

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CLERK, Pam Cuperus, called the Leaf Valley Township Annual Meeting to order on March 08, 2022 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther and about 25 residents of township were present.

Clerk asked three times if there was anyone attending meeting to be volunteer to moderate the meeting, with no volunteers Keith Schultz nominated Dale Diedrich seconded by Brent Ost. There were no other nominations all were in favor for Dale to moderate 2022 Annual Meeting motion carried.

CLERK read the minutes of the March 09, 2021 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Don Kalpin second by Brent Ost to accept as prepared and read those minutes, no other discussion all were in favor motion carried.

There were printouts available for all to follow so Dale reviewed the 2022 financial report, expenses, income and summary reports. He explained and reviewed all sheets and all questions from residents were addressed and answered. It was explained that the COVID Funds are in separate fund, can explained best that township knows where this grant can and cannot be spent, that ALL of this money needs to be accounted for when, where spent for next several years. Motion was made by Bruce Springer seconded by Leon Schultz to accept these reports as prepared, printed and reviewed all were in favor motion carried.

At this time Dale reviewed why Board proposed \$35,000.00, same as 2022, for the General Fund Levy for 2023. Motion was made by Leon Schultz seconded by Keith Schultz for the General Fund Levy for 2023 set at \$35,000.00 no other discussion all were in favor motion carried.

Dale reviewed the Road/Bridge Fund and what has been completed on roads last year and what is recommended to be completed in future. He also reviewed the improvements and tarring to Little Ida Bh. Rd. NW and the cul-de-sac to the east end of road if tarring project is completed. It was suggested by Board to set Road/Bridge Levy for 2023 at \$140,000.00, same as 2022. Motion was made by Don Kalpin seconded by Brent Ost for the Road/Bridge Levy to remain at \$140,000.00 for 2023, no other discussion all were in favor motion carried.

Scott Korkowski, Fire Chief, shared what the fire department has purchased, how many firemen are on department and explained about the high cost of training that all firemen have to go through while being on fire department. He also shared how the department continues to raise money for equipment and training to assist paying for these expenses. There are about 23 firemen and first responders on Leaf Valley Fire Department. The fire department and Board proposed to increase the Fire Fund Levy to \$27,000.00, increase of \$2,000.00. Motion was made by Mike Kalpin seconded by Bruce Springer to set the Fire Fund Levy to \$27,000, increase of \$2,000.00, for 2023, no other discussion all were in favor motion carried. At this time Breanna Welling representing First Responders shared that they have been on about 40 calls in last year and also go whenever there is fire call. The team has discussed the need of a newer or more up-to-date fire rig for the future. Discussion followed how first responders will need to set up fund for a large purchase and once they have plan of action they will bring it to Board. At this time motion was made by Scott Korkowski seconded by Bruce Springer to transfer \$5,000.00 from the General Fund into the First Responder Fund for future equipment and training expenses, no other discussion all were in favor motion carried.

Keith Schultz discussed that Township is willing to take over care and cost of kitchen, township pays for all up-keep and buys all supplies needed and there only couple auxiliary members that are in the group. The fire department has taken over the Potatoe Pancake Supper fund raiser with help of entire community. The two auxiliary members attending agreed to discuss this with other retired members and will get back to Board how they feel about what should be done.

At this time Dale asked that all review the Town Hall Comparison report of 2020 to 2021. There were few questions and discussion on what or where the COVID Grant money can be spent. There are audits or reports that will need to be completed yearly and all the money spent needs to be accounted for with receipts showing proof of purchase and payments. Township has received \$25,184.45.

Election results were announced, there were 29 ballots cast:

SUPERVISOR	3 YEAR TERM	DALE DIEDRICH
CLERK	2 YEAR TERM	PAM CUPERUS

Board informed everyone up-date of the tarring project on Little Ida Bh. Rd. NW that may happen in 2022, that a Subordinate Service District has been formed. The residents presented Board with petition asking that tarring be completed on said road. A public hearing will be held early summer when feasibility study has been competed and cost is known, then it will be decided if this project will be completed if feasible for township and residents. The cul-de-sac and a few driveways will need changes or improvements.

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There was no other township business needing to be addressed motion was made by Don Kalpin seconded by Brent Ost to adjourn, all were in favor motion carried. 9:20 pm.

**THESE MINUTES WERE REVIEWED, READ AND SIGNED AT THE
MARCH 2023 ANNUAL MEETNG.**

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