



Leaf Valley Township

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Chair, Dale Diedrich called the April 9, 2026 scheduled township monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost and Bob Hanson, Treasurer Issy Szech, and Clerk present at meeting. Other guest in attendance were Richard Vogt, Don Kalpin, Mike Doehling, and Jerome Haggemiller.

Minutes: A motion was made and second to accept the March 12, 2026 minutes with Dale, Brent, and Bob voting aye, no discussion, motion carried.

Treasurer gave the financial report/statement for March 31, 2026. Interest earned at Old National Bank for month \$849.30. Checking account balance \$18,935.37. Balance in General, Rd/Bridge and Fire Funds \$652,386.77, FR Fund \$7,705.53, Park Fund \$2,461.74, Hall Maint \$24,028.58 and FR Trk Fund \$50,000.00. Treasurer transferred \$20,000.00 from savings to checking. There was income into township totaling \$13,236.69. Motion was made and second to accept this report as prepared and read with Dale, Brent and Bob voting aye, motion carried. Treasure continued to prepare checks for Board.

Jerome Haggemiller present at meeting to give an update on the Dittberners Crk culvert project. Jerome explained that working with the DNR and MnDOT on culvert classification has been a complex process. Because of these discussions, the culvert is now officially classified as a bridge, and he is currently filing the new permits required to secure a bridge number. He provided the plan and spec sheets to the board. Jerome stated the project is still planned to take plan this year calendar year sometime after Labor Day. Dale and Richard Vogt discussed with Jerome the concerns and conditions with the existing culvert. Jerome stated he would have the project designer check out the existing culvert condition and make a recommendation to the board. Jerome stated the project is funded and the township should not see any incurring expenses from this project. Board gave approval for Jerome to continue with the permit process for the culvert/bridge project.

Road Engineer Richard Vogt present from RBS. Richard stated roads are looking good. Tree trimming has been completed. Residents are very happy with the work RBS did with the tree trimming. RBS will start blading roads soon.

The board discussed the road tour findings with Richard and provided him a copy of the recommendations at the meeting.

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Mike Dohling presented for the First Responders. Mike stated the Leaf Valley Sportsman's have pledged a generous donation of \$20,000.00; (\$5,000.00 quarterly) for the First Responders Truck Fund.

Don Kalpin presented for the Fire Dept. Don stated issue with the pumper truck. Motor is out that pumps the foam. The cost estimate to fix motor is ranging anywhere from \$5,000-8,000. Board recommended getting motor fixed and look into switching to the soybean foam for the future.

In old business, acoustic panels have been installed.

No new business to discuss.

Road Maintenance and Gravel quotes received. Leaf Valley Township received two quotes, one from Diversified and one from RBS. All board members reviewed quotes. Dale is exempt from voting due to Diversified working out of his gravel pit. Brent and Bob both voted in favor of RBS quote for Leaf Valley Township. A Motion was made by Brent and second by Bob to accept quote and use RBS for road maintenance and gravel in Leaf Valley Township, all in favor, motion carried.

Board voted on Supervisor Chairs. Motion was made and second for Dale Diedrich to be Chair and Brent to be Vice Chair for Leaf Valley Township with Dale, Brent and Bob voting aye, motion carried.

At this time Board reviewed Licensing, Building permits and all other township correspondence.

There was no other township business needing to be addressed motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale, Brent and Bob voting aye, motion carried. 8:05pm

**THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE SCHEDULED
MAY MONTHLY TOWNSHIP MEETING.**

Witness Dale Diedrich
Witness Brent Ose

Clerk Justa Johnson
Witness _____

April 9, 2026

Ck #		General	Rd & Bridge	Fire Dept	First Resp	Park	1st Res Trk	Townhall
	Beginning Balance	355,630.99	222,020.03	74,735.75	7705.53	2461.74	50000	24,028.58
	Expenses							
2468	REA	291.78						
2467	Gardonville	54.62		9.95		84.63		
2466	Column Software PBC	116.52						
2465	Koep Septic	160						
2464	Alex Rubbish	105						
2463	Douglas County Auditor/T	60	93.75					
INT	Old National Bank	70						
2469	Barb Guenther	50						
2453	MATIT	75						
2456	Brad Swenson	4200						
2462	RBS		22656.25					
2461	Alex Air Apparatus 2, LLC			399.4				
2460	City of Alexandria			495				
2459	Diamond Buick GMC of Alexandria			73.63				
2458	Mike Doehling				84.4			
2442	Mike Doehling			63.84				
2457	Ottetail Power					488.3		
2454	Arnie Thoennes							175
	Total Expenses	5182.92	22750	1041.82	84.4	572.93	0	175
	Income	3026.69	849.30	5210			5,000.00	
	Ending Balance	353,474.76	200,119.33	78,903.93	7621.13	1,888.81	55,000.00	23,853.58

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BOARD OF RE-ORGANIZATION

April 2026

1. Use Schmidt Law firm for legal representation when MAT recommends a local attorney.
2. Any/all township banking transactions/business will be conducted @ Old National Bank, Alexandria. The treasurer will continue to do all necessary monthly transferring/depositing of funds and will be compensated for all necessary trips and mileage.
3. All township insurance will be covered with MATIT. This includes all coverage for Fire Dept., First Responders, town hall and equipment, all vehicles and necessary fire supplies and equipment, playground station and all E/O insurance coverage for Township Board.
4. Use the Echo Press and P.P. Independent for all necessary publications. Will also continue to post on web page and post at hall.
5. Gas reimbursement will be the federal rate, currently \$.725 (01/2026)
6. Compensate moderator of Annual Meeting \$25.00 (2018)
7. Continue to meet at LV Town Hall on second Thursday of month @ 7:00 pm. All meeting dates posted at hall and on web page. Any Special Meetings or Public Hearings published in papers, posted at hall and posted on web page.
8. Board members sign any necessary affidavits suggested by MAT when doing work for township.
9. Yearly salary for Treasurer @ \$2,000.00 and Clerk @ \$3,000.00 (2026)
10. Compensate Clerk \$30 and Treasurer \$20 per month for internet usage from home for working on Township business. (2025)
11. Beaver bounty \$40.00 and gopher feet \$4.00 (2026)
12. When Board member needs to address any township concern/issue they will be compensated for minimum 2 hours @ \$25.00 hour (2026) plus mileage (unscheduled road inspection). Need to write description on payroll sheet. At any time, resident requests information/copy of township business board member can ask for compensation. *
13. All Board members compensated \$25.00 an hour for meetings conferences over 4 hours and mileage. Monthly meetings will be compensated \$80.00 per meeting. * (2026)
14. All election judges \$25.00 hour plus mileage includes training. (2026)
15. Board will pay up to \$30.00 for lawn mowing/maintenance for Township Lawn Maintenance Employee. (2025)
16. Townhall Maint/Rental Employee will be compensated 25.00 an hour for service associated with townhall.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Bob Hansen voting aye to except, no other discussion, motion carried.