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

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2024. Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Joe Wassink of Lifewise Academy who is hoping to hold a 5k at Lifewise Academy on Labor Day as they have done as a fundraiser the last few years.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to allow Lifewise Academy to host a 5k within the township and village roadways. Roll call, all yes.

Trustee Harmon shared an email he and the other Trustees had received from AEDG Member Cindy Leis stated of soil testing that was to be done at Bluelick/Cole farmland.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Dave Streeter 1640 State Rd who said they have reached out to Dave Stratton and he has gotten No response from him on if any new development is going on with the farmland on Bluelick and Cole.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Shelly Reiff 2470 Irvin Rd who would like to know if there is anything else the Trustees have heard that may be new to previous discussion. They stated they have not beside the email they received and that Trustee Harmon shared.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Steve Maxwell 4095 N Cole wanted to know what adjacent or abutting actually means. Legal Counsel Huffman tried to identify what exactly that means but it is unclear what AEDG may consider this terminology to mean.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Terry Tschour 475 Farmdale who stated that it seems as if this is somehow connected to the Intel Plant and the stuff happening in New Albany. He has also done some research on the chip washing side of things and it seems extremely unsafe and hazardous.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Jeff Davis 3554 N Cole St. would like to know if it is some hazardous material type company coming in, is there a way to keep it from allowing it. Legal Counsel Huffman responded to him stating without knowing exactly what it is we can really limit anything at this point. He also wanted to thank the Trustees for being transparent with the residents.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Derick Edwards 2340 Irving Rd who had heard that the local zoning boards within townships could be taken away nd given to county commissioners, none of the Trustees have heard of this yet. He also is curious if stuff zoning regulations could be made to stop this. Legal Counsel stated again without knowing what it is that becomes a bit tricky and could limit the township of any growth.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Tim Piper of Berry Rd who also wanted to thank the Trustees for being transparent. He is also curious of how it was ever zoned as M2 and he is working along with Zoning Inspector Bishop to figure that out. He is also concerned if it is Intel than we would have a major safety problem with the chip washing possibilities coming.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Wong 1680 Victoria Lane would like to know if there is ever an expiration date on anything that has a variance to be zoned something different. There is no expiration date as far as the Trustees and Legal Counsel are aware of. He also is wondering if something that is rezoned has to be approved by property owners, that is not the case. He also would like to know if previous owners had it zoned one way would it stay like that or change. Legal Counsel Huffman tried to explain this to him and how it works but stated he is not sure in Mr. Wongs specific situation.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Shrider 1357 Irvin Rd. who wants to know if the land has not been used as M2 for years than does it revert back to residential. That is what is still being investigated from researching old documents on the matter.

Fiscal Officer Overholt stated that the township should enter into a MOU with LACRPC to represent the county for Metropolitan Planning Organization at a rate of $5000.40. He also would like a Resolution #03-252024 to approve a 911 Program Review Committee for Allen County.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for 2024 between LACRPC and American Township for in support of LACRPC serving as Metropolitan Planning Organization for Allen County at a rate of $5000.40. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to pass Resolution #03-252024 approving a 911 Program Review Committee for Allen County. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting gave an update for the month of March. He also spoke with the Foust family and should have more information for that later this week on final proceedings of purchasing the plot behind the cemetery. He also stated the meeting with the county engineer’s office is March 28th at 9am for the Road Program within the township that is being coordinated by the county. He also gave a breakdown of how much cost have went up the past 6 years of about 25% and will continue to look into cost saving steps to help the township anyway possible fiscally.

Chief Hadding stated that a new ambulance cost is up to about $467,309.00 and will go up another 17% on April 1st if we do not sign a contract to get on the waiting list of about 4 years. He also gave an update on the new property for station #1 with beginning stages of work beginning this past week by RD Jones.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Mohler to enter a contract with Penn Care for a new ambulance at a cost of $467,309. Roll call, all yes.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Ross Harmon, Vice Chairman