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

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Vandemark to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting as presented. Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Dave Streeter 1640 W Street Rd. who asked about a roundabout possibly coming to Bluelick and SR 65. The trustees are unaware of this and have nothing to do with that as it is an ODOT Project.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Terry Tschour 475 Farmdale who was wondering if there was anymore information on the Lima Mall ESID project that Cindy Leis brought up at the last trustee meeting. Legal Counsel Huffman responded to this and explained what needs to happen for the new ESID Board to be formed since ownership of the mall has changed and the previous board has all but been dissolved. The State Auditor has explained what needs to happen for thie new board moving forward.

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

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler that all non-union employee insurance premium contribution remains 13% for the 2024-2026 fiscal years. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to name LACRPC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for American Township for 2024. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Basinger to pay the member dues for the trustees, fiscal officer, and board members for the upcoming year. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to continue to contract with for the Township’s MCO, Continue to meet on the 2nd and last Monday of each month at 7:30pm, Authorize expenditures from Township funds for medical, dental, life, cancer, and intensive care insurance for elected officials and full time workers as provided for in the Township personnel handbook and the contract with the local bargaining unit, Offer cash in lieu of benefits provided for through Township Resolution 8-27-07 to employees for health insurance premiums (including all out of pocket and additional health/dental cost) up to 25% of total cost for the specific plan they would fall under, Pay Township officials in 12 equal installments on a salary basis at maximum compensation as authorized by Ohio State Law, Appoint the Fiscal Officer and the Chairman to the Audit/Records Commission, Pay Township Trustees state convention fees and expenses, Continue with sick, vacation, and comp time policies as outlined in the Township personnel handbook, and the current Bargaining Agreement, Appoint the chairman as representative for CDL drug testing program. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Vandemark to renew the bonds for the trustees and the fiscal officer. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting stated his report for the month of December thus far. He also stated that he researched different prices for a boom mower and would like to purchase a used mower from Teman Farms and Sandblasting/Tri Tech Mowers at a price of $10,500, which is about $30,000 less than new units. He would also like a motion to approve the following men as seasonal snow plow operators at a rate of $150/day: Steve Fetter, Ron Patterson, Kevin Weiging, and Joe Youngpeter.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Basinger to purchase a Boom Mower from Teman Farms and Sandblasting/Tri Tech Mowers at a cost of $10,500. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to accept the following men as seasonal snow plow operators for 2023-24 at a rate of $150/day: Steve Fetter, Ron Patterson, Kevin Weiging, and Joe Youngpeter. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated all of the different zoning compliances and violations that are currently being resolved within the township. He also stated what the zoning commission has been working on and different updates and recommendations the commission is moving forward. He would also like the Trustees to pass Resolutions for the new terms for Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission Members.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to pass Resolution #12-112023-1 for Jackson Burklo on a 5-year term for the Zoning Appeals Board. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to pass Resolution #12-112023-2 for Jody Long to a 5-year term and Josh Makley 4-year term for the Zoning Commission Board. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to have a public hearing on January 8th at 6:30pm for recommendations for proposed zoning amendments. Roll call, all yes.

Police Chief Haines stated the monthly totals for the month of November. He would also like to purchase 3 patrol rifles for the cruisers along with two racks for the rifles at a cost no more than $5000. Finally, he has a resignation letter from Patrolman Barginere with his last date of 12/29/23.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to purchase new fire arms and racks at a cost not to exceed $5000. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Vandemark to accept the resignation of Patrolman Barginere effective 12/29/23. Roll call, all yes.

Fire Chief Hadding attended the Marion Township Trustee meeting and has a signed acceptance from their township for our fire services for a new 3-year contract at a cost of $56,000 per year. He also wanted to thank the Lima Moose Lodge for their final donations for 2023 to the ATFD in the amount of $14741.91. Finally, he has a collective bargaining agreement between the township and ATPFIAF Local 4020 for years 2024-2026 that he would liked approved by the Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to the American Township Professional Firefighters International Association of Firefighters Local 4020, Collective Bargaining Agreement for January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 SERB Case Number:2023-MED-08-0625. Roll call, all yes.

Legal Counsel Huffman would like to request an executive session for pending litigation.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to go into executive session for pending litigation.

Trustee Vandemark would like to pass a motion to give all non-union employee the same pay raises as our union employees of 5% per year for 2024-2025, he would also like to increase the Zoning Commission and Appeals Board pay to a rate of $45 per meeting. Finally, he would like to nominate Louis Carter and Michael Wang as Zoning Commission Alternates for the township. He also stated this would be his last meeting as Trustee and wanted to thank the entire township for allowing him to serve the township for over 20 years. Trustee Mohler thanked him for his service to the township.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler that full and part time non-union employees receive raises of 5% each of the following years from 2024-2026. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to increase the Zoning Appeals and Commission boards to a pay of $45 per meeting. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to nominate Louis Carter and Michael Wang as Zoning Commission Alternates for the next 5-years. Roll call, all yes.

Trustee Basinger stated that he has been a part of the 911 Controlling Board for the county and would like to continue to stay on that board. He also stated that an additional township trustee would be added to the board at a later date.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to appoint Trustee Basinger to the 911 Controlling Board for the upcoming year. Roll call, all yes.

Trustee Mohler would like a motion to accept a proposal from Waypoint Benefits for the 2024 Health Insurance Plan, the plan will be at about a 9% or less of an increase from 2023. He also wanted to remind the public that the 12/25 meeting is cancelled and the reorganization meeting will be held on 1/2/24 at 4pm at the township house.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to enter an agreement with Waypoint Benefits as our broker with Aultcare Insurance as our provider for 2024 American Township Health Insurance purposes. Roll call, all yes.

The regular meeting was postponed for executive session.

The regular meeting was resumed.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Lynn Mohler, Chairman