

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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CHAIR, Dale Diedrich called the Public Hearing to order on June 04, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. He opened the meeting with Pledge of Allegiance. The Board and guests were introduced, Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther, Clerk Pam Cuperus, township attorney Bill Leuthner and Engineer Jeff Stabnow. There were well over 100 residents present.

Clerk informed everyone that the Affidavit of Service was completed on May 20, 2016. Notice was published 05/ 20th and 25th, posted @ hall on 20th and also put on web-page on the 20th.

Jeff Stabnow reviewed the cost analysis of each project. He explained in detail procedure projects must follow to proceed and it could be completed by early fall 2016, that it will take couple weeks at most to complete, weather cooperating. There were many questions regarding the condition of road now and with tarring if it is going to stand up or handle all traffic. He explained all specs that are required by county that will have to be followed before and as roads are tarred. There were many concerns regarding the maintenance of roads over several years and that the assessment that residents pay 80% of all the future maintenance is not fair. It was strongly suggested this aspect of assessment should be re-evaluated by board, because many out of township and many not living on Spring Lake Rd are using this road, that township should pay more than the 20%.

All were asked to follow along on the financial handout explaining the cost of each project and explanation of assessment for property owners for each project. There were several comments made that township has a reserve, **savings**, totaling over \$900,000.00. Dale then explained that this reserve is all Funds, six, General, Road/Bridge, Fire, Park, Fire Truck, and Hall Maintenance. This project all expense gets paid out of **ONLY** the Road/Bridge Fund-NO other Fund pays for this project. When claims are paid they are paid out of the correct fund which applies and a reserve is needed regardless of how much money is in any Fund.

The Supervisors had several calls prior to hearing from residents that were unable to attend voicing their opinions and there were several notes sent to clerk and several notes that were handed in at hearing also giving their opinions for or against these projects. Those were read and will be kept in file. At this time there were many residents addressing Board with their feelings why the Board **MUST** vote in favor of this project; strongly suggesting now is the time to follow thru with this project and **GET IT DONE**. There were not many, less than ten (10),

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residents calling voicing concerns why this project should not be completed, mainly because it will be a financial burden for them and may even have to sell property. Several months ago Sandy Dittberner had gotten a petition from residents in township all these residents were NOT in favor of this project and it was suggested that Board review that petition counting how many signatures on petition owned property on/in the two projects, or were these signatures from property owners residing in the township. After all questions were addressed Board informed all remaining residents a decision will be voted on at the June 09, 2016 meeting.

Motion was made and second with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye to adjourn, no further discussion motion carried. 11:10 a.m.

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