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

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Basinger to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2021. Roll call, all yes.

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

Privilege of the floor was granted to Mary Caldwell of Brookhaven Dr. who is concerned about Edgewood Rentals by her house that need some updates. Keith will look into this when he returns.

Road Superintendent Holmes discussed the water issue on Fraunfelter Rd. and stated that Allen County Soil and Water is going to take care of those issues so we do not need to worry about that as a township. He also discussed the possibility of looking into a new truck for 2022 because of the extended waiting time that most companies are announcing

Police Chief Haines got some quotes on a new police pickup truck and would like to move forward in getting something finalized so we can get a truck by mid-2022 at a cost of up to $60,000. He also stated the department was awarded $1870 in grants bullet proof vest. Finally, he would like to confirm the promotion of Aaron Smith to fulltime officer starting 10/21/21 and would like to hire Megan Flowers at $16/hr to fill his spot as a part time police officer.

Motion by Trustee Basinger second by Trustee Vandemark to hire Aaron Smith as a full-time police officer for American Township as of 10/31/21 with all rates and benefits as stated at the last meeting. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Mohler second by Trustee Vandemark to hire Megan Flowers as a part time police officer beginning 11/1/21 at a rate of $16/hr. Roll call, all yes.

Motion by Trustee Vandemark second by Trustee Mohler to purchase a new police truck at a total of $60,000 or less through Reineke Family Dealership. Roll call, all yes.

Fire Chief Hadding stated that he has finalized the testing for promotions within the department and will be promoting Lee Rosengarten to Battalion Chief and Blake Neu as Lieutenant.

Trustee Mohler stated that he is looking at the insurance options for 2022 and will get back with the trustees on what he feels is best for the township. He also wanted them to look into the different options so all opinions can be discussed within executive session at a future meeting.

Trustee Basinger stated he is in contact with the Village of Elida on the East Rd project and is hoping to keep those residents who are also in the township up to date with the project moving forward. The village has said they will have some type of formal meeting for residents to attend.

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

Sincerely,

Brady Overholt, Fiscal Officer Paul Basinger, Chairman