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

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Basinger to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting as presented. Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Steve Maxwell 4095 North Cole St. who wanted to know what the meetings the AEDG was having without public notifications. The trustees are unaware of this. Mrs. Leis was in attendance and explained that meetings are published to The Lima News and was a typical monthly meeting they have.

Privilege of the floor Cindy Leis of AEDG and Director of Allen County Port Authority and is here to talk about the Lima Mall ESID and changes that need to be made for the ESID Board since a new owner has purchased of the mall. The state auditor’s office needs a new five-member board of the Lima Mall ESID in order to properly audit 2021 and 2022. She explained otherwise all entities involved would receive an Un-Auditable Status. Mrs. Leis is suggesting that herself along with the 3 Trustees and the Fiscal Officer and/or Zoning Inspector Bishop represent this board. After much discussion between Cindy, Legal Counsel, Trustees, and Fiscal Officer-

Legal Counsel Huffman and Cindy will talk to the State Auditor to try and come up with a better solution and a five-member board represented by multiple parties involved instead of just the township.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Woang 1680 Victoria Lane who wanted to know more about the ESID Program and what it is. Legal Counsel Huffman and AEDG Member Cindy Leis both explained this to him.

Fiscal Officer Overholt stated that the trustees usually only have one meeting in the month of December and would like that to be the same this year canceling the Dec. 25th meeting and would like the Yearly Reorganizational Meeting to be 1/2/24 at 4pm. He also stated Covid/ARP Retention Funds for 24 of our employees will be paid on Dec. 4th all through state funding from the state.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to cancel the December 25th meeting and to set Tuesday January 2nd at 4 pm for the reorganization meeting for the new calendar year 2024. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop gave updated information on the Swifty Property on 3R 309. He also stated the Zoning Commission will hold meeting on Dec. 7th to go through zoning text changes and updates, which will then be sent to the Trustees for final approval.

Chief Haines stated that the ATPD will be doing Shop with a Cop again this year!

Chief Hadding stated that the new three-year contracts are up for the three townships American Township Supplies Fire/EMS Assistance to and would like the following yearly contracts passed. Marion Township-$56,000, Amanda Township-$7000, Sugarcreek Township-$29,500. He also stated that Jim Thompson has requested a public records request and he will respond to that, getting him the needed information.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Vandemark to pass a three-year contract for Fire/EMS Response for Marion Township-$56,000, Amanda Township-$7000, Sugarcreek Township-$29,500. Roll call, all yes.

Legal Counsel Huffman stated the closing for the townships Elm/Fort Amanda property has been finalized with the total for the sale at $28,269.44.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Vice Chairman