

The May 9, 2023 meeting was called to order by Chairman, Randal Almendinger. All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Ann Lodder spoke asking trustees to place a gas and electric aggregate on the November ballot, and stated how important it is to hold all property owners to the zoning laws to ensure our comprehensive plan and zoning resolution is upheld, and she would like to see the zoning resolution amended to remove asphalt plants as a permitted use. She referenced that it was done several years ago with billboards so it's not out of the question.

Dave Sapp gave the garage report.

Rae Ann Crawford thanked Dave Sapp for the quick clean up on Jug Street from the storm the night before.

Tom Frederick gave the April Zoning report.

Mike Theisen gave the April Fire and EMS reports.

Mike reminded everyone about the open burning laws, and stated that it's not mandated by them but rather by the EPA.

Mike said they received a BWC grant for approx. \$9500.00 and with those funds he would like to purchase an extractor.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to approve the purchase of an extractor using the BWC grant funds for an approximate cost of \$7500.00

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Morrision. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Bruce Lane -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Motion carried.

Mike gave a current personnel report.

And presented trustees with different scenarios for the upcoming levy renewal.

Randal Almendinger presented the engineers bid for resurfacing Battce Rd and Legend Lane.

Audience member suggested NOT resurfacing Legend Lane because of it only having 3 residences on it, not getting much traffic and chip/seal instead for cost savings.

Randal Almendinger will contact the engineer for a new estimate.

Bruce Lane made a motion to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. at the St. Albans Township Fire Station Community Room for the purpose of discussing the fire department levy and R&B bids.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean Morrision. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Bruce Lane -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Motion carried.

Bruce Lane read a resignation letter from Rae Ann Crawford from the BZA.

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the resignation of Rae Ann Crawford from the BZA.

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

Randal Almendinger made a motion to make Rae Ann Crawford the secretary for the Zoning Commission and BZA, not a voting member, secretary only, and to receive \$50.00 per meeting.

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

Dean Schiller asked about getting the zoning resolution amended to state no asphalt plants and what the process is to do so.

Trustees asked Tom Frederick to look into it and suggested it be brought to the attention of the Zoning Commission at their June meeting, as some audience members agreed they would like to have it amended as well.

Trustees went into executive session to discuss zoning commission and BZA appointments.

Trustees returned to open session stating that they have concluded on 3 members for appointment.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to appoint Greg Williams to the zoning commission, Mary Fitch as an alternate to the zoning commission and Anita McCoy as a permanent member of the BZA.

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

Meeting was adjourned 9:12 P.M.

## SPECIAL MEETING

The May 16, 2023 special meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Randal Almendinger.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The purpose of this special meeting is to talk about the expiring fire levy and the look at the revised engineers estimate for road maintenance.

Mike Theisen said he's been looking at 3 years of fund ledgers. He usually increases each line item by 4%, but now he is increasing 8% and some categories by 25%. He touched on constant costs such as staffing, required costs such as turnout gear every 10 years and radios, vehicle replacement costs increasing as much as 35%, costs that he can't manage the increase of or mitigate costs of such as utilities and fuel.

Mike said they are not trying to expand their services but just trying to maintain what is currently provided in the township.

Mike said we have a 4 mill levy expiring and we have until November 2024 to put something on the ballot to not cause a lag in funding.

Mike would like to wait until the new valuations come out to see if they need to add millage or not. He would like to wait until May 2024 to put a levy on the ballot.

Randal Almendinger presented the new engineers estimate for just a tar and chip on Legend Lane rather than a level coat.

The original estimate was \$ 345,146.00 and the new estimate is \$273,223.10.

Bruce Lane made a motion to advertise for road bids for a level coat with chip/seal on Battee, and chip/seal on Legend Lane, bids to be received on Saturday June 10 at 12:00 P.M. and opened at the regular township meeting on June 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to adjourn the special meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:13 P.M.