

# JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2021**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, April 12, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:		Present	Absent
Michael Moyer	Trustee President	X	
Ryan Hodson	Trustee Vice President	X	
Randall DeVilbiss	Trustee	X	
Elizabeth Kozarec	Fiscal Officer	X	
TOWNSHIP STAFF:			
Chief Jeff Erisman	Chief of Farmersville Fire Dept.	X	
Chief Jon Schade	Chief of Jackson Twp. Police		X
Doug Pohl	Road Superintendent		X

**VISITORS:** Representative Rodney Creech, Mr. Henson Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Joy Plymyer, Mr. Jimmy Peters, Mrs. Pattie Smith

## VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Joy Plymyer Stiver's Cemetery update. The Plymyers continue to work most weekends at the cemetery. During phase 1 they routinely located unexposed headstones and footstones. The layout of the cemetery continually offers us more clues and even more questions and puzzles to solve and has truly been a fascinating project. We have started on phase 2 which is to reset unbroken headstones, last week we successfully reset a 30" x 12" tablet; we used crushed limestone to pack the headstone so it is sturdy, level and secure. Mrs. Plymyer passed around pictures of the newly set headstone. Of course, land changes and shifts throughout the seasons and years but hopefully the resetting of this headstone will last another 100 years. Jim purchased more D2, the headstone spray, that is approved by cemetery restoration professionals to aid in cleaning headstones and make them more readable once again. Once it is sprayed on the headstone, over time the headstone becomes more and more legible. Of course, the cemetery has many different types of material and we have noticed that some clean better than others. Although we will always continue with phase 1, phase 2 will aid and ease in the mowing and get some initial headstones upright once again. We have also posted a sign at Stiver's Cemetery listing an email address for interested citizens to contact us: the email address [StiversCemeteryInfo@gmail.com](mailto:StiversCemeteryInfo@gmail.com). Any questions, tonight? There were no questions but Mr. Moyer and the rest of the trustees thanked the Plymyers for all their hard work and due diligence.
- Representative Creech: stated that the state house is hard at work and he is currently in his third month. He has enjoyed the learning curve and said we have a great group of people representing our state. Anything you need, please call him, he is here to work for us and is happy to do it. He looks forward to having a year under his belt to feel more comfortable with his role.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 8, 2021, Regular Meeting:** Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM March 9, 2021 THROUGH April 12, 2021:** Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$244,635.03**. Mr. DeVilbiss motioned to approve and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

**FIRE: Chief Erisman:**

- Chief Erisman showed an article in the Our Ohio Magazine a part of the Ohio Farm Bureau that has to do with broadband that is in legislation for rural communities where you can apply for a grant to get broadband internet services. Chief Erisman asked Rep. Creech if he had anything to add? Rep. Creech stated it is House Bill 2; when COVID hit it went from a problem to huge issue with adults and kids alike trying to work and attend school from home. He explained that the way HB2 works is let’s say it will cost the broadband company \$1 million dollars to provide internet to an area but the company will only make \$750,000 from that installation. The state will cover the difference between the installation cost and their expected revenue. In this case it would be \$250,000. He feels it is a great thing for the entire state and will be needed more and more as time passes. Mr. DeVilbiss asked if this was being pushed more towards the SE part of the state? Rep. Creech stated he had not heard that, he has been asked how soon is it coming and he does not know who they will pick first and believes that will come down to politics. Mr. Hodson brought up the situation of Elon Musk putting satellite internet in and expects it to be worldwide by the end of 2021. He stated he will share information with anyone that would like it; it can be pre-ordered.
- Chief Erisman stated that he is still in the process of trying to get the equipment he was trying to get with COVID money.
- A good problem he is currently having is too many on his roster, there are currently 31 and normally they try to keep 30. Usually run between 20-25; he has 6 new hires in class. He is going to have to purchase some turnout gear for some of these new hires. He put in for a grant and was awarded it and it will pay for three sets of gear. Has another grant in for a grass truck – new truck would allow the firefighters to stay in the truck and do ground sweep – currently, they have to get out of the truck and use a hose.

- We may have seen different medics at the station – he has some demo’s coming in and would like order a new medic in the next couple months. Problem is it takes about 10 months from placing to receiving orders. New medic costs about \$250,000.

**POLICE: Mr. Moyer (reading Chief Schade’s report)**

- Motion to accept the resignation of Officer Karen Perez effective 03/20/2021. Officer Perez was hired as a full-time officer at Moraine City. Motion made by Mr. DeVilbiss Seconded by: Mr. Hodson.

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

- The drone should be delivered soon. There has been huge demand for this model. Shipping and part shortages have also impacted the delivery.
- Three juveniles have been charged with burglary. The charges stem from a report received in December, 2020.
- The new thermal image is in service.
- We’ve seen significant increase in domestic violence and OVI crashes in 2021.

**ROAD: Mr. DeVilbiss (reading Mr. Pohl’s report)**

- Road and Service department has been working at the Park. The items being completed consist of: repairing the parking lot, grinding and moving dirt, cutting out and grading for blacktop at the baseball fields and at the pool. Clean up and mowing of the Park grounds.
- They have been working on grading Anthony Rd., as well as, repairing potholes on all roads.
- There was cleanup required due to dumping on Anthony Rd.
- We were able to purchase a 1992 Legboy Paver and Berm maintainer from the City of Vandalia for \$5,000. New this equipment was more than \$100,000.
- All surplus was sold on GovDeals.
- There was a tree down at 5:00 p.m. on Swartzel Rd. on Friday April 9, 2021 which required us to close the road temporarily while it was removed.

**PARK:**

- Mr. Moyer attended the Park Board Mtg. they want to open the pool but the state has not put out their new restrictions yet. Mr. Moyer asked if the Park had contacted the Road Dept. about helping with repairs at the pool, Mr. DeVilbiss stated no – they had a contractor but has backed out due to more problems than originally thought.
- They are getting ready to spend the \$25,000 grant that will make the ballfields more handicap accessible. Should be done the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.
- Mrs. Kozarec asked whether she should pay the for the Public Health License since they do not know if the pool would be open. Mr. Moyer asked that she contact Public Health and see what our options are – Mrs. Kozarec will take care of that this week.

**ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker**

**ZONING:** 11597 Dayton Farmersville looks good!!! He worked hard to get it cleaned up and we did not have to go back to court. He is still planning to remove the carport but the debris is cleaned up.

1438 Guntle Road is a violation, I have sent three letters so far this year, I have not heard anything from the owner and there have not been any improvements. This property has also been in violation for many years. Do we want to look into Criminally Charging the owner? I have emailed Nathaniel Peters about skipping the abatement process and I'm waiting on his reply.

I have a Conditional Use case on April 13, 2021 for Kathleen Bowser and the Sears family at 14609 Farmersville-Gratis Road. They just want to split off the house and the out building from the farm land.

**REFUSE:** Everything seems to be going well.

**IWORQ:** Everything is good.

**SENIOR CENTER:** Tax appointments are done!

- I have emailed and called Jane at Sign Connection about our sign but I have not gotten an answer yet. She said she was going to find out what is going on and get back to me. I will keep emailing and calling her until I get an answer.
- SIGN RULES-Who can put information on the sign? What can be put on the sign? When should the sign be turned off in the evening so it does not bother people who live close? Who will have access to change the sign?
- The toilets at the Township building are flushing on their own and are becoming a problem. We would like to go back to MSD and ask them to put manual flushers on the toilets or FIX the toilets properly (they have been here many times to try and fix them) because we are concerned about them flushing and running all the time. This is also a concern at the park since no one there consistently we want to ask them to put manual flushers on those. In addition, we would like to ask for a refund for the parts that do not work properly. Mr. Moyer requested that Mrs. Hamaker write a formal letter – which Mr. Moyer will sign – explaining the issues and what we expect to occur in order to make things right. Mrs. Kozarec stated she would work with Mrs. Hamaker to get this done.

**FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec**

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec brought up the letter from McGohan-Brabender (our insurance broker) regarding additional supplemental services available at a cost of \$1,500. The services were minimal and not required in Mrs. Kozarec's opinion. She stated that after researching this , it does not look like we have ever purchased the additional services. Mr. Moyer made motion to not purchase the product offered by McGohan-Brabender, Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

- Mrs. Kozarec stated that three officers have taken advantage of the \$250 vaccine incentive; she asked if the Trustees would like to include all employees in this incentive? Mr. Hodson made motion to include all employees and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

**RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:**

- **2021-06 – Appropriations Maintenance for Accounts: Gasoline Tax, Road Dept., Permissive Motor Vehicle & License tax, Park.** Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-06 and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

- **2021-07 – Revenue Maintenance – to General, Road, Refuse, Police, North and South Fire, Park, Pool and Cares Act.** M. DeVilbiss made motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed

VOTE:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Moyer stated that the new stimulus money that came out (*American Rescue Plan’s State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund*) they inadvertently left the townships out of the distribution. And now the township associations are fighting to get it back. Mr. Moyer saw a list put out by the Montgomery County Township Association (MCTA) of what money we could possibly get which is between \$1.1 million and \$1.4 million. If received, the money can be used for anything like infrastructure, repairs, etc. and can be spent up to 2024. Rep. Creech said they will be discussing this once they are back in session.
- The other item Mr. Moyer had was the selling of cars and/or trailers in your front yard all the time. Our zoning rules state you can only do that twice a year like a garage sale. Mr. DeVilbiss said he believes it is 4 or 5 days twice a year. Mr. Moyer has Mrs. Hamaker working on sending letter to three current offenders of this zoning rule and is hoping to have letters sent out by next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

**Mr. Moyer:** None

**Mr. Hodson:** The JEDD committee needs all four entities to have a representative attend the next meeting which is the official meeting which will put everything in place. It is currently scheduled for May 5, 2021. Mr. Moyer said he can go if Mr. Hodson cannot attend.

**Mr. DeVilbiss:** None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** the meeting was made by Mr. DeVilbiss and seconded by Mr. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

Signed by:

Attested by:

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Michael Moyer, President

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Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer