as prepared with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Clerk read the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 22, 2016. Motion was made and second to accept those minutes as prepared with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye, no further discussion motion carried.

Treasurer gave the financial report/statement since the September monthly meeting. There was \$12,167.00 for income, ALL FUNDS balance 09/30/2016 was \$731,170.88, checking account was \$3,612.82. CD @ BlackRidge value is @ \$12,709.29 and \$134,000.00 was transferred from savings to checking. Motion was made and second to accept this report/statement as prepared with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. Treasurer continued to prepare checks for Board to review and sign.

Dick Gulbranson introduced himself and asked if Board or visitors had any questions or concerns for him and he also gave a brief history about himself and living in Douglas County. He is one of the candidates for County Commissioner.

Dale Vollmers asked Board if the problem on Reidel Bh could be addressed before another huge rainfall this fall but specifically by early spring. There are 3 culverts at top of hill on this road and when there is major hard rainfall the ditch is washed out. The culverts were thought to be plugged but all were in agreement one solution is to install a larger culvert. Roger Dittberner owns property where culvert would drain so prior to any work is completed. All will

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have to meet at the sight to discuss the project and how it will be corrected. Road sign stating "No Outlet" will be ordered and RBS will install.

Jack Lelwica wants the Board to set up a plan for all contractors working with the township on all projects. This plan would lay out the schedule that contractor will follow showing what each project is and that it would be completed on a timely schedule. If this project is not completed, regardless the reason, a fine would be paid. He said many contractors sign this type of agreement and this would prevent all problems the Board and township has had with completing the town hall projects, road projects and fire hall projects on a timely manner, which he says is NOT happening. He was told all is working well and due to permits, weather, unscheduled breakdowns or other major problems all contractors the township have agreements with are doing great job with all the projects. He told Board he wants to attend another monthly meeting and sit down with Board and work on a solution for this problem.

RBS Excavating, Jeff Stabnow and Board discussed two bad spots that need to be addressed on tarring projects. Gary Fuchs also asked Board to check out different areas that need trees and brush trimmed away from roads, all agreed that the shoulders in several places on both roads need gravel before winter. This will be addressed in next couple weeks. Mums Rd will be completed this week; the cracking on Hidden Valley Rd will wait till spring. Dale and Richard will meet with Don Kalpin as soon as weather allows deciding where culverts and approaches need to be installed.

Board reviewed and discussed the letters of objection that were received regarding the tarring project assessments. They will be discussed thoroughly at the Public Hearing on 10/15/2016 and a decision will be made then.

All building permits were reviewed. Treasurer had all claims prepared and ready for Board to review and sign. Checks #8724 to #8752 totaling \$63,061.74, General Fund totaled \$24,396.60, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$30,056.01, Fire Fund totaled \$8,325.41 and Park Fund totaled \$283.72. Motion was made to accept and pay all claims with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye, no further discussion motion carried. There was no other township business needing to be addressed motion was made to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye, motion carried. 8:45 p.m.

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

OCTOBER 2016

	General	Rd/Bridge	Fire	Park
8724 L&O Plumbing	\$212.12			
8725 Kennedy/Graven	\$4,000.00			
8726 Leuthner Law	\$3,817.50			
8727 Forum Comm.	\$140.13			
8728 Parview Properties	\$330.00			
8729 Runestone	\$212.52			
8730 Waste Mgt.	\$231.12			
8731 Gardonville	\$84.19			
8732 H & R Block	\$75.00			
8733 IRS	\$432.68			
8734 Cassie Ahlers	\$150.00			
8735 L.V. Aux.	\$100.00			
8736 Pam Cuperus	\$70.62			
8737 Erin Guenther	\$925.62			
8738 Barb Guenther	\$42.91			
8739 Central Lk. Rest.	\$547.57			
8340 MATIT	\$2,357.00		\$5,016.00	
8341 HiWay Amaco				\$243.75
8342 OtterTail Pow.				\$39.97
8343 RBS Excavating		\$29,438.53		
8344 TrueNorth Steel		\$617.48		
8345 Jeff Stabnow	\$8,242.50			
8346 Office Max			\$460.63	
8347 Lk.Reg. F.F. Assc.			\$40.00	
8348 Emg. App. Maint			\$1,242.78	
8349 Granite City			\$1,566.00	
8350 Loren Swanson	\$60.00			
8351 Marvin Thoennes	\$90.00			
8352 Randy's Plumbing/Htg.	\$2,275.12			

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the Public Hearing to order with Pledge of Allegiance on October 15, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther and Clerk Pam Cuperus, Bill Leuthner, township attorney and Jeff Stabnow the projects Engineer present and about 20 township residents.

After introductions Dale opened floor for questions and concerns asking to try to keep concerns to about 3 minutes.

Sandy Dittberner asked what the prior Special Meetings were for and if they had been posted correctly. Dale explained what the agenda was for each of those meetings that all meetings were on the web page and posted before the dates of the meetings. She also noted that even though 80% of cost of these projects is being paid by the property owners the remaining 20% is still being paid by the tax payers in the township also asking how increase there is going to be in 2017 taxes. Gary Fuchs asked how it was determined or decided to assess all parcels voicing concerns why campground with many units and so much summer traffic verses one family unit on same road only during summer month also one assessment. How agricultural property was assessed one parcel or .5 assessments, he made comment he thought Board was inconsistent and not uniform in some of the deciding issues how they assessed parcels. Comment was made by several that have property on Project #2 why they have to be assessed also for Project #1. The width of road on Project #2 is 18 feet not like the 22 feet like Spring Lake Rd. this was not feasible to go 22 feet. Dale and Jeff explained what difference would have cost. There are some areas also on project #2 that will get gravel applied to shoulders before winter weather. A seal coating was NOT in the bid and the cost for that is over \$80,000.00 so that will not be done. Dale reread and explained parts of the policy that was set up prior to this Project, all were made aware of it at the June 05, 2016 Public Hearing. Jeff Stabnow explained that with this tarring project the increase in value of all parcels. He also said the life of these roads would be at least 20 years.

There were several letters and e-mails the Township had received prior to and on day of Public Hearing, each one was read and reviewed and then addressed. There were no other questions or concerns motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye, motion carried. 9:50 a.m.

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the October 15, 2016 special Meeting to order with The Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost, Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther and Clerk Pam Cuperus, Bill Leuthner and Jeff Stabnow and a few residents of the township were also present.

The intent of meeting was to review and discuss all letters of objection that were received regarding the assessments of tarring projects #1 and 2.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of the assessment of parcel #33-0386-000. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by the Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of the assessments of parcels #33-0402-000 & 33-0401-000. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by the Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of the assessment of parcel #33-0186-050. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by the Board at May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of the assessments of parcels #33-0384-000 & #33-385-000. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by the Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of the assessments of six parcels #33-0384-000, #33-085-000, #33-397-000, #33-0398-000, #33-0399-000, and #33-4000-000. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of the assessments for parcels #33-0334-000 and # 33-0333-000. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by the Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of assessments of four parcels # 33-0345-000, # 33-0346-000, 33-0361-000 and #33-0361-025. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by the Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of assessments of parcels #33-0361-150 and # 33-0361-175. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of assessment of parcels # 33-0338-000 and #33-0361-255. The request does not follow the policies and guidelines set by Board on May 19, 2016, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye denying the letter requesting adjustment of assessment of parcels # 33-0336-000 and #33-0361-250, no further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept the letters requesting the adjustment of parcel #33-0186-950. It will be removed from the assessment role, it is non-buildable and non-conforming. Motion carried.

There followed a short discussion on the difficulties the Board had adopting the policy, assessing of some parcels-campground, agricultural land and parcels adjacent or off tarred roads. This was the first tarring project for Board and they relied on attorney's guidance and what worked well in other townships.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to approve:

RESOLUTION # 10152016

RESOLUTION ADOPTING ASSESSMENT

As amended (removal of parcel #33-186-950 from the assessment role).

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No further discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye, no other discussion motion carried. 11:30 a.m.

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