**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF** **ALLEGIANCE:** Monday, January 20, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Alainna Janzen – Clerk, Emily Christner – Treasurer, Steve Jones – Trustee were present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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| Motion was made and seconded to approve December 16, 2024 meeting minutes. | **VOTE 3:0 For** |
| Motion was made and seconded to approve December 30, 2024 meeting minutes. | **VOTE 3:0 For** |

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

Finalization of Cemetery Rules & Regulations.

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| Motion was made and seconded to add Adopt Cemetery Rules & Regulations to Board Business. | **VOTE 3:0 For** |

Welcome to Emily Christner, new treasurer.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Financial Report –– Beginning Balance: $424,430.05 – Cleared Transactions: $169,957.39 – Ending Balance: $282,251.17.

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| Motion was made and seconded to approve January vouchers | **VOTE 3:0 For** |

**TRUSTEE’S REPORT:**

 No report.

**OVERSEER’S REPORT:**

See website.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

1. Discuss possible fines for illegal trash dumping. Fines are already established in Butler County ordinances, but Township could offer reward for anyone who aids in the conviction of illegal dumpers. Without eyewitnesses, law enforcement is limited in their ability to enforce and follow leads.

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| Motion was made and seconded to add to board business, “Institute rewards in the amount of $50-$500 at the board’s discretion for witnesses who aid in the conviction of illegal dumpers.” | **VOTE 3:0 For** |

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of Cemetery Rules & Regulations **VOTE 3:0**
2. Institute rewards in the amount of $50-$500 at the board’s discretion for witnesses who aid in the conviction of illegal dumpers  **VOTE 3:0**

**CITIZEN DISCUSSION:**

1. Richard Ringwall, spokesperson for Paul’s Valley II subdivision and the roads Queen’s Lace, Thistle, Goldenrod & 152nd, spoke about the advantage of chipseal over other paving solutions, and noted that with maintenance covered by the Township in perpetuity, citizens paying a one-time fee of half the cost to chip seal is a good deal.
2. Myrna Atkinson wanted to know how many miles the Township budgeted to chipseal. Trustee Jones and Clerk Janzen replied that they planned for 6-8 miles.
3. LaDonna Johnson asked what Butler County is doing in-house. She stated her opinion that they are wasting money on expensive equipment.
4. Nancy Swick wanted to know next steps for Queen’s Lace and the other roads in Paul’s Valley II to be chip sealed. The Board replied that Richard Ringwall, as the subdivision representative, would be sent a copy of the Chip Seal Agreement, which the residents and Board will execute, and makes provisions for payment from citizens to be secured. The deadline for this form is in May, and chip sealing takes place in the summer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.