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

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to accept the minutes of the reorganizational meeting January 2, 2024. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler 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 Lydia Archambo who represent the ASWCD. She discussed the contract between American Township and ASWCD for the 2025 calendar year. She also stated some of the different benefits ASWCD has to offer within the township and the county. She also explained some of the educational activities she does throughout the county at different schools. She then gave some of the minor changes that will be made for the 2025 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 2025 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 Mary Caldwell 1910 Brookhaven who wanted to thanks the road department for the cleanup of a tree in her neighborhood.

Privilege of the floor granted to Becky Streeter 1604 State Rd. who wanted to know if the reports given by herself and some of the other residents siting noise issues with a data center may not have been clarified correctly by Zoning Inspector Bishop or the legal counsel representing the developer. She also wanted to know how the legal counsel for the developer had access to the video her group presented. Legal Counsel Huffman explained that everything submitted to the board becomes public record.

Fiscal Officer Overholt reported that the total mileage of township road responsibility for 2025 to be at 69.268 miles and would like a motion to accept the mileage. He would also like motions for our LEADS data analyst Natalie Bartlett to be hired at a rate of $20/hr and finally to reinstate OAPFF 457 for deferred comp plan.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to certify and accept the 2025 township total road mileage of 69.268 miles. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to contract Natalie Bartlett at $20 per hour for all LEADS paperwork for the Police Department for the 2025 calendar year. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Harmon to reinstate the OAPFF 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for 2025. Roll call, all yes.

Zoning Inspector Bishop stated his monthly report for the end of December 2024 and the first half of January of 2025 along with the full report for 2024. The board of appeals has an upcoming meeting on Jan. 16th and also another one that will be coming from Tom Ahl for some signage. The zoning commission has made some updates for medical and/or adult use of marijuana. Also, notifications no longer need posted in The Lima News and he will be working on a plan to get these on the website when applicable. He also stated he has a few developers working with regional planning on housing construction within the township that he will continue to monitor and make sure all is compliant. He also has a proposal for 2025 fees for permits that he would like the trustees to look over before approving at the next meeting. Lastly, he needs resolutions for re appointment of 5-year terms for Merle Miller to the Zoning Commission and Tim Piper for Zoning Appeals both running through 12/31/29

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Mohler to pass Resolution #01-132025 to reappointment of 5-year terms for Merle Miller to the Zoning Commission and Tim Piper for Zoning Appeals ending on 12/31/29. Roll call, all yes.

Road Superintendent Osting gave the road departments report for the fiscal year of 2024, along with the January of 2025 thus far this year. He also went on to explain some projects within the road department along with needs for some minor equipment the department plans on purchasing in fiscal year 2025.

Police Chief Haines stated the department statistics for the month of December and the entire year of 2024. He would also like to leave Spectrum for internet services and go to TSC instead, which would be a large upgrade to the township for internet speed at the same cost we are currently paying Spectrum. Finally, he would like to have the ability for he and his officers to become constables for providing mutual aid to other departments. The Trustees want to digest and look over this more before making any decision yet.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Mohler to use TSC as internet providers for the township house. Roll call, all yes.

Fire Chief Hadding stated the statistics for the entire 2024 year. He also stated some of the donations the department has received thus far in 2025.

Legal Counsel Huffman stated a third payment has come from Jon Sickles for reimbursement to the township fire department from a retention bonus owed.

Trustee Basinger stated that all employees should have received their second insurance card in the mail.

Trustee Mohler would like to remind the Trustees to get their employee evaluations completed so they can get that finished in the next few weeks.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Ross Harmon, Chairman