

SPECIAL MEETING

The May 14, 2024 special meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Lane.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The purpose of this meeting is to talk about the Fire and EMS levy.

Mike Theisen presented a copy of the 2024 budget to the trustees, along with different scenarios from the County Auditor.

Mike said the Levy committee has been meeting and they feel that the best proposal is a replacement levy plus 3 mills continuing.

David Lees said they are not currently maintaining what they already have. There is siding falling off of the building and floors have not been cleaned or waxed.

Mike explained that things have life spans and need replaced and he cannot operate on what he could 5 years ago.

Mike said his levy committee has been working with the County Auditor and said that they will be sending out statements to each resident letting them know how much this new levy will cost them if it passes.

Ann Lodder said the last levy never stated it was for the fire department in the ballot language.

Mike Washington said the last levy was hard to understand, and the consumer needs to see what they are getting for their buck.

Mike Theisen said he wasn't looking for an answer immediately from the trustees but wanted to give them the information to look over to make a decision.

Jean Morrison made a motion to adjourn the special meeting, 2nd by Randal Almendinger. Roll call: Randal Almendinger -yes, Jean Morrison -yes, Bruce Lane -yes. Meeting adjourned 6:40 P.M.

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The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

The Fiscal Officer read fund balances to date.

Ann Lodder is concerned that zoning variances and re-zoning applications are not appearing on the website to be viewed. And the variance hearings from Monday night were not in the Newark Advocate for the required amount of time before the hearing was to be held.

Rae Ann Crawford said she is still having issues with the website and being able to get things put on there, and Woody Fox said they can't control how soon the Newark Advocate can get things publicized.

Dean Schiller said he presented the township with an invoice to pay for a portion of the merger yard signs from the November election in February and wants to know when it will be paid. Trustees stated that the invoice will not be paid as the merger commission did not exist at the invoice date and it was presented to the prosecutor for an opinion and he said we are not liable for payment. Dean Schiller says the fiscal officer is in violation for reaching out to the prosecutor for advice on the invoice and the prosecutor is in violation for providing an answer to the fiscal officer.

Rob Platt, Administrator for Jersey Township, gave the name of the person that Jersey Township utilizes for their website and said she adds everything, you just send her what you want put on. Rob stated he heard that Randal Almendinger had a records request for the 4 corners project and all emails from Rob and the requestor was unhappy with what they were provided by Trustee Almendinger. Rob brought copies of all emails that he had sent to ALL trustees and said he has nothing directly with Trustee Almendinger, and stated that although he sent them to Randy's email he cannot see if Randy ever opened them.

Rob said he heard we were looking for an administrator and he would like to offer his services and it could be as little as 4 hours per week if that's what is needed. Jersey Township hired Laura Brown to their staff for administrative services, so they have time now to help us if needed. Rob said he is a liaison for OPWC and Laura wrote successful grants for Etna Township for OPWC and they are willing to help us with administrative assistance.

Bruce Lane read a letter from Dr. Michael, superintendent for Northridge Schools re: the TIF and said she feels it encourages development. Bruce Lane agreed and said he does not want to bully the schools into a 10/75 TIF.

Woody Fox said there is nothing written in the TIF that invites development, and explained how a TIF works, stating that you can exclude commercial property if you are worried about multi-family housing and the schools. Woody said the TIF

written for us is the same one written for Liberty Township and adopted and the one that Monroe Township just adopted.

Bill Bogantz said he takes offense to Bruce saying they are bullying the schools with their TIF in Liberty township and he in no way feels that's what a 10/75 TIF does.

Rob Platt said 75% of what was said about a TIF is incorrect and Bruce needs to talk to someone so he gets a better understanding of them.

Bruce Lane stated that he contacted attorneys from Roetzel and the fiscal officer told him he was out of line for using that attorney, and he was hired to be used for water/sewer issues only, so he had not done anymore research on it.

The fiscal officer responded that she did not tell Bruce he was out of line but rather let all trustees know that Roetzel attorneys were to be used for water/sewer issues and nothing else, that's what they were approved for and that Peter Griggs should be used for questions on the TIF since he is the attorney that wrote the TIF, not to mention a ¼ of the cost of the Roetzel attorney.

Randal Almendinger said he agreed that Peter Griggs should be used for questions about the TIF and Jean Morrison said Peter Griggs should be used for questions and do a TIF without Multi family housing.

#35-2024 Jean Morrison made a resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contracts awarded in 2024 (entire resolution on file).

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

The bids for the 2 dump trucks were opened. 2 for each truck were received.

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the bid from Starr Township for \$11,500.00 for the dump truck with the plow and spreader.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the bid from Fred Petty for the other truck.

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

Woody Fox gave the April zoning report. There were 2 public hearings held last night for 2 variances, both passed. And said there will be a re-zoning coming up from Ag to GB for a property and the zoning commission has approved 2 landscape plans.

Randal Almendinger said the Engineers estimates have not come in yet for road bids but said he has been promised by the engineers office to have them by Thursday at the latest.

Jean Morrison made a motion to hold a special meeting on Monday, May 20th at 9:30 A.M. for the purpose of looking over the engineers estimates to proceed with getting road maintenance bids for 2024.

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

Bruce Lane said there was a levy meeting held before this meeting and what is suggested by the chief for the fire levy is a replacement on the 4 mill and adding 3 mills for a continuous amount of time.

Jean Morrison made a motion to replace 4 mills, add 3 mills on the November ballot.

Motion dies for lack of a 2nd.

Audience members asked questions and spoke saying they don't like the idea of a permanent/continuous levy and feels it may not pass for that reason.

#36-2024 Jean Morrison made a resolution to put on the November ballot a fire levy and be a replacement plus 3 mills for a continuing amount of time.

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

Mike Theisen gave the April Fire and EMS reports.

Mike said there is still no pre-con for the new engine as they are waiting to see if they can get a motor for it.

The back up engine is just a shell of a truck right now as all of the hose on that truck failed.

Mike named some EMS equipment that is going to be needing replaced next year and are costly expenditures, so giving the trustees a heads up.

Mike presented a quote for training equipment.

Bruce Lane made a motion to accept the quote from Legends Fitness for training equipment for \$13,229.32.

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

Mike talked about having several employees that have gotten hired on at Columbus departments, so they may be resigning here.

Dave Sapp said there is a hole in the bridge on Goose Lane. Dave contacted the county to come and repair it, they patched it and are hoping it holds until they get it repaired.

Dave asked about the renewal for the R&B levy being put on the November ballot. Trustees have not discussed it and Bruce Lane wants to look at some budget figures.

Bruce Lane said he would like to hire an administrator and has spoke to Paul Wize from Genoa township and is getting him a job description for one. Bruce Lane asked Mary Fitch to help get it written.

Audience members questioned why the township wouldn't take Rob Platt up on his offer from earlier in the meeting to help the township with administrative duties.

#37-2024 Randal Almendinger made a resolution to advertise for a full time/part time administrator, pay being negotiable based on experience. Resumes to be emailed to applications@stalbanstwp.org by June 10, 2024 and to be advertised on the township website and the OTA website.

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

David Lees asked Bruce Lane what he has learned from his conversations with the water/sewer attorney.

Bruce said JAG has been put on hold for now and meetings with SWL keep getting post phoned.

Meeting was adjourned 9:05 P.M.

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The May 20, 2024 St. Albans Township special meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Lane. All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The purpose of this meeting is to decide on road work for 2024.

Randal Almendinger presented the engineers estimate of \$325,668.60 for resurfacing portions of Lobdell, Mounts and Sadie Thomas roads.

Trustees discussed.

#38-2024 Jean Morrison made a resolution to accept the engineers estimate and forward to the prosecutor to prepare the bid packet. Bids to be due on June 8th at 12:00 P.M. and opened at the June 11th meeting.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to adjourn the special meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:43 A.M.