

The March 12, 2024 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Vice Chairman, Randal Almendinger.

Trustees Almendinger and Morrison were present and fiscal officer. Bruce Lane was absent. The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The minutes of the Public Hearing were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Ann Lodder spoke about the IGA presented by Jersey Township stating 4 families stand to benefit by increasing values of their land and 2 parcels in St. Albans and 1 in liberty are in the floodway, it invites New Albany in, and looks like more mulit family residence with no mention of funding for Johnstown or Northridge School Districts to help with the influx of additional students, and she urges trustees not to sign. She spoke of what she feels is “back room dealings” with this project because of Randal Almendinger not being upfront about his initial meeting regarding this project and a records request she put in to Randal Almendinger asking for emails. She feels he is trying to keep information from residents and he is working to avoid sunshine laws because he did not provide an email she knows he has from December 15th. She would like the township to be proactive like Etna and Liberty Township, with Etna township making a resolution to instruct their zoning commission to take asphalt and cement manufacturing plants out of their M1 district. This can be done in St. Albans Township by adding an M2 district. Liberty Township showed support for commissioners with their recent letter to EPA opposing Central Ohio Rapid Growth Interim Master General proposal by sending an opposition letter to the EPA, indicating package plants are not the way to go in our township.

Jenna Baer spoke about a records request that she put in to Randal Almendinger for a years worth of communication to and from him re: JEDD’s and inter-governmental agreements. She feels she was given excuses and not what she requested. She is concerned that the response sent to her did not include Bruce Lane, and when she contacted him about this he was unaware of any of the discussion of a JEDD or records retention schedule in place by the township, since it was not approved by any of the current board. She was told in her response email retention is 30 days of a hard copy. She does not understand why it is stated at the annual meeting not to throw anything away if in fact we have a retention schedule and can get rid of things and she feels there is a disconnect between the 3 trustees along with the fiscal officer and would like to request a code of conduct be put into place for township government to protect people from the disfunction happening now.

Christy Hawthorne, director of the Licking County Soil and Water, said the package sewer plants proposed by Ohio EPA has been opposed by the Licking County Commissioners, the Licking County Health Dept, Liberty Township and her board voted to oppose it as well. The Licking County Planning Dept. is looking for a director but the flood administrators are working with ODNR to update flood plain regulations for un-incorporated areas. This has to be completed by July 1st and there will be 3 hearings about it. They will be putting in extra pre-cautions for our flood plains and floodways. South Licking Conservancy district rec’d a \$250,000.00 grant from MWCD to do a flood study on Raccoon Creek.

#30-2024 Randal Almendinger made a resolution to request the Licking County Board of County Commissioners to create a restricted area prohibiting large solar development in the township(entire resolution on file with the fiscal officer).

2nd by Jean Morrison. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Resolution passed.

#31-2024 Randal Almendinger made a resolution to enter into a 5 year agreement with Liberty Township to provide them Fire and EMS services (entire resolution is on file).

2nd by Jean Morrison. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Resolution passed.

Woody Fox gave the zoning report. He said he is working with 2 landscape plans and 2 re-zoning applications.

Dean Schiller asked about the mounding dirt at Martin Truck

Randal Almendinger made a motion for the township to look further into the M2, heavy industrial.

2nd by Jean Morrison. Roll call: Randal Almendinger -yes, Jean Morrison -yes. Motion carried.

Pam Hills said the zoning commission voted to bring to the Commissioners a request to hire Holli Mattei to look at a transportation overlay district at state route 310 and state route 37.

It was approved by zoning and they are bringing the request to the trustees. and said the zoning commission is working on adding more specific things to the PUD. Trustees said they will table making a decision until all 3 trustees are in attendance.

Pam asked how much has been spent on the attorney for the water district and why no updates have been shared on progress.

Fiscal Officer responded that approx. \$11,000.00 totalis what we have paid f=or 1 week in November, the months of December and January.

Linda Hickey a Jersey Mill resident asked about the corner or 310 and Jersey Mill and what the plans are for that corner. Wanted to know if she has a say in what goes in there. Woody Fox explained the process for a re-zoning and that she will get to speak at the public hearings.

Dave Sapp said Woody recommended to him that we look into Right of Way permitting process for utility companies.

Dave said he would like to start working on road maintenance priorities for next month so we can get the paperwork/formalities on that started.

Dave talked about new tires he needs and 2 trees that need cut down.

#32-2024 Jean Morrison made a resolution to approve the purchase from Millers Tire Service for \$770.00 for 2 mounted tires.

2nd by Randal Almendinger. Roll call: Randal Almendinger -yes, Jean Morrison -yes. Motion carried.

Randal Almendinger made a motion for approval of Yeagers tree service to remove 2 trees that need removed for \$1,500.00

2nd by Jean Morrison. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Motion carried.

Mike Theisen gave the February fire and EMS reports and said they are in the process of changing over to the new EMS billing company, and the open house that they hosted was a success.

David Lees said there is more siding coming off the building. Mike will look into getting someone to repair it.

Randal Almendinger said the TIF is complete. He and Jean will deliver to the school districts.

Randal Almendinger said Bruce Lane has “design standards” on the agenda. He is not sure what is to discuss on that since zoning board said at the last meeting that is not needed and re-iterated again at this one when topic was brought up.

Meeting was adjourned 8:15 P.M

EMERGENCY MEETING

The March 25th 2024 Emergency meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Lane. All trustees were present. The fiscal officer was absent.

The purpose of this special meeting is to correct the procedure for making a motion to send the notices to the schools for the TIF.

Bruce Lane made a motion to authorize the 10/75 TIF notices to the following school districts: SWLicking, Licking Heights, Northridge and Granville, and to authorize the chairman of the board to sign.

2nd by Randal Almendinger. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Randal Almendinger - yes, Bruce Lane-yes. Motion carried.

Jean Morrison made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Randal Almendinger.

Meeting was adjourned.