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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2025. Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Dave Streeter 1640 W State Rd who is concerned about the CRA the county commissioners and AEDG are pushing for the American Industrial Park area relating to tax abatements. Like all of the concerned community members the Trustees stated they are not involved with this either and nothing they can do at this point.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mike Shrider 1357 Irvin Rd. who would like to know why the board of appeals didn’t listen to them at all and gave the company purchasing the land basically everything they wanted. He felt that it seemed to him and others that they had already made up their mind on allowing this project to go through without any consideration of residents request or opposition into consideration.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Terry Tschour 475 Farmdale would like to know who decides the tax abatements and the Trustees stated that it was up to the county commissioners.

Privilege of the floor was granted to Heather Davis 3554 Cole St. stated she would like everyone to know that community members can reach out to the county commissioners and would encourage all to do so on the American Industrial Park issue.

Road Superintendent Osting stated that he is working on the 2025 Road Program finalizing where funds will best be spent. He is also continuing to talk with other townships on working together to get the best pricing for some of the projects planned for the year. He also has upcoming hearings for the Stevick Rd and Dutch Hollow Petition Ditch projects. Finally, he would like to know how to go about a wreck that happened to the old part of Greenlawn Cemetery that took out some fencing. He and the Trustees discussed some different options that will be presented to the insurance companies. Fiscal Officer Overholt mentioned fencing in the southeast corner of the township along with between the salt storage and police garage. Mr. Osting is going to look into pricing for that to add both at the township house.

Police Chief Haines stated some of the upcoming training that he and his officers are attending this upcoming spring. He also gave the department statistics for the month of January.

Fire Chief Hadding stated he terminated Michael Carl 2/20/25 for improper use of time according to ATFD Policy. He would also like to hire Jeff Weaver as his replacement with a starting date of 2/28/25. He stated that Andrew Follas is working on a Facebook page for the township along with Mr. Bishop. Finally, ATFD received $9741.54 from the Moose Lodge for their 1st quarter pledge and wanted to thank them for their continued support!

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to accept the termination of Michael Carl effective 2/20/25. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Harmon second by Trustee Basinger to hire Jeff Weaver to the ATFD effective 2/28/25. Roll call, all yes.

Trustee Basinger stated there is another group in Allen County called Regional Planning and stated there is a disconnect between them and AEDG and he would encourage community members to possibly reach out to them as well on the American Industrial Park concerns.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Ross Harmon, Chairman