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

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to accept the minutes of the regular January 8, 2024 meeting. 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 Elida Resident Jack Burklo who wanted to thank the chief of police for helping with his car that broke down the other day.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Lydia Archambo who represent the ASWCD. She discussed the contract between American Township and ASWCD for the 2024 calendar year. She also stated some of the different benefits ASWCD has to offer within the township and the county. She then gave some of the minor changes that will be made for the 2024 year to improve the MOU from previous years and to maintain positive communications between the township and ASWCD.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for 2024 between ASWCD and American Township for MS4 Stormwater Program Administration at a cost of $7300/year. Roll call, all yes.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Shrider 1357 Irving Rd. who has seen an increase in his taxes of about $400 with something on it about ditch services. The Trustees have nothing to do with this and is something he would have to take up with the county.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Beverly Younts 3463 Providence Circle who is concerned about what would happen if a huge explosion happened if there was a new industrial park and tons of prisoners that would be need to moved and would create a danger to those surrounding areas.

Fiscal Officer Overholt stated that the township had tabled paying the 2023 AEDG Annual Contribution and wanted to know where the Trustees stood on that. He also said the township needs to appoint a member to the ESID Board for the Lima Mall Project based off recommendations from the State Auditor and AEDG.

Discussion was had between Trustees on the AEDG Contributions and all agreed they would like more detail and possibly monthly updates of what they are doing for the township.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to not pay the $1000 2023 Annual Contribution to AEDG. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to appoint Lynn Mohler to the ESID Board for the Lima Mall Project according to recommendations from AEDG. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated his monthly report for January. He also discussed some of the issues the Zoning Commission worked on during their January 6th meeting. They will meet in February to review final amendments before presenting those to the trustees. Both boards have created bylaws and procedures, which will be reviewed and voted on at their next meetings.

Road Superintendent Osting gave the monthly report for January. He then discussed the possibility of buying additional land behind Greenlawn Cemetery from the Foust Family before they sell the entire farm through a realtor. He and the fiscal officer both agreed that the best option is to buy approximately 3.4 acres directly behind the land the township currently owns from the Foust Family at a cost of $15,000 per acre. After discussions amongst the road superintendent, fiscal officer, and trustees all agreed that this is the best option. He then stated the outcome of the public hearing for Larry Byers pertaining to his property on Diller Rd, which resulted in two driveway accesses. The county is also working on an Access Management Plan for some other locations within the township and he will keep the Trustees posted on what comes of this.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to agree to purchase approximately 3.4 acres from the Foust Family at a cost of $15,000 per acre. Roll call, all yes.

Police Chief Haines stated there were no grants available for a security system the township wishes to purchase. If the Trustees are still interested we can move forward with purchasing a security system from M & D Computer Sales and Service at a cost of $4875.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to purchase a security system from M & D Computer Sales and Service for a cost of $4875. Roll call, all yes.

Trustee Harmon would like to go into executive session pertaining to a complaint against a public employee.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to go into executive session for pertaining to a complaint against a public employee.

Trustee Basinger wanted to state to the public that he is against anything to do with he as a Trustee signing a letter of nondisclosure for anything relating to township affairs. Those things need to be shared with the public as he is a steward and voice for them.

The regular meeting was postponed for executive session.

The regular meeting was resumed.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Chairman