

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CLERK called the March 12, 2024 Annual Meeting to order @ 8:15 pm with Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 20 residents and Board present. Clerk asked if there was a volunteer to moderate the meeting. Brent Ost nominated Dale Diedrich, she asked twice for any other nominations, nominations closed. Motion was second by Roger Dittberener and with show of hands motion carried for Dale Diedrich to moderate meeting.

CLERK read the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Jeff Wilke and second by Brent Ost to accept the minutes as prepared and read, with no corrections motion carried.

DALE asked all to follow along while he reviewed the 2023 financial report. He explained the reasons for the expenses in road and bridge fund and at same time answered any and all questions and concerns regarding all expenses on printed report. At this time he said Board were in agreement to not raise levy for the General Fund keeping it same as 2024, \$35,000.00. Motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Roger Dittberner to set 2025 levy at \$35,000.00, all in favor motion carried. Moving onto Road/Bridge Fund Dale reviewed some of expenses from 2023, why the remaining COVID monies were moved into Road/Bridge Fund and discussed future road projects. All questions and concerns were addressed at this time. Board recommends setting the levy in Road/Bridge Fund for 2025 same as it was for 2024, \$140,000.00. Motion was made by Mike Kalpin second by Dave Otto to set 2025 levy at \$140,000.00 all in favor motion carried.

Mike Kalpin, Asst. Fire Chief, gave update on the fire department, approximately how many calls the department has gone on past year, members in department, and that department plan to pay off the tanker in August. He said fire department and Board were in agreement to not raise the 2025 fire levy, remaining at \$29,000.00. Motion was made by Leon Schultz second by Roger Dittberner to set 2025 Fire Fund levy at \$29,000.00 all in favor motion carried. He also informed everyone the Potatoe Pancake and Sausage Supper is April 13, 2024.

Mike Doehling, President of First Responders, gave update of the FR. He also said there have been issues with the FR rig, down road a different vehicle is going to be needed. He had presented to Board at previous meeting cost of new Ford expedition, the Board had said more consideration and planning for this project is needed and also more funding for a down payment is something FR need to consider. The Board suggested a possible 3 year plan before

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buying a vehicle. The technical problems with the rig are being checked out by FR and Board. This project is tabled for time being but all agreed all possibilities are being considered. A resident of township suggested this project should be addressed before 3 years.

Dale asked everyone to review town hall report and all questions were addressed.

The results of the Election were announced. There were 32 voters,

Supervisor 3 year term

Bob Hansen (32)

Clerk 2 year term

Trista Johnson (31) one blank

Dale asked if there was any other township business needing to be discussed, with no one having any concerns motion was made by Brent Ost second by Bob Hansen to adjourn all were in favor. 8:45 p.m.

BOARD OF CANVASS

Chair Dale Diedrich called to order Board of Canvass with Pledge of Allegiance with Supervisors' Brent Ost and Bob Hansen, Treasurer, Barb Guenther and Deputy Clerk Trista Johnson and Clerk Pam Cuperus present.

All ballots were reviewed, recounted and motion was made and second to accept all ballots, 32, as marked with Dale Diedrich and Brent Ost voting aye, Bob Hansen abstained, no other discussion motion carried. Bob Hansen received 32 ballots for 3 year Supervisor term and Trista Johnson received 31 ballots, one blank, for 2 year Clerk term. All necessary forms were signed by election judges and Board the Clerk will return all information and supplies to Auditor's office, no other discussion motion carried.

Motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Bob Hansen voting aye, no other election business needing to be addressed motion carried. 9:15 pm

