

## 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.