

The August 4, 2022 meeting of St. Albans Township was called to order by Chairman, Randal Almendinger.

All trustees and fiscal officer were present.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

The fiscal officer read fund balances to date.

Dave Sapp said the salt bins are all full and we still have 37 tons to receive for the season.

Dave said the old township building is now empty.

Dave talked about the billboard on the old township building and replacing it and where the trustees want to put it.

The internet at the new township building isn't working and Dave has contacted Centurylink several times for repair but can't seem to get anywhere with them.

Tom Frederick gave the July zoning report.

Mike Theisen gave the July fire and EMS reports.

Mike talked about a hard billing option for EMS billing. He will get figures that could potentially be brought in by hard billing for trustees to look at.

Mike presented a proposal for the planning/needs analysis that he talked about at the July meeting. He got 2 proposals but feels that 1 had missing components, so he is recommending Fitch and Associates.

Trustees said they would like for Mike to wait to start some of the necessary steps in this process until the comprehensive plan for the township is completed.

Bruce Lane made a motion to hire Fitch and Associates at a cost of \$49,995.00 to commission a study for comprehensive design/strategic planning of the fire department going forward.

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

Bruce Lane presented estimates from 2 companies for removing 3 big trees as discussed at the July meeting. 1 bid from Tree King for \$13,500 and Russell for \$14,500 plus \$450.00/hour for cleanup.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to accept Tree King's bid for \$13,500.00 to remove 3 large trees.

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

Bruce Lane stated that in signing checks he saw a bill from Peter Griggs where there was a charge for meeting with New Albany with Randy Almendinger to discuss a JEDD and said he was unaware of this meeting and doesn't feel meetings like that should be happening without the other trustees being aware of it.

Road bids were opened. 1 was received from Small's Asphalt.

Randal Almendinger made a motion to accept the bid from Smalls for level coating Wesleyan Church road with the MC3000 option at a cost of \$278,615.93.

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

Randal Almendinger presented 5 bids for the repair of the salt barn roof from: Mikes Roofing, Hawk Construction, Able Roofing, Don Pugh and Kean Construction.

Bruce Lane made a motion to hire Don Pugh to repair the roof at the salt barn as long as he has insurance at a cost of up to \$7,980.00 plus sheathing cost and labor.

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

Randal Almendinger said he has met with a couple auctioneers at the old township building.

Audience members commented, presented trustees with consideration of keeping the building for now for possible use in the future, EPA concerns if the building is sold, and liability issues if the building is kept.

Trustees will talk to the insurance company, prosecutor's office and auctioneer to gain more information before proceeding.

Bruce Lane talked about hiring a professional to help deal with problems and issues that the township is currently being faced with and will be faced with in the future. He has talked to Jim Lenner about being a township administrator.

Jean Morrison made a motion to hire Jim Lenner as township administrator at a rate of \$125.00/hour on an as needed basis.

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

Meeting was adjourned 8:51 P.M.