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

Fiscal Officer Overholt stated he would like to amend the minutes pass on 8/14/23 and change the adoption of ORC Section 124.134 to ORC Section 124.13 and ORC Section 124.384 to 124.38 to stay in line with what the county engineer suggested and what their employees follow for these specific topics. He would also like to go into executive session for employee compensation.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to approve the minutes AS AMMENDED of the regular meeting of August 14, 2023. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Vandemark to go into executive session for employee compensation. Roll call, all yes.

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

Road Superintendent Osting discussed ongoing projects within the township. He also stated he attended the Baughman Petition Ditch on August 17th and gave the Trustees an estimate cost over a 6-year period or a lump some owed within 30 days. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer will look into these options and decide at the next meeting of what payment the Township will go with.

Zoning Inspector Bishop would like to pass Resolution #08-282023, amending the 2023 Administrative Fee Schedule for Permits. He also stated upcoming zoning commission/board meetings coming up within the month of September.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to pass Resolution #08-282023 Roll call, all yes.

Fire Chief Hadding stated that the Moose Lodge donated a 3rd Quarter amount of $10,500.12 to the ATFD.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Merle Miller of ASWD stating that they want to loop the Diller Rd. water line project that has been on hold for a while because of a large grant given for the project. They would like to include the City of Lima, Village of Elida and American Township within the project for some type of financial support.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Richard Douglass 1130 W. Bluelick Rd who stated he has two pages of petitions against the possibility of the Industrial Park within American Township near Bluelick Rd. that he presented to the Trustees.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Shrider 1357 Irvin Rd. stated how devastating this Industrial Park would be if allowed within the township and gave some examples of other locations in Ohio and surrounding states that have seen the devastation of these projects.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Terry Tschour of 475 Farmdale who also turned in petitions against the possibility of an Industrial Park within American Township to the Trustees. He also asked the Trustees if they have any more information on the topic and of some of the rumors going around. Trustee Vandemark responded and stated how all of this came about and dispelled some of the rumors. He, along with the other Trustees also stated they are hopeful members from the AEDG will attend the last meeting in September to answer questions from the public.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Greg Williams 5063 N West St in Sugar Creek Township who stated all of the farmers knew about this possibility of large amounts of land being sold but none of the surrounding residence had any idea of this until a much later date. Saying this is just adding to the thought that something is being done in secret.

John Groom 1095 W Bluelick stated he would like to know what the residence needs to do to stay informed and on top of the issue so it can be stopped. The Trustees responded to his concerns and stated they would like answers as well.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Wong of 1680 Victoria Lane who explained he is a first-generation immigrant from Taiwan and he stated all of the residents need to get involved and read the ORC and learn the requirements to change zoning and what these Industrial Parks Group would have to do to change it current zoning laws.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Jeff Davis 3554 N Cole St who wanted to confirm that the 3 Trustees have the final say in whether this land gets rezoned to M-2 or not. He also wanted to reiterate how bad this would be for the residence in surrounding areas. Trustee Vandemark responded stated that Yes, the trustees have the final say.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Greg Early 4949 N West St. who says he and the rest of the residence feel they are being lied to and really hope the Trustees support them in stopping this Industrial Park and the possibility of the rezoning to M-2.

Trustee Basinger made a few comments pertaining to the issue and his concerns that he also has with what is going on. He hopes many of these questions will be answered when the AEDG comes in September

The regular meeting was postponed for executive session.

The regular meeting was resumed.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to backpay Road Superintendent Scott Holmes for 6 weeks of earned vacation time from 2018 to 2023 according to ORC 124.13 passed 6/14/00. Roll call, all yes.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Lynn Mohler, Chairman