

PUBLIC HEARING

The August 12, 2025 public hearing for St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Lane.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The purpose of this hearing is for amendments to articles 5,6 and 17.

The applicant is the St. Albans Township Zoning Commission.

Todd Poole gave the case introduction and the history of the case.

Section 1702 reword to 'Accessory Structure used for Ag purposes'

Section 1703 reword to "Commercial Equestrian Facility"

Section 802 remove entire paragraph that references NAICS codes

Sections 516, 517, 525, 609, 610 and 612 referencing newspaper notification.

There were no public comments.

#8/12/25A Bruce Lane made a resolution to adopt amendments to articles 5,6 and 17 of the St. Albans Township Zoning Resolution as presented.

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

Jean Morrison made a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

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

Hearing adjourned.

The August 12, 2025 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Mike Theisen presented a quote for turnout gear, which includes a 50% discount through the end of the year. He is proposing a request for 15 sets of up to \$60,000.00

Bruce Lane made a motion to approve up to \$60,000.00 for 15 sets of turnout gear. 2nd by Jean Morrison. Roll call: Jean Morrison -yes, Bruce Lane -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Motion carried.

Todd Poole gave the administrators report.

Hard copies of the Comprehensive Plan are complete.

We got denied on the cemetery grant because Pioneer Cemetery is not registered with the state. Todd will work on that and re-apply when it's opened up again.

Todd talked about a cyber-security program, which needs to be implemented no later than September 30th.

Todd discussed community engagement, stating that there needs to be a better way to reach out to residents. People were upset when roads were closed for road maintenance and they didn't know anything about it.

Woody Fox gave the July Zoning Report.

Dave Sapp said the 2025 road maintenance is complete and Smalls did a fantastic job.

Rob Platte spoke as a resident of western licking county stating that the merger concept is terrible for our residents and he now believes the merger commission has operated and continues to operate illegally and has caused the misuse of public funds by both the township and the village, stating that once the merger commission has submitted the question to the ballot the tasks of the commission have been completed. The issue was submitted to the board of elections on June 16, 2025 and the commission continued to hold meetings and spend tax payer dollars incurring bills after certification. Rob stated that the residents of St. Albans don't need a merger and bigger government, they just need to elect new trustees.

Dean Schiller gave trustees a poster for the merger commission informational sessions and asked the trustees to post it.

Tad Vanness told Bruce Lane he should be removed for derelict of duty and should be fighting for the township.

Bruce Lane said he would ask Peter Griggs about the merger commission invoices as he would be attending the meeting later for executive session.

Rob Platte asked for more time to speak and Bruce Lane said he had used all of his time up.

Audience members commented and Mike Washington said Peter Griggs advised not putting a time limit on public comments.

#8/12/25B Bruce Lane made a resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the board of Licking County Commissioners for engineering services for the Jug Street Guardrail project. (Entire agreement is on file).

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

#8/12/25C Bruce Lane made a resolution declaring the facebook page "St. Albans Township Government" to be the official social media presence of St. Albans Township.

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

#8/12/25D Bruce Lane made a resolution adopting "Policy 200- Cybersecurity" for St. Albans Township in compliance with Ohio House Bill 96 (Entire policy is on file).

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

#8/12/25E Bruce Lane made a resolution adopting "Policy 300-temporary road closures" for St. Albans Township (entire policy on file).

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

Todd Poole talked about the phone system at the firehouse that Mike Theisen spoke about in July, stating that we are unable to maintain the current phone system. He has checked with Spectrum and is recommending Spectrum Voice over IP technology. Would like trustees to think about this and take action at the September meeting.

The Fiscal Officer said trustees were sent a recommendation earlier in the year about updating the townships records retention schedule, as recommended by the Auditor of state, as keeping all the records that we do creates a liability for us, and said we need to move forward with getting rid of records.

Woody Fox stated the records room is a mess and you cant find anything in there. He is willing to look through all the zoning records in there and keep what is needed.

Digitizing records was discussed. Todd Poole will talk to legal counsel about getting rid of records and what needs to be done and have an opinion at the September meeting.

Todd Poole talked about better community engagement with mailers. He got an estimate from Kenwel Printers for a cost of sending out mailers stating we could chose to do it qtrly, semi-annual or annually to keep the public up to date on whats happening in the township and directing them to the website and facebook page to keep up to date.

Bruce Lane made a motion to enter into executive session under ORC section 121.22 (G)(8) to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance under R.C. Section 715 and that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to leave executive session and return to open session. The executive session was conducted pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(8) to negotiate with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance under R.C. Section 715 and that the executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

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

Tad Vanness said trustees needed to give an answer on the outstanding invoices of the merger commission, as they were supposed to ask Peter Griggs about it when they returned to open session.

Bruce Lane stated that they forgot to ask, but until they get legal opinion his recommendation is not to pay the outstanding invoice.

Todd Poole will contact Peter Griggs for an opinion.

Meeting was adjourned 8:55 P.M.