

LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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Clerk called the March 08, 2011 Annual Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were about 45 residents in attendance. Clerk asked for a volunteer to be moderator for the meeting, with no one volunteering motion was made by Rod Rolfe second by Brent Ost for Leon Schultz to be moderator. There were no other nominations. Motion carried for Leon Schultz to be moderator.

Clerk read the minutes of the March 09, 2010 Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Don Kalpin second by Rod Rolfe and with no corrections needed motion carried to accept those minutes as prepared. They were signed by moderator and Chair, notarized by Clerk.

At this time Leon asked residents if there were any questions, concerns regarding the financial statement/reports that were prepared and available for everyone to review. Mel Bump had questions pertaining to the legal fees, Sandy Dittberner inquired about the Park Fund's increase in expenses, Dale Vollmers asked about legal expenses for first 3 months of 2011. With no other questions Leon asked for motion to accept this report as prepared. Motion made to accept this statement/report as prepared by Dave Otto second by Mike Jeppeson, with no other discussion motion carried.

At this time the levies for 2012 were addressed. The General Fund was proposed to remain at \$100,000.00, same as 2011. The income and expense report had been reviewed and it was in agreement to keep the levy at \$100,000.00 with no concerns from residents.

At this time Road/Bridge Fund was addressed. Dale Diedrich raised the question should the cost of chloride application continue to be paid by the Township. He and Wade had for the last several weeks asked other Township Supervisors throughout the county how those Townships handle this expense. Some Townships pay entire cost, some Townships pay half or two thirds of expense and there are Townships that pay nothing and do not have anything to do with chloride application. The resident that wants chloride on the gravel road on and around their property pays the entire cost and makes arrangements for the project to get completed. There followed a discussion how all residents in attendance would like to handle this situation. Dale informed everyone that the proposed levy with chloride application would be \$130,000.00 but without chloride application it was proposed at \$120,000.00. Motion was made by Mike Jeppesen that Township no longer covers any expense of chloride application that it be an expense of resident that wants to use the product motion was second by Rod

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Rolfe. Dale Vollmers asked that a letter be read that was prepared by Pat Irsfeld, 15871 Riedel Bh. Rd. NW., (this will be kept with annual meeting minutes in ledger). Dale Vollmers asked about the roads that are high traffic gravel roads and public accesses onto lakes. Mel Bump asked if prior to residents applying chloride will the road be ready and who will contact road maintenance contractor. It was agreed after discussion and questions that there is needed a POLICY. Leon reminded everyone that the motion was made and second that "who wants chloride pays for chloride and the POLICY once prepared will need to be followed by everyone". Motion carried with one voting against motion. The Supervisors will contact other Townships, Public Works and attorney if needed to be sure the POLICY is written correctly. Motion was made by Dale Diedrich second by Jay Baldwin that all chloride application can only be applied by certified bonded companies. All this information will be available from Clerk and if possible on web page. Motion carried. Dale reminded everyone that because the entire cost of chloride will be paid by the property owner that Supervisors propose the Road/Bridge Levy be reduced to \$120,000.00, from \$130,000.00.

Brad Ruckheim, Fire Dept. Chief, up-dated everyone what the fire departments plans are for 2011/2012. The County received a grant to up-grade all radios in the entire County and Leaf Valley's share of that expense could be up to \$5,000.00 and that will be done in 2011. Brad and the fire department proposed the Fire Fund Levy at \$24,000.00, same as 2010. Motion was made by Brad Ruckheim second by Brent Ost to put into the Firemen's Relief Fund \$100.00 per man, 18 firemen \$1,800.00, with no discussion motion carried.

Leon asked if there any other questions regarding the levies that were proposed;

GENERAL FUND @ \$100,000.00
ROAD/BRIDGE FUND @ \$120,000.00
FIRE FUND @ \$24,000.00
TOTAL \$244,000.00

Motion was made by Jay Baldwin second by Brent Ost to set the 2012 Levys, with no other discussion motion carried.

Leon asked everyone to review the Town hall Comparison printout and if there were any questions, there were none so Wade was prepared with presentation regarding the remodeling and up-dating of the bathrooms. He had discussed with a couple different contractors if this project was at all "feasible" and to not exceed a particular dollar amount. This project was not any addition, major change in kitchen or lower level of hall. There was a printout available and Wade also pointed out what and where the changes would/could be done, without any addition and codes that are in county. All questions were addressed and motion was made by Rod Rolfe second by Mike Jeppesen to move forward with this project, to start with the bidding or quote process and that Board will continue to bring all info to all

meetings so all questions can be addressed as needed. With no other discussion motion carried.

The results of the Election were announced:

TOTAL BALLOTS CAST 89

SUPERVISOR	3 YEAR TERM	
BRENT OST		85
WAYNE JOHNSON		2
JAY BALDWIN		1
STUART WUSSOW		1

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TREASURER	2 YEAR TERM	
BARD GUENTHER		87
BARB SCHULTZ		1
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Clerk informed everyone that as of February 01, 2011 the Township was on the internet with a web page. That after every meeting the UNAPPROVED MINUTES will be available, extra meeting date, Supervisors phone #'s and any other necessary information. E-mail whenever there's a need and it will be forward onto a Board member or handled accordingly.

At this time Leon asked if there was any other Township business that needed to be addressed. There were no comments, questions, or concerns motion was made by Rod Rolfe second by Leon Cuperus and carried to adjourn. 9:15 pm

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL THEY ARE READ, APPROVED, AND SIGNED AT THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING.

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