

# LEAF VALLEY TOWNSHIP

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**CHAIR**, Dale Diedrich called the Public Hearing to order with Pledge of Allegiance on October 15, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. Supervisors Brent Ost and Keith Schultz, Treasurer Barb Guenther and Clerk Pam Cuperus, Bill Leuthner, township attorney and Jeff Stabnow the projects Engineer present and about 20 township residents.

After introductions Dale opened floor for questions and concerns asking to try to keep concerns to about 3 minutes.

Sandy Dittberner asked what the prior Special Meetings were for and if they had been posted correctly. Dale explained what the agenda was for each of those meetings that all meetings were on the web page and posted before the dates of the meetings. She also noted that even though 80% of cost of these projects is being paid by the property owners the remaining 20% is still being paid by the tax payers in the township also asking how increase there is going to be in 2017 taxes. Gary Fuchs asked how it was determined or decided to assess all parcels voicing concerns why campground with many units and so much summer traffic verses one family unit on same road only during summer month also one assessment. How agricultural property was assessed one parcel or .5 assessments, he made comment he thought Board was inconsistent and not uniform in some of the deciding issues how they assessed parcels. Comment was made by several that have property on Project #2 why they have to be assessed also for Project #1. The width of road on Project #2 is 18 feet not like the 22 feet like Spring Lake Rd. this was not feasible to go 22 feet. Dale and Jeff explained what difference would have cost. There are some areas also on project #2 that will get gravel applied to shoulders before winter weather. A seal coating was NOT in the bid and the cost for that is over \$80,000.00 so that will not be done. Dale reread and explained parts of the policy that was set up prior to this Project, all were made aware of it at the June 05, 2016 Public Hearing. Jeff Stabnow explained that with this tarring project the increase in value of all parcels. He also said the life of these roads would be at least 20 years.

There were several letters and e-mails the Township had received prior to and on day of Public Hearing, each one was read and reviewed and then addressed. There were no other questions or concerns motion was made and second to adjourn with Dale Diedrich, Brent Ost and Keith Schultz voting aye, motion carried. 9:50 a.m.

**THESE MINUTES WERE READ, APPROVED AND SIGNED AT THE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2016 SHEDULE MEETING.**

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