The American Township Trustees met in regular session with the following members present: Paul Basinger, Ross Harmon, and Lynn Mohler.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2024. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to approve the payment of the warrants as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Roll call, all yes.

The Fiscal Officer presented Cash Reconciliation, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status, and Cash Summary By Fund reports for the month of February. Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to accept the reports as presented. Roll call, all yes.

Fiscal Officer Overholt reported that the official certificate of estimated resources was approved by the budget commission and we are now ready to pass permanent appropriations for 2024 in the amount of $9,467,975.00. He also stated that the total cost to OTARMA for township insurance coverage for 2024 is $63,630.83.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Mohler to approve the permanent appropriations for 2024 in the amount of $9,467,975.00. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to make the payment to OTARMA in the amount of $63,630.83. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated the activity within in the township relating to permits and violations since the last meeting. He would also like the Trustees to pass Resolution #03-112024-1 for a demolition assistance agreement with the county landbank for the Swifty Gas Station. He would also like to pass Resolution #03-112024-2 directing the American Township Zoning Commission to review and amend article 27.5.23of the property maintenance code and to delete article 13.24 of the zoning resolution in accordance with ORC 519.12 and article 19.2.2 of the zoning resolution. Finally, he would like to pass Resolution # 03-112024-3 certifying an administrative fine amount of $150 to property owner at 2395 N McDonel St.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Mohler to pass Resolution #03-112024-01. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to pass Resolution #03-112024-02. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to pass Resolution #03-112024-03. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting stated the monthly report for February. He then gave details on the survey that has been completed for the land the township is buying from the Foust Estate behind the current cemetery. He and Legal Counsel Huffman will look into the matter and speak with lawyers representing the family to make sure everything is prepared correctly for the purchase. He also wanted to know if the trustees looked at the pricing updates for the Township Cemeteries, which they all stated they have and are in agreeance with the price increases effective 3/11/24. Finally, he wanted to give the Trustees information on Beech Ct. road that the township has maintained for several years but in actuality it is not a road that the township should be maintaining. The county representatives and Road Superintendent Osting are working to figure out what is going to happen moving forward with this and he will keep the Trustees posted. He also discussed the Stevick Rd Drainage Project and stated that the county engineer has said that the township cost will be about $3000 once ready to proceed with the project, which is a huge savings compared to the original price of around $18,000.

 Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to pass the proposed pricing increases for American Township Cemetery’s effective 3/11/24. Roll call, all yes.

Police Chief Haines stated the police departments statistics for the month of February.

Chief Hadding stated the township had 4 quotes for the clearing of trees/debris and initial excavation work of the new Station #1 property: RD Jones Excavating- $31,200, Brenneman Excavating- $32,000, Kings Trenching and Excavating- $32,404.5, and All-Purpose Contracting- $47,600. He also stated of a gas leak at Circle K that has gotten into the local ditches and will require quite a bit of cleanup but nothing will come at the cost of the township.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to hire RD Jones for tree clearing and initial excavation of new Station #1 at a cost of $31,200. Roll call, all yes.

Trustee Harmon stated he is in contact with a Pro Medica representative who is working with him on updated drug screening cost and procedures and will continue with those discussions.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to pass Resolution #03-112024-4 to compensate Dan Sullivan $600 for his cooperation in transferring of deeds at Greenlawn Cemetery with Steve Kesler. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to adjourn. Roll call, all yes.

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Chairman