

The April 8, 2025 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Lane.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes from the March 11 public hearing were approved.

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The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Mike Theisen gave the March fire and EMS reports.

The grass truck will go live on GovDeals tomorrow for 21 days.

Mike gave trustees a heads up that the exhaust system upstairs is not working. It will have to be fixed at some point and the cost will be approx. \$12,000.00

Todd Poole gave the administrators report. The new zoning resolution will be effective 4/11/25 and he will have 20 copies printed for township boards/officials. Todd said he has been working with the Licking County Planning Commission to get an updated copy of the township zoning map. He picked a new one up today and it is still incorrect. He will work with them to get it corrected and is asking trustees for approval and adoption, with the correction.

The ODOT sign grant is in progress.

He is working on an inter-governmental agreement with the county engineer for the Jug St. guard rail project. The agreement is simple stating we will pay them back for anything they spend over and above what is covered by the grant. This will be tabled until next month.

The comp plan is 40% complete. There will be a public hearing on May 5th for the steering committee to approve or deny, and if all goes well trustees should be able to hold a public hearing in June for adoption.

Woody Fox gave the March zoning report. He has had no permits but lots of complaints and records requests. He said he gets more records requests from this township than any other one.

Dean Schiller talked about noise complaints at Kurtz Bros. from a neighbor.

Woody responded he has checked it out and has found no issues, and they are doing business inside of normal business hours. He cannot do anything unless he sees them in the act outside of regular business hours and cannot go on hearsay.

Dave Sapp gave the March road report and updated on what they have been working on.

Bruce Lane said Jug St. needs berming done and will probably have to do all the roads that have been level coated.

Woody Fox said he would like to have the zoning fee schedule put on the website, so people have an idea of cost before he meets with them.

Dave Dicks said Licking county hired a new planning director, Carson Combs.

Tad Vanness suggested trustees form a committee to investigate alternatives for the fire department if the levy fails.

Mike Theisen said Monroe and Granville fire departments can't help us because they cannot impose a tax. A fire district can be joined, West Licking.

Kevin Reeves asked Mike about ISO ratings and being affected now because we don't have an equipped back up engine. Mike confirmed that is correct and even if the levy passes, it is going to take time to catch up as we will have damage recovery because of financial issues we are facing now. Mike stated that the rating will be better if a fire district is joined, because they run fully staffed, are financially able to keep up with prevention and training and we don't have the money to do that.

Tad stated that he doesn't want the township to lose the building and the assets by joining a fire district and wants to explore every option possible.

Mike said he is more than willing to help with the committee if the trustees want to proceed.

Dave Dicks asked about Monroe Township wanting to form a fire district.

Mike responded that all voters in the townships affected would all have to vote the same way at the same time if that was a consideration, but Monroe is not going to want to take something broken under their wing.

Trustees said to go ahead and create a committee.

Matt Els, property owner next to the township building talked about the survey done on his property when he purchased it from the township and said they are now finding out it was incorrect. They in the meantime have built a barn and are finding out that it is on the townships property, not theirs. He is asking for a variance or be granted an easement to make it correct.

Audience members mentioned property swap.

Todd Poole said he can take it through our channels and investigate options.

Bruce Lane made a motion to approve an expense for Yeager Tree Service for up to \$1500.00 for urgent tree removal on Castle Rd.

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

#4/8/25A Bruce Lane made a resolution to participate in the ODOT road salt contract awarded in 2025 for 150 tons.

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

#4/8/25B Bruce Lane made a resolution to adopt the St. Albans Township Zoning map as prepared by the Licking County Planning Commission with the changes noted and being effective when complete.

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

Road bids were discussed.

Randal Almendinger got engineers estimates for Castle, Goose Lane and Mounts. And had the prosecutor prepare the bid packet.

There is a question on the estimate for Mounts rd. on the starting location. Estimate says Village of Alex-Hardscrabble, but it should be starting at the top of the hill where it stopped last year -Hardscrabble.

Randal Almendinger will get clarification/adjustments from the engineer and proceed.

Bruce Lane made a motion to advertise for road bids for Castle rd (SR 37-Sadie Thomas Rd), Goose Lane (Outville rd -Granville Twp line) and Mounts rd (from the top of the hill where they ended last year- Hardscrabble). Bids will be due Saturday at noon before the May meeting and opened at the May meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned 8:31 P.M.