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 Mohler to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2022 Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Matt Boss 3074 Canterberry Dr. who has had a lot of vandalism around his neighborhood recently. He would like to know how a stronger police presence could be seen in his neighborhood. Chief Haines and Trustee Vandemark addressed the issue and all agree to look at the townships budget and see if we can look to added a 3rd shift officer.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Maria Sanko and Blass Construction on putting in new construction plot across from Sarah Sweets with 30+ single family homes. They are looking into how to go about in gaining some tax abatements within the township. Trustee Basinger gave some information to them on how the process works and what avenues to approach first, which would be Regional Planning and Allen Economic Development.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Diane Jones 1555 Richlou Place and has a concern about a 6ft privacy fence that is erected in her neighborhood. Code Enforcer Brickner will continue to look into this issue.

The regular meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding a budget hearing.

The Fiscal Officer presented the budget projection for 2023 in the amount of $7,654,000 Without further questions, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Basinger to approve the 2023 projected budget as presented by the fiscal officer. Roll call, all yes.

*Projected budget was amended at the 7/25/22 meeting to $7,529,875*

The regular meeting was resumed.

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

Road Superintendent Holmes stated that the township cannot help Mr. Graham from Providence Circle who was in to a meeting last week. He also said that Clover Ave has a parking issue and would like to put up two No Parking signs in that dead-end area.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to put up two No Parking signs at the dead-end area of Clover Ave.

Police Chief Haines is still working on an update for the golf carts stipulations and mapping within the township. He and Legal Counsel Huffman are looking into that. He would also like for himself and Patrolman Smith to move off of their probationary period at the end of their first year, according to our township policy. Finally, he would like to go into executive session for purpose of employee compensation and recruitment retention.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to move Chief Haines off his probation are period as of 7/11/22. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Basinger to move Patrolman Smith off of probation period effective Aug. 1. Roll call, all yes.

Code Enforcer Brickner stated he will be out beginning July 18th for six weeks. He also added confirmation to what was discussed earlier with Mrs. Sanko and Blass Construction on the order of proceeding forward with what they want to do.

Chief Hadding gave the fire department statistics for the month of May. He also stated that the soil test is back and we are waiting for those to be read to see if we are able to build on the land. Finally, he stated there should be some possible funds coming in for Covid relief payment to existing employees and is waiting for verification on that.

Legal Counsel Huffman is also working on the title search for the 309 Property and wanted to confirm that the township has on record the title insurance of the property.

Trustee Vandemark wanted to touch base on the drainage issue the commissioners would like support on and all three trustees agree that we do not have the funds to do so.

The regular meeting was postponed for executive session for employee compensation and recruitment retention.

The regular meeting was resumed.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to increase Chief Haines salary to $1153.85/week beginning Aug. 1 pay period.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to increase Patrolman Smiths salary by $3.50/hour beginning Aug. 1 pay period.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to put a posting within the next two weeks to hire a fulltime patrolman for ATPD at $21/hr. Roll call, all yes.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Larry Vandemark, Chairman