

The September 10, 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 August 13, 2024 public hearing were approved.

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The minutes of the August 15, 2024 special meeting were approved.

The minutes of the August 27, 2024 special meeting were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Todd Poole spoke of the great job the fire department has been doing on the out of the ordinary runs they've been having lately. And he and Woody Fox were able to help out a family in the township with some permits they needed for building.

Todd said the deadline for OPWC has been missed. All the engineering work needs to be done ahead of time. He and Dave Sapp will actively be pursuing grants and need to start the planning now.

Todd said he has had several records requests and would like to put as much info on the website as possible so people can access the information there and he can concentrate on doing what he needs to do for the township.

Randal Almendinger gave the August zoning report, Woody Fox is sick. He had 1 zoning permit for the month.

Dave Sapp said there are trees on Watkins Rd. that need removed. He has talked with Yeagers Tree Service and they have a rate of \$1500.00/day, and we need them for 3 days.

Jean Morrison made a motion to approve Yeagers Tree Service at a cost of \$4500.00 for the trees on Watkins Rd.

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

Dave Sapp said something needs to be done with the guardrail on Legend Lane/ Mojean way. They got a bid a couple years ago of approx. \$20,000.00. He will get more bids.

Mike Theisen gave the August Fire and EMS reports.

Mike presented an estimate of having calibration done on their current gas monitors.

Bruce Lane made a motion to approve \$3,253.00 to Fire Safety Services for calibration on current gas monitors.

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

Mike presented a check for \$3,365.00 from the Shriners to go towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera, which has a cost of \$9575.98.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to approve the purchase of a thermal imaging camera.

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

Mike talked about the upcoming levy in November and the importance of getting it passed. If it does not get passed they will have to make some significant changes. He spoke of cost information/increases on Life saving equipment, utilities, fuel and maintenance. He said they do now have an active Fire Association and they will be promoting the levy with mailers, social media coverage and a calculation showing personalized tax increases. The last levy failed by 50 votes.

David Lees asked how much has been set aside for the new fire truck. Mike responded approx. \$460,000.00.

Cari Ming from the merger commission requested a trustee or the fiscal officer to attend their September 18th meeting to help them understand what falls into specific budget categories. Trustees responded they really don't know that information, and wouldn't be much help. The fiscal officer responded she will not be attending any of the merger meetings.

Steve Meisel said its been almost 2 years since the comprehensive plan was updated and he would like to request a review of it, and would like a group to be put together to make changes.

Linda Hickey presented signatures from people that would like to see the future land use plan re-visited and she personally would like to see someone from Jersey Mill rd. on the committee.

Trustees discussed and will consider 4 people from the township, 1 from the village. Todd Poole will run the meetings and he will put an interest form on the website.

Mitch Peters said he's been doing some research and a JEDD will accomplish everything that a merger will accomplish.

Jean Morrison said there will be an informational session on the aggregation for utilities October 3rd 6:30-7:30 at the Hanover township hall and also at the Jersey township hall from 7:30-8:30 on the same date.

Randal Almendinger said he spoke to WIN Waste as he's had several people contact him with confusion about their new bill. WIN waste will put out mailers to all residents explaining the increase.

Randal Almendinger said he has been in contact with the OTA about getting 4 members of the zoning commission Associate membership so they can utilize tools/meetings that the OTA has to offer.

#52-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor (entire resolution on file with the fiscal officer).

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

#53-2024 Randal Almendinger made a resolution to enter into agreement with Ohio First Responder Grants LLC to apply for 2024 assistance to FireFighters Grant (entire resolution on file with the fiscal officer).

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

Todd Poole presented an estimate from Rite Rug for commercial grade carpet in the meeting room, mainly for acoustic purposes, stating the trustees want an amplification system in the room and without carpet in there it will be worse. Mike Theisen stated that the current flooring is well over 10 years old and has maxed out it's life expectancy.

David Lees argued that the current flooring has not been taken care of and cleaned properly and there is no need for an update.

Trustees will table this.

Todd Poole presented a list of items the Fire Department would like to list on GovDeals.

#54-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution finding certain personal property not needed for public use, obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired and ordering it to be auctioned on GovDeals, Inc pursuant to ORC 505.10(D) and resolution #21-2024. Items being: 22 Motorola APX 7000 portable radios, 37 Motorola batteries, 1 2009 E450 McCoy Miller ambulance.

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

Bruce Lane said a public hearing needs to be held for 5 re-zonings/recommendations from the zoning commission and to update articles in the zoning resolution.

Jean Morrison made a motion to hold a public hearing on September 24, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the fire station community room for re-zoning requests from: Reeves, Hills, McCoys, Davison Family Farms, Talbot Vanness and to update articles 12, 20 and 21.

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

Randal Almendinger said the liquor permit that the township denied for Bakers Acres got overruled and granted. The township has the opportunity to file an appeal and would like to do so.

#55-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution to grant authority to Todd Poole to file an appeal of the Bakers Acres liquor permit.

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

Meeting was adjourned 8:37 P.M.