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

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2023. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark 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 August. Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to accept the reports as presented. Roll call, all yes.

The Fiscal Officer presented 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*. Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to pass the Resolution 09-112023 as presented. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting reported the ongoing projects within the township. He would also like a motion to pay the townships portion of the Baughman Petition Ditch Project at a cost of $67,234.65.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to pay the townships amount of $67,234.65 for the Baughman Ditch Project. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop reported ongoing permits and violations within the township that are currently being addressed.

Chief Hadding reporting that the 3 fire contracts for Marion, Sugarcreek, and Amanda are up and need to be renegotiated or continued at the current billing. The chief will gather statistics and decide if current pricing is fair or if an increase is needed based of calls to service. He will report this at the next meeting.

Trustee Mohler stated he had an updated stormwater program resolution (#09-112023-1) relating to the Ohio EPA Uivision of surface water that needed to be passed. This will allow ASWCD as local administrator of that document.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to pass Resolution #09-112023-1 in which the Board of Trustees authorize the submission of the updated stormwater program SWMP to the Ohio EPA Uivision of surface water. Roll call, all yes.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Craig Troyer 5980 Dutch hollow who wanted to know what the Industrial Park project was. The trustees responded that they do not know.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Joe and Heather Davis 3554 N Cole St thanked the trustees for allowing the public to speak. They also asked who gave the farmers money for this and asked if Trustee Vandemark is involved with this and if so, felt that it was a conflict of interest and unethical of a Trustee. They also wondered if the trustees vote had to be unanimous. Trustee Vandemark and Legal Counsel Huffman responded confirming it does have to be unanimous after confirming with ORC code. Also, explained that AEDG is in charge of payments known as options.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Tim Piper 1337 Beery who wanted to know the relationship between AEDG and RPC. Trustees are not sure at this time.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Steve Maxwell 4095 Cole St who wanted to know if the township could handle 800 acres with 1200 workers. Again, the trustees are not sure at this time as they are unaware of the specific details as well.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Jeff Davis (1194 Bluelick) Greg Early (4949 West), Mike Shrider (1357 Irvin), Joyce Morris (3471 Providence Circle), and Gina Lamb (3131 Hopewell), Dave Shenk (1432 Beery) and Terry Tschour (4075 Farmdale) all stated their frustrations on how Trustee Vandemark was involved with this whole thing. Some asked how long it has been going on and also if he or the other trustees would be OK with this in their backyard. Trustee Vandemark stated he had been involved with AEDG and some of the farmers for around 9 months. He also stated that he would could possibly gain from this financially, so because of that he could not be involved with any of the hearings and/or voting on the issue due to conflict of interest.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Rick Kirkendall 1498 Beery wanted to know if Merle Miller the farmer is the same as Merle Miller who is on the zoning commission. Trustee Vandemark answered NO they are not.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Wong of 1680 Arlington who asked if government could invoke emanate domain. Legal Counsel Huffman acknowledged the state or federal government can invoke emanate domain.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to adjourn. Roll call, all yes.

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Lynn Mohler, Chairman