



Leaf Valley Township

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CLERK, Trista Johnson called the Annual Meeting to order on March 11, 2025 at 8:15 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Bob Hansen, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Deputy Clerk Pam Cuperus and Deputy Treasure Issy Szech and about 13 residents were present.

CLERK asked for volunteer to moderate the meeting; Brent Ost made motion to nominate **Dale Diedrich** as moderator. Clerk asked again for volunteer or other nominations, after another request motion was made by Don Kalpin and second by Bob Hansen to close nominations, motion carried.

CLERK reviewed the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Pam Cuperus second by Brent Ost to accept the minutes as prepared and read, all in favor motion carried.

Dale asked everyone to review the prepared 2024 financial report. There were no questions regarding the breakdown of the income and expenditures. Dale reviewed the income and expenditure summary sheets and discussed why the Board is proposing increases in 2026 levies. With no other questions or concerns motion was made by Don Kalpin and second by Brent Ost to accept the 2024 financial report as prepared, all in favor, motion carried.

Board had proposed **GENERAL FUND LEVY** to remain at \$35,000.00 for 2026. Motion was made by Bob Hansen second by Michael Kalpin to set General Fund Levy at \$35,000.00 for 2026, all were in favor, motion carried.

Board had proposed **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND LEVY** to increase by \$10,000.00 from \$140,000 to \$150,000.00 for 2026. Motion was made by Rebecca Hansen second by Don Kalpin to set the Road/Bridge Fund Levy to \$150,000.00 for 2026. All were in favor, motion carried.

Board and Fire Department were in agreement to propose **FIRE FUND LEVY** increase by \$3,000.00 from \$29,000.00 to \$31,000.00 for 2026. Motion was made by Brent Ost second by Bob Hansen to set Fire Fund Levy to \$31,000.00 for 2026. All were in favor, motion carried.

Don Kalpin, Fire Dept Secretary, gave update on the Fire Dept. There are currently 24 active volunteer firefighters and 1 on leave. The Tanker truck only has 2 payments left, then will be

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paid off. The Pumper truck recently was serviced, they found a loose wire. It has been running good since. Annual Potato Pancake Supper Fundraiser is coming up on April 5, 2025.

Mike Doehling gave update on the First Responders. There are currently 10 First Responders serving Leaf Valley. This last year they had around 60 First Responder calls. There are no current concerns with the First Responders.

Dale gave an update about a grant that has come through from the DNR to place a large cement, arch form with flat bottom culvert on Dittberners Creek Rd to help restore natural spawning for Lake Milona. There was an estimate for roughly \$300,000.00 to complete the project. Dale stated there were possible rumors that the township would need to pay \$10,000 for the project, which was never part of the deal, the DNR are looking into funds from the lake association for donations for part of the project. There is concern, however with them wanting us to keep the existing culvert for spillway. Steve Vogt was going to check into the condition of our existing culvert to see if it would be in our best interest to remove the culvert or leave it. If we would remove the culvert, it would most likely be at our expense.

Dale acknowledges the retirement of our current Treasurer, Barb Guenther and Deputy Clerk, Pam Cuperus. Barb has been on the Leaf Valley Township board for 31 years. Pam has been on the Leaf Valley Township board for 21 years. Barb and Pam will continue working with the township on Townhall rental and maintenance.

Dale reviewed the townhall comparison. There were no questions or concerns from the residents.

Dale reviewed the Leaf Valley Township Elections results as follows;
2025 Leaf Valley Township Election Results

Total Ballots Cast: 23

Supervisor 3 Year Term	
Dale Diedrich	<u>23 votes</u>
Write In	<u>0</u>
Blank	<u>0</u>

Treasurer 2 Year Term	
Isabelle Szech	<u>22 votes</u>
Write In	<u>0</u>
Blank	<u>1</u>

There was no other township business needing to be addressed motion was made by Michael Kalpin and second by Donny Kalpin to adjourn, all in favor, motion carried. 8:40pm

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE SCHEDULED MARCH 2026 ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING.

Dale Diedrich *Barb Guenther* *Bob Hansen* *Christa Johnson*

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