

The December 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 November meeting were approved.

The minutes of the October 1 public hearing minutes were approved.

Bruce Lane made a motion to go into executive session at 7:01 pursuant to ORC section 121.22 (G)(3) to confer with legal counsel concerning pending or imminent court action and ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. To include 3 trustees, administrator, ass't prosecuting attorney and fiscal officer for the discussion of court action and for the next topic Mike Theisen to be included and the attorney to leave.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to return to open session.

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

Bruce Lane stated that the results of executive session included discussion of Fire Department personnel and operations and the possibility of a law suit.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Mike Theisen gave the November Fire and EMS reports.

Mike stated that we got notice from our EMS billing company that Medicare rates are increasing 10% across the board.

#73-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution approving a 10% increase in EMS billing rates effective January 1, 2025 (entire resolution is on file).

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

Mike said there was an article published in the Newark Advocate talking about reduced staffing and potential cuts at the Fire Department. None of the information published came from the Fire Department and the title was misleading.

Mike said he is getting together an action committee from the community for the potential upcoming levy. The purpose is to give a greater understanding to community members of the need and importance of the levy and how it will affect taxes. Meetings will start after the 1st of the year.

Todd Poole gave the administrators report. He has tried contacting Intel for funding opportunities and has had no good feedback.

Rick Robertson resigned from the Planning Steering Committee due to family issues. Todd said the meetings are going well and they have had the old JAG and SWL water give presentations of what they are looking to do.

The text amendments for the zoning resolution are at the planning commission and the zoning commission will schedule a hearing sometime in January for them.

#74-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution to accept the resignation of Rick Robertson from the comprehensive plan steering committee.

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

#75-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution to appoint Jason Evans to the comp plan steering committee.

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

Woody Fox gave the November zoning report.

Dave Sapp said the trees on Wesleyan Church are done.

Dave talked about getting a generator for the township building to run the fuel tanks when the power is out.

The fiscal officer found out that the Gasoline Tax fund can be used for R&B purposes.

Bruce Lane made a motion to approve Todd Poole to contract for a generator for the road and bridge maintenance building up to \$13,000.00.

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

Greg Williams said he heard a rumor that the New Albany Company has bought a piece of Geiger's property on Racoon Valley Rd. and also asked about Lobdell Dam reservoir, saying there was an informational meeting and he wasn't aware of it and can't find any information on it.

Bruce Lane said he attended a village council meeting after he was told about "no thru truck traffic" signs on Granville and N. Liberty Street. They did pass an ordinance for those signs.

Bruce was asked by a village council member if the township would like to give the village Fireman's Park. Audience members and trustees discussed.

Bruce Lane made a motion to hold an organizational meeting on January 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at the St. Albans Township Fire Station Community Room.

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

Bruce Lane made a motion to hold the January regular meeting on January 7, 2024 following the organizational meeting.

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

#76-2024 Bruce Lane made a resolution employing township's Attorneys on an annual basis for the year 2025 (entire resolution on file).

2nd by Jean Morrison. Roll call: Bruce Lane -yes, Jean Morrison -yes, Randal Almendinger -yes. Resolution passed.
Meeting was adjourned 9:05 P.M.