## Leaf Valley Township

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**Chair**, Dale Diedrich called the February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 scheduled township monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of Board present were Brent, Bob, Trista, Barb, Issy and Pam. Richard Vogt, Donny Kalpin and 1 other resident were also present.

**Minutes:** A motion was made and second to accept the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes with Dale Brent and Bob voting aye, no other discussion, motion carried.

**Treasurer** gave the monthly financial report. Interest earned at Bremer for month \$844.63, checking account balance \$84,084.53, balance in General, Rd/Bridge and Fire Funds \$585,148.42, FR Fund \$6,406.21, Park Fund \$9,836.85 and Hall Maint \$36,263.87. Treasurer transferred \$90,000.00 from checking into savings account. There was income into township totaling \$29,536.55. 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.

**Visitors:** Richard Vogt present from RBS. Stated that roads are looking good at this time. Dale stated with the recent snowfall, the water level around culvert on Dove Lane went down about a foot. This will hopefully eliminate the risk of flooding on Dove Lane. Dale will keep a close eye on the road.

Donny Kalpin present from the Fire Dept. Donny stated that they are having some issues with the Pumper truck and are going to have it serviced. No other issue or concerns with the fire dept at this time.

No one present for the First Responders.

In new business board members discussed 2026 levy in preparation for upcoming Annual Meeting in March. Dale stated the fire dept is seeking a 10.4% raise equivalent to roughly \$3000.00 increase. The Board doesn't seem to think \$3000.00 is justified at this time. Board will recommend a \$2,000.00 levy increase which is more equivalent to a 7% increase bringing it to \$31,000.00. The Board also recommended the fire dept not do any big spending in the upcoming year. Board will make a recommendation to not increase the General fund levy and leave it at \$35,000.00. Board will make a recommendation to increase the Road and Bridge fund levy by \$10,000.00 bringing Road and Bridge Levy to \$150,000.00 due to increasing costs and several culverts needing replacing. Board stated that we have been quite fortunate the past few years with limited snowfall.

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Board reviewed the year-end financial report for 2024. Payroll is up for 2024 due to 3 new members on board all year, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Joel Wussow, Maintenance/grounds keeper. Looking into the next year Pam would like to stay on as just the Townhall Maintenance.

Clerk discussed upcoming meetings for board to attend if they so choose including Douglas County Association of Townships Annual Meeting and MAT spring short courses. Clerk also gave supervisors dates for the Board of Appeal and Equalization and reviewed 2025 Chloride contracts.

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 and Brent voting aye, motion carried. 7:47pm

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

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## February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Ck#		General	Rd & Bridge	Fire Dept	First Resp	Park	Townhall
	Beginning Balance	417,645.13	120,635.26	46,868.03	6406.21	9836.85	36,263.87
	Expenses						
2159	REA	294.55					
2160	Gardonville	111.52		9.95		81.63	
2161	Parkers Prairie Independent	90					
2162	RBS		11977.75				
2187	Mike Doehling				296.82		
2188	Ultimate Safety Concepts Inc			981.31			
2189	DSC Communications			405.7			
2190	Klimek Bros Well Drilling					60	
2191	Ottertail Power Company					84.52	
	Total Expenses	496.07	11977.75	1396.96	296.82	226.15	0
	Income	1267.22	5856.21	23284.75			
	Ending Balance	418,416.28	114,513.72	68,755.82	6109.39	9,610.70	36,263.87

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