

The April 9, 2024 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Lane.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

The minutes of the March 25th Emergency meeting were approved.

Jenna Baer spoke saying she is still confused as to why the townships records retention schedule isn't being followed.

Shawn McHenry inquired on the 4 corners project that was proposed by Jersey Township and wonders why other areas aren't being looked at which will have water/sewer sooner.

Woody Fox responded that 50% of the 4 corners project is in Jersey Township and they are moving forward with it, they were just offering the other townships to be a part of it.

Bruce Lane spoke, regarding the comprehensive plan and the creation of it, stating that there was a committee chosen and many open meetings were held with resident input, in response to Shawn's records request regarding it.

Bruce Lane says he feels the township needs a full time administrator, Jean Morrison feels the same. Randal Almendinger feels we can get by with a part time. Woody Fox said he doesn't see the need for someone full time right now. That isn't really needed until we have tools in place such as a JEDD or a TIF for them to manage and help with, however the Zoning Commission could use help with all that they are dealing with right now.

Bruce Lane said he was contacted by the school districts regarding the TIF that was delivered to them, being a 75% 10 year. They would like a 100% 30 year. Bruce is meeting with superintendents of all 5 districts on Thursday. His fear is we will be creating a deficit for Northridge School district by doing it the way we currently have it.

Woody Fox explained that you can remove a TIF as easily as you can put one on, saying they are very flexible and feels its dangerous not to have one in place.

Pam Hills said a decision needs to be made soon before we lose money.

Bruce Lane said the resolution banning Large Solar farms from the township was delivered to the County Commissioners, and since then the Commissioners have given all townships until June 1st to get a resolution to them and will start working on them by regions.

#33-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution not with standing any other provision contained in the Zoning Resolution, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 519.213, small solar facilities are prohibited in all zoning districts within the unincorporated areas of St. Albans Township. "Small solar facility" means solar panels and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid and designed for, or capable of, operation at an aggregate capacity of less than fifty megawatts. The

provision does not apply to solar energy systems used for agricultural operations that are exempt from zoning pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 519.21. Single family dwellings are permitted to have a Rooftop Solar Energy System. A "Rooftop Solar Energy System" means a solar energy system that is mounted to a structure or building's roof on racks. Rooftop Solar Energy System mounted on a roof shall not vertically exceed the highest point of the roof to which it is attached.

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

Bruce Lane talked about the Brightspeed bill that we received for a pedestal being hit. Bruce talked to the prosecutor who directed him to talk to our insurance company, and the insurance company says they pay claims like this all the time. Trustees and Dave Sapp discussed. Bruce Lane will tell the prosecutor we do not want to turn it into insurance and we are not going to pay it.

Pam Hills asked for an update on the water/sewer discussions with the attorney that was hired, stating that almost \$16,000.00 has been paid to the attorney and the public has received no updates on what's been discussed.

Bruce Lane said that the EPA was supposed to have a meeting set up with SWL and JAG to decide how St. Albans Township is going to be divided, and that the attorney is working with St. Albans Township to come out the best that we can.

Woody Fox said that St. Albans Township, district #9 for sewer has already been decided and the JAG is being formed for water only.

Bruce Lane asked for an explanation of a Transportation Overlay.

Woody Fox explained it being an overlay on a transportation corridor, and gives zoning tools to help protect the corridors which are entrances/exits to our township. Trustees and Dave Sapp talked about road priorities for 2024.

Bruce Lane made a motion to have Randy Almendinger get mileage information and take it to the engineers office for estimates for road maintenance for 2024 on: Mounts Rd., Sadie Thomas, and Lobdell Rd.

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

Dave Sapp gave updates on roads/culverts conditions and repairs from the rain.

Dave would like to sell both International Dump trucks. They haven't been used in 3 years and they just set around.

Bruce Lane made a motion to take bids on both International dumptrucks on Marketplace as we have done in the past, letting Dave Sapp handle it. With bids to be received by mail and opened at the May 14th meeting.

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

Mike Theisen gave the March Fire/EMS reports.

Mike presented new EMS billing rates for our new EMS billing company.

#34-2024 Randal Almendinger made a resolution that beginning May 1, 2024 the EMS billing rates are as follows:

ALS 1-\$741.88, ALS 2- \$1027.22, BLS -\$627.74, Mileage - \$22.83 per mile.

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

Mike presented estimates for repairs to the engine, grass truck and medic, totaling \$5428.26.

Bruce Lane made a motion to approve the estimates for the repairs as presented.

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

Mike said the fire levy failed but they do plan to come back with one in November.

Jean Morrison made a motion to hold a special meeting on May 14, 2024 at 6:00 for the purpose of discussion of a fire levy.

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

Mike discussed offering trustees help with with organization of their emails for records requests and updating the website, stating that it currently is not very user friendly. Trustees are interested in having him help with this.

Bruce Lane said Scott Ryan is trying to help us find a way to get funding for an administrator.

Bakers Acres applied for a liquor permit. Woody Fox said he would not approve it. Trustees are submitting the form back to liquor control stating they are not approving the permit.

Woody Fox gave the March zoning report.

He has 1 re-zoning request for 9196 Jersey Mill rd. from Ag to GB.

Bruce Lane talked about the OTA saying that lobbyists are trying to create statewide zoning standards which will take away township rights.

The fiscal officer reminded trustees that the road levy expires this year and it can 1st go on the ballot in November.

Randal Almendinger said he has been working with the person from Licking County recycling to make some updates to our recycling site, by adding some heavy stone to the parking lot.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Meeting was adjourned 9:17 P.M.