

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the December 14, 2017 monthly township meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost, Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Fire Chief Scott Korkowski, 2 couples living on Hidden Valley Ln., Glen Olson and Clerk Pam Cuperus were also present.

CLERK read the minutes of the November 09, 2017 minutes. Correction made that it was Marshall Koep not Mitchell Koep that assisted Mel Bump with the project on/near his property on Lake Miltona. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept the corrected minutes, no further discussion motion carried.

TREASURER gave the financial report for the month of December 2017. CD @ BlackRidge Bank value remains @ \$12,768.86 (F.F.); on 11/30/2017 checking account balance was \$4,025.40 and ALL FUNDS balance was \$631,134.28. There was \$30,000.00 transferred from savings to checking, and income into township totaled \$163,340.82. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept this report as prepared and given, no further discussion motion carried. Treasurer continued to prepare checks for Board to review and sign.

The residents from Hidden Valley Ln discussed with Board concerns and had questions regarding the re-surfacing project of Hidden Valley Ln. They were concerned because the letter sent to all residents was NOT clearly written, many found it confusing. They asked if road where there is a natural spring will be repaired? It was explained how that spring has caused drainage problems to properties near that spring that it would be dug up and repaired prior to any road work completed. They asked how much of total cost of project the township is responsible for and what residents are responsible to pay, they also asked why there is no specific fund set aside out of all taxes they pay yearly to cover a project like this. Dale reviewed to all what the Board has been doing regarding this project for the past several years and explained if this project does not get go-ahead from residents the road will eventually go back to gravel. The cost whatever it will be the township is responsible for 20% and residents 80% plus 100% of all legal and extra fees. There are 79 parcels that the cost will be divided equally among the parcels and this amount will be assessed to taxes for period of 4 years or whatever is recommended. Lastly there is needed from residents 50% signatures of the 113 owners before anything can be continued. Tom & Cheryl Brauer asked if they could contact those that have not replied to township and explain what is going to happen to future of road.

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

This project will be tabled till the January meeting and Dale has agreed to contact attorney about next steps that may need to be addressed.

Glen Olson addressed Board regarding abandoning section of Finch LN. He has discussed this with Doc Henry, also landowner along this section of road and Doc Henry is in agreement with this choice. There was discussion regarding this change and Board needs to check with attorney and then will address this decision at January meeting. Dale agreed to keep Glen up-to-date with all information he gets.

Dale up-dated Board on the discussion he and Jerome Hagenmiller, Supervisor of Miltona Township, had regarding Leaf Valley Township taking over road maintenance of Hidden Valley Rd. The road is half in Miltona Township and half in Leaf Valley Township. Leaf Valley will send to clerk of Miltona a statement, monthly, quarterly, yearly yet to be determined, and Miltona Township will pay Leaf Valley Township for all maintenance. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye in favor of this agreement between the two townships for road maintenance, no further discussion motion carried.

Scot Korkowski informed Board that the First Responders are going to meet @ hall first Monday of every month on hour prior to Fire Departments monthly meeting's, they will also continue to have hands on training whenever a class is scheduled.

Board discussed changing banking facility for all township financial transactions. Steve Otto had discussed with Keith several changes from Bremer facility that would be beneficial to all the township funds. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, Keith Schultz voting aye that as soon as arrangements can be completed to change the township banking facility to Bremer Bank, no further discussion motion carried. Treasurer will meet with Steve Otto to get this process started.

Dale discovered that the levy set at the March 14, 2017 Annual Meeting had included the General Obligation Debt of \$62,607.00, which was not necessary. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to reduce \$62,607.00 from the 2018 levy, no further discussion motion carried. Clerk will contact Auditor's office and take care of necessary forms next week so it will reflect 2018 township taxes.

Short discussion about March 2018 elections, Supervisor's 3 year term, Keith Schultz and Clerk's 2 year term, Pam are up for re-election. Barb, Dale and Brent have agreed to be election judges.

Treasurer had checks #8994 to #8009 prepared and ready for Board to review and sign. General Fund totaled \$3,574.36: Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$11,955.52: Fire Fund totaled

\$11,498.25 with all claims totaling \$27,028.13. 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 with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to adjourn motion carried. 9:20 p.m.

THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED, AND SIGNED AT THE JANUARY 2018 MONTHLY TOWNSHIP MEETING.

DECEMBER 2017

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>ROAD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>
8994 Koep's Septic	\$170.00		
8995 Parview Properties	\$359.76		
8996 MATIT	\$425.00		\$236.00
8997 Mike Lenarz	\$150.00		
8998 Postmaster	\$98.00		
8999 L.V. Firemen's Relief			\$11,065.05
9000 Runestone	\$155.76		
9001 Gardonville	\$84.92		\$43.20
9002 Brandon Township		\$422.00	
9003 RBS Exc.		\$1,103.75	
9004 Ida Township		\$9,419.77	
9005 Pam Cuperus	\$935.08		\$154.00
9006 Barb Guenther	\$533.21		
9007 Dale Diedrich	\$285.07	\$154.00	
9008 Brent Ost	\$153.01	\$28.00	
9009 Keith Schultz	\$224.55	\$28.00	
9010 J.J's Excavating		\$800.00	