

The March 14, 2023 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Randal Almendinger.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

The minutes of the Special February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Mike Theisen gave the February Fire and EMS reports.

Mike presented trustees with a purchase agreement to sign for a new engine at their request from the February special meeting. The build time is 37-43 months but this will lock the price in so there are no price increases from now until the time it is complete. Mike stated that they were not sure that a 9 liter engine would be available at the time of build so it may be a 10 liter, price is reflective of that.

#31-2023 Randal Almendinger made a resolution to approve the purchase of the fire engine from Sutphen for \$874,816.00.

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

Mike said they may be switching their Marcs radios to Kenwood from Motorola because the price for new Motorola's is \$158,000.00 and Kenwood is only about 60% of that cost.

Tom Frederick said there have been NO applications submitted yet for conditional use, for the Asphalt plants. Tom explained the process that the companies would need to go through for approval or denial.

Jim Lenner said the PUD draft is complete and the zoning commission's next meeting will involve setting the adoption process in motion.

Jim said the zoning commission should see the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the form based code late this month.

Jim spoke of a grant for township signage that he feels the township should apply for. The village will be involved as well.

Jim said he feels its time to start the process of Tax Increment Financing programming for the areas of future development.

Bruce Lane made a motion to authorize Jim Lenner to consult with Peter Griggs to work on the TIF process for up to \$10,000.00

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

Dave Sapp gave the township garage updates and presented quotes for tires for the tractor as well as a laser for installing tile.

Bruce Lane made a motion to purchase Mitas tires from millersburg Tire Service at a cost of \$8922.00.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to purchase a spectra laser from precision laser for \$1202.95.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to purchase a skid loader trailer from Travis Marburger for \$800.00

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

Dave Sapp talked about the tornado siren and the need for another one so everyone in the township can hear it, and he talked about federal funding for it.

Tom Frederick gave the February zoning report.

Mark and Cathy Trimble from Raccoon Valley asked about people quarrying across from their residence and they are concerned with whats happening were worried that would give New Albany annexation rights.

Connie Clema spoke representing Ernst Concrete. She wanted to make the public aware of what they are looking to do. They provide ready mix concrete and serve smaller projects and they are looking at buying 13 acres at 37 and 161 on Moots Run. The property would need to be re-zoned and She said Ernst Concrete is good at giving back to the community that they are in.

Bruce Lane made a motion to request for engineering help for a level coat on Battee rd. and Legend Lane for the 2023 road maintenance bid.

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

Randal Almendinger will contact the engineer.

Jean Morrison talked about Maple Grove and Pioneer Cemetery, and how on the auditor's site it shows Maple Grove belongs to the township when in fact it does not. She said in order to get it changed we need to produce a letter stating that the township does not want that property.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to direct Jim Lenner to send a letter stating that the township is not responsible for Maple Grove Cemetery.

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

Randal Almendinger made a motion to accept the proposal from Yeager Tree Service for \$4000.00 for tree trimming and removal on Castle Rd.

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

Randal Almendigner made a motion to accept T3's Lawn Service proposal for the 2023 mowing season of Cemeteries \$4000.00, Fireman's Park \$1100.00 and the township building \$1500.00. Billed in 6 installments, May through October.

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

Dean Schiller spoke about the application for Parks District Government Partnership Funding to enhance Fritz Drumm Park. Trustees want more time to look over it.

Ann Lodder asked if the trustees have sent anything to the EPA as a stance against the Asphalt Companies wanting to come into the township.

Jim Lenner suggested the trustees contact the prosecutor before doing that, as it may be a conflict of interest.

Meeting was adjourned 8:25 P.M.