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 Harmon to accept the minutes of the reorganizational meeting January 2, 2024. Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Terry Tschour 475 Farmdale who wants to know if anything has ever been thought of within Ohio of banning the sale of land to foreign countries, specifically China. Legal Counsel Huffman responded and explained the role of the township and gave some examples. He stated that those are state issues and would have to go to state representatives first.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Heather Davis 3554 N Cole who gave some more detail of what Mr. Tschour was asking. She stated that Ohio is already moving forward on restricting the purchase of land by foreign countries.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Joy Boward who is the Cubmaster of the Local Elida Scout Group and would like to know about renting the township hall at a discounted rate for meetings. The trustees will discuss this further and get back with her.

Fiscal Officer Overholt reported that the total mileage of township road responsibility for 2024 to be at 69.28 miles and would like a motion to accept the mileage. He would also like motions for our LEADS data analyst Donna Sneary, Kim Peters for cleaning after hall rentals, and to reinstate OAPFF 457 for deferred comp plan.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to certify and accept the 2024 township total road mileage of 69.28 miles. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to contract Donna Sneary at $20 per hour for all LEADS paperwork for the Police Department for the 2024 calendar year. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to contract Kim Peters at $50 per cleaning for Township Hall rental cleanups for the 2024 calendar year. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to reinstate the OAPFF 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for 2024. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated the breakdown of all reports within the zoning department for the 2023 fiscal year including fees, violations, zoning (including changes), etc. He would also like Resolution #01-0824-1 passed to amend Articles 17, 19, 21, and the External Property Maintenance Code, specifically Article 27, formerly Article 22.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to pass Resolution #01-0824-1. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting gave the road departments report for the fiscal year of 2023. He also stated that the county has stepped in with an issue with resident Larry Byers and parcels he had purchased on Diller and would like to split into 3 separate plots to sell. All three Trustees and Mr. Osting will be attending a meeting with the county to discuss this matter further.

Police Chief Haines stated the department statistics for the month of December and the entire year of 2023. He also stated that he has estimate on security system for the township house. Trustee Harmon is going to look into the possibility of some grants for this upgrade.

Fire Chief Hadding stated the old battalion car has been sold on GovDeals. He also had Firefighter Follas come up and discuss the townships website and what he is doing with that to make some upgrades on the site.

Legal Counsel Huffman stated there is an estate that has went bankrupt and owes the township a small amount of money. He also stated he had some new information on the ESID Project and the Lima Mall pertaining to our involvement with that issue and the lack of understanding by other entities of who is responsible for providing a board of trustees for that according to the AOS.

Trustee Basinger stated the AEDG is still interested in the 800 acres and he told them that the Trustees and township will not meet with the Port Authority or AEDG unless it is in a public meeting forum.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Chairman