

The March 8, 2022 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Randal Almendinger. All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Randal Almendinger opened sealed bids for items discussed at the February meeting:

Wood Chipper, 3 bids were received.

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the bid from Fred Pettey for the wood chipper of \$2012.00.

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

Mower/tractor, 2 bids were received.

Jean Morrison made a motion to accept the bid from Kole Reeves for the mower and tractor for \$5052.00.

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

Backhoe, 2 bids were received.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to accept the bid from Fred Pettey for the Backhoe for \$2685.00.

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

Salt dog, 1 bid was received. No minimum bid was specified on the website so the minimum bid wasn't being adhered to.

Jean Morrison made a motion to accept the bid from Kole Reeves for the salt dog for \$1,751.00.

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

Road Grader, 2 bids were received.

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the bid from Kole Reeves for the road grader for \$409.00.

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

Andrew King, legal counsel for SWL water/sewer. He gave an update on the board and what's going on with the 161 corridor and in Jersey township. He stated that they bought land on Patterson for a water tower and on Jersey Mill for a wastewater treatment plant. All being done pre Intel. He talked about Jed's and zoning and said it is for facilitating development where we want it, and gives an extra income tax, and protects against Annexation.

He re-extended the invitation for the trustees to look at the 161 corridor.

Bruce Lane asked if they had changed their MOU because when it was presented to the board before they weren't allowing a trustee to serve on their board.

Andrew said he wasn't asking the township to sign an MOU and doesn't think it's an unreasonable ask for the township to want to have a trustee serve on the board, and stated that they would like to view this as a partnership.

Andrew entertained questions from audience members and board members.

Pat Griggs a representative from OTA legal counsel introduced himself and said he represents township government in general. He gave scenarios of areas he has represented.

He offered the township an invitation to use him as little or as much as needed. He bills in tenths of an hour increments.

Pat then entertained questions from the board and audience members.

Anne Cox spoke saying we need to be a louder voice and people need to reach out to the governor, or whoever it takes to save our township and keep it a rural/farming community.

Jim Lenner of Neighborhood strategies, presented a proposal for updating the comprehensive plan for the township, with a time line of approx. 6 months to complete for a cost of \$20,000.00. He presented the proposal more in depth to the zoning commission at their meeting and they wrote the trustees a recommendation letter to accept the proposal from Jim.

Jim said he will need a committee put together for input, and the trustees are responsible for putting this committee together.

It was discussed how many to have on the committee, and how many should be from the township and how many should be from the village.

Bruce Lane made a motion to hire Neighborhood Strategies LLC to re-work our comprehensive plan at a cost of \$20,000.00.

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

David Sapp gave an update on the township building saying they are finishing up a few odds and ends before getting the final inspection.

Randal Almendinger read a resignation letter from Road supervisor, Charlie Montgomery, effective April 30, 2022.

Tom Frederick gave the February zoning report.

Mike Theisen gave the February Fire and EMS reports.

Mike presented a proposal for station furniture.

Jean Morrison made a motion to approve the furniture purchase from Dream Seat for up to \$4000.00.

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

Mike presented a proposal from Gutridge Electric for lighting that was discussed a few months ago.

Bruce Lane made a motion to enter into contract with Gutridge Electric to retro-fit and install a few new bay lights, not to exceed \$6,500.00

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

Mike talked about staffing issues they are continuing to have and presented a graph showing the decline in the past couple of years.

Mike stated that he has an office available if Tom Frederick would like to use it for a zoning office, because Tom indicated to him that he would like to have an office space as things in the township are picking up.

Tom asked David Lees for his key so he could have a way into the building. Mike will look into getting another key made if possible.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to hire Peter Griggs on an as needed basis for legal counsel.

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

The fiscal officer presented the 2022 mowing proposal from T3's Lawn Service for the township cemeteries and fireman's park.

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the proposal from T3's Lawn Service for the 2022 mowing service.

2nd by Randal Almendinger. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Bruce Lane -yes,
Meeting was adjourned 10:35P.M.