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 Mohler to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2024 meeting as presented. Roll call, all yes.

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

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

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Mohler to name LACRPC as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for American Township for 2025. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to pay the member dues for the trustees, fiscal officer, and board members for the upcoming year. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to continue to contract with for the Township’s MCO, Continue to meet on the 2nd and last Monday of each month at 7:30pm, Authorize expenditures from Township funds for medical, dental, life, cancer, and intensive care insurance for elected officials and full time workers as provided for in the Township personnel handbook and the contract with the local bargaining unit, Offer cash in lieu of benefits provided for through Township Resolution 8-27-07 to employees for health insurance premiums (including all out of pocket and additional health/dental cost) up to 25% of total cost for the specific plan they would fall under, Pay Township officials in 12 equal installments on a salary basis regulated by the OTA for all Trustees (182 days) and Fiscal Officer as authorized by Ohio State Law and ORC, Appoint the Fiscal Officer and the Chairman to the Audit/Records Commission, Pay Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer state convention fees and expenses, Continue with sick, vacation, and comp time policies as outlined in the Township personnel handbook, and the current Bargaining Agreement, Appoint the chairman as representative for CDL drug testing program. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to renew the bonds for the trustees and the fiscal officer through OTARMA. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting stated his report for the month of November and December thus far. He also stated he would like the following men to be seasonal snow plow operators for 2024-25 at a rate of $150/day: Ron Patterson, Kevin Weiging, and, Ralph Long.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to accept the following men as seasonal snow plow operators for 2024-25 at a rate of $150/day: Ralph Long, Ron Patterson and Kevin Weiging. Roll call, all yes.

Police Chief Haines stated the monthly totals for the month of October and November. His department also participated in Shop with a Cop at Meijer. Finally, he would like to accept a donation of $3618.62 from the Lima Eagles to purchase the last of the MARCS Radios.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Harmon to accept the donation from the Lima Eagles for MARCS Radios for ATPD in the amount of $3618.62. Roll call, all yes.

Fire Chief Hadding presented the Trustees with a timeline for the construction of the new Station#1. He also would like to hire Michael Carl as a firefighter/EMT for the opening we have had since August with a starting date of. Finally, he stated that the ATFD received a grant from the State of Ohio for $46,717.98, which will pay for the departments MARCS Radio systems.

Trustee Mohler would like executive session for employee benefits.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to go into executive session for employee benefits.

Trustee Harmon and Trustee Basinger would like to thank all of the department heads for a job well done this past year and look forward to continued success in 2025.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated the stats for the entire year of the zoning department. He also stated other projects currently going on within the township and finally said the board of zoning appeals has a hearing at 7pm 12/11/24 open to the public.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Becky and Dave Streeter 1640 W State Rd. who gave details of an article she found about a data center built in a town similar to ours along with all of the concerns and problems those residents who lived in the area experienced. She would like to know about noise ordinances the township has, which Trustee Basinger stated the township does not. She is extremely worried that the traveling noise and sound will not be stopped by walls or mounds, which can cause extreme amounts of stress. Mr. Streeter asked if there is anymore information that can be given for how the hearing on 12/11 will work.

Zoning Inspector Bishop explained how the hearing will work and what some of the regulations will be.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Cindy Davis 3554 Cole St. who has also researched a lot of different things and was specifically looking at township zoning regulations and concerns of what a data center would negatively do to the surrounding community. She was able to talk to a professor who has researched how the environment and visibility within it effects our physical and mental well-being. She has also stated how challenging it has been for all parties involved and has been praying for a positive outcome.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Darlene White 4848 N Cole St. who has stated if this data center goes in, which would be directly against their property and they will have to move due to her husband and son being veterans and would not be able to handle the noise. She would also like to know who is going to regulate the sound of this place if it does go in.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated that would have to be decided at a later time if the project moves forward.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Don Morris 3471 Providence Circle who thinks the 3 trustees should vote to take a stand against the Data Center to let the board of appeals know how they feel on the matter.

Legal Counsel Huffman explained the township Trustees are to not influence or attempt to influence the board of zoning appeals and that would be illegal according to ORC.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Jeff and Hunter Reprogie 4255 N Cole St who just bought a place within the past year and would never have done so if he had known the possibility for a data center. He wanted to voice his opinion of his opposition. Hunter asked about the processes that would be needed to outlaw data centers they way windmills?

Trustee Basinger answered some of his questions and explained how the board of appeals process will work, he also stated those are two different situations comparing the windmills to the rezoning for data centers.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Shrider 1357 Irvin Rd. stated that the flooding that would be caused at his property is an extreme amount and this whole thing has caused extreme stress for many local residents and is upset with AEDG.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Tim Piper 1337 Berry Rd. who stated that he feels Inspector Bishop sounds like an advocate for this project. He also stated that there are currently very few guidelines on the zoning regulations if the data center is approved.

Privilege of the floor was granted to John Groom 1095 W Bluelick who wants to know if the residents will find out the dimensions of these buildings at the hearing. Zoning Inspector Bishop stated that Yes, a slide show will be presented on Wednesday night covering these things.

The regular meeting was postponed for executive session.

The regular meeting was resumed.

Trustee Mohler would like to make a motion to accept a proposal from Aetna Health Insurance and Delta Dental through Stolly Insurance Services with the agent of record being Jordan Martin for the 2025 Health and Dental Insurance Plans. The plan will be at about a 33% decrease from 2024 rates, which would be a huge savings to the township.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee to enter an agreement with Aetna Health Insurance and Delta Dental through Stolly Insurance Services as the Townships Broker for 2025 American Township Health Insurance Providers. Roll call, all yes.

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

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Chairman