

# LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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**CHAIR**, Dale Diedrich called the May 12, 2016 monthly meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus, Road Engineer Richard Vogt and Fire Chief Brad Ruckheim were present. There were several visitors also in attendance.

**CLERK** read the minutes of the April 14, 2016 monthly meeting which also included and printed separately the Board of Re-Organization. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept these minutes as read and prepared. No further discussion motion carried.

**TREASURER** gave the financial report/statement since the April 2016 meeting. There was \$16,000.00 transferred from checking to savings; the balance on April 30, 2016 of the checking account was \$1,823.08, all Funds balance was \$998,527.47; CD @ BlackRidge Bank was \$12,709.29 (Fire Fund); and the township received \$4,883.00 for income. Motion was made and second to accept this report as prepared and given with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye. Board discussed the donation from L.V. Aux for the electrical work completed in kitchen and the flooring that will be installed in kitchen. Motion carried. Treasurer started to prepare checks for Board to discuss and review

Clayton Swanson addressed Board and very strongly expressed his disgust and disappointment with the Board. He commented and asked with "over \$998,500.00 in savings why roads and all tax payers are not getting better service. Board is not using all this money wisely; L. V. residents are paying highest taxes all around. If no roads are getting tarred then why doesn't Board apply chloride?" The Board tried to explain again that expenses get paid from certain funds that there is NOT a savings account over \$998,500.00. He also expressed that the Annual Meeting is held at wrong time of year, those that go out of township for winter cannot attend this meeting so if there is anything to be decided/discussed they are not there to voice their opinion or vote. Board commented at the last election there were over 200 votes cast, many residents were there voting to get someone else on Board but could NOT attend meeting. There were 35 residents attending the annual meeting, few from lakes. Visitors had concerns that this tarring project is taking too long and did not understand the procedure township MUST follow according to laws. This is the first time the L.V. Township is contemplating doing a tarring project and they are going to do it correctly, regardless of opinion and pressure. Public Hearing is a means for those in the project and those out of

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project to voice questions and concerns. The board realizes this is going to be a very difficult decision that they are going to have to make and they know it is not going to be right choice for some so that is why they are welcoming all township residents to attend. There were several more concerns Board tried to address, they are again meeting with attorney next day so they did not have all answers. Everyone will be notified regardless if they are in or out of the project area. At this time Clayton apologized for his behavior and some of his comments to Board.

The quote for road maintenance was reviewed at this time, motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept RBS Excavating for the 2016/2017 Road Engineer for L. V. township. There was no other discussion motion carried. Dale and Richard will contact each other when work is to start on Mums Rd. Dale will also contact Fergus Falls Pump and will keep RBS up-to-date regarding when chloride application will start in township.

The Board will contact each other towards end of May to do weed tour.

Brad informed Board that the new step-van had radios' installed and is ready; he will get notice prepared for the selling of the old step-van which will be at the hall for anyone to check out. If all goes according to plan the contractor may start the concrete drive-way for the fire trucks end of May. Brad will keep Board informed closer it gets to start of this project.

Brent up-dated Board on the progress of the hall addition, he will continue to keep everyone informed as changes continue.

At this time the Board reviewed and discussed the resolution and the policy needed for the tarring project and any other future tarring projects in the township. If and when attorney makes any necessary changes/additions they will have a Special meeting to adopt these. It will be posted and if this happens with enough time set by law to send notices and to post notices the Public Hearing could be on June 4, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

Board reviewed mail. Treasurer prepared checks #8628 to #8640 totaling \$41,703.92. General Fund totaled \$32,031.34, Road/Bridge Fund totaled \$9,422.63, and Fire Fund totaled \$249.95. Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to accept and pay all claims, no further discussion motion carried.

There was no other township business needing to be address motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost, and Keith Schultz voting aye, motion carried. 9:30 p.m.

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

**MAY 2016**

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>RD/BRIDGE</u>	<u>FIRE</u>
8628 B&H Builders	\$26,400.00		
8629 Do. Co. Assessor	\$5,024.25		
8630 Pam Cuperus	\$47.75		
8631 Postmaster	\$235.00		
8632 L. V. Auxiliary	\$50.00		
8633 Gardonville	\$81.58		
8634 Runestone	\$132.76		
8635 Forum Comm.		\$132.75	
8636 RBS Excavating		\$9,289.88	
8637 Millerville Auto Ctr.			\$33.00
8638 Terry Emter	\$60.00		
8639 Brandon Comm.			\$135.23
8640 Jim & Judy's			\$81.72