

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

Regular Meeting

June 8, 2021

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, July 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: Carol Grubb, James & Joy Plymyer, Tracey Edwards, Phillip and Diana Coffman, Darren Eby, Mike and Jan McClaughlin, Daryl Weller

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mrs. Joy Plymyer gave an update on the Stiver Cemetery. This month they completed the restoration of the Abraham Swartzel Sr. and Elizabeth Swartzel monument. The iron fencing has been repaired, leveled and installed. They also reset the headstones to Henry Gingrich and Jacob Beck both had been found in the grass and covered in dirt. She reminded that the methods they are using to restore will not cause any future harm; everything they do can be undone if needed. Mr. Hodson stated he has looked into several different avenues to get some appropriate signage made and installed at the cemetery. He said he is still researching and definitely has plans to make sure one is installed.

Mrs. Diana Coffman and Darren Eby are owners of the land/drive access to the Stiver Cemetery. The bridge on this road/drive/access is in terrible shape, Mr. Eby stated that Mr. Pohl has pictures and information regarding the severity of this damage; in addition, the entrance of this road onto Preble County Line is very dangerous due to lack of visibility. The Trustees, as well as Mr. Pohl, confirmed this problem. Mr. Eby suggested that he and the Township work together financially to put in a better access – both allowing Mr. Eby access to his home and the Township/visitors to the Stiver Cemetery. After much discussion, Mr. DeVilbiss stated that he and Mr. Pohl have been working with our County Attorney to see what, if any, we can do about this access road/lane; just this morning he received an email from our Attorney stating, among other things, that is illegal for a Township to accept private funds for this project. In addition, Mr. Moyer stated that the laws have changed dramatically since this access road/lane was put into use in the 1800's and we have to make sure the new road/access is up to the new code required. The Trustees stated that they plan on doing something to update the access road but are not sure yet what the

requirement will be and being that this is “government” it will not be a fast process. Mr. Eby stated that he is concerned about the safety of his family entering onto Preble County Line Rd. from this lane and would most likely take care of getting his lane moved more quickly for private use to his home. The Trustees understood and did not blame him for wanting to get his lane moved. The stated they will continue to work on having the access road/bridge repaired or possibly moved and will keep in the loop of any future developments.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 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 MINUTES FROM June 27, 2021, Special Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. DeVilbiss motioned to approve and Mr. Hodson 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 June 9, 2021 through July 12, 2021: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$262,028.99**. Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

FIRE:

- Mr. DeVilbiss said he reached out to the County Commissioners to see if we can help out with our Fire Department to receive some of the ARP money. Because our Fire Department is an association, private company, they are not eligible for the ARP money – we were trying to see if there was a way we could accept the money from Montgomery County and give/donate it to our Fire Department to put towards the purchase of a new medic. The prosecutor stated that IF there was a concern with this donation it would be that if we gave the money to the Fire Department and they spent it on something other than what we authorized it for; Mr. DeVilbiss does not see this happening but said that was the concern the Prosecutor mentioned.

POLICE: Mr. Moyer for Chief Schade

- Officer Jacobsen has resigned his position as a part time officer. Cody was recently hired by the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. Motion to approve the resignation of Officer Jacobsen was made by Mr. Hodson and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- Chief Schade has applied for a Federal Grant for body cameras. The requested amount is \$20,000. It is a 1:1 grant and he hopes to know something within 60 days. It is similar to the BVP grant.
- The drone will be here on July 22 and there will be training on the 22 and 23. He expects it to be operational on July 23.
- He is currently developing a Retention Bonus Program for the current staff. He has also offered a \$250 bonus to any officer who successfully recruits a new police officer
- Most of the components for the video conferencing system are here. Expecting it to be installed and functional soon. This is the equipment purchased with CARES, Act money.
- The new Tahoe has been marked, just awaiting the new equipment and installation before it goes into service.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Mr. Pohl has been working on getting a flashing light at Hemple and Clayton Road Capital Electric quote was \$24,657.31 and still waiting on quote from Security Fence. We are also waiting to see what the quote will be from DP&L on getting electric to the light.
- He has a quote on cutting back the trees on Hemple Rd. east of Venus. Collins Tree Care quoted \$5,000 and would be a project to do in the Fall.
- Mr. Pohl stated that Kramer and Assoc. is working on getting a grant to get Clayton Rd. repaved and resurfaced, as well as some pipe work from Dayton-Farmersville Rd. down to Manning Rd.
- Finished the crack seal and center lines on Mile Rd. and Chicken Bristle Rd. and continuing to work on Rhoades Rd. to get it ready for chip seal hopefully at the end of the month.
- Had some dumping on Venus Rd. and continue to do maintenance on Township Roads as required.
- Mr. Moyer asked wen the bids would go out for the 2nd phase of Havermale Rd.? Mr. Pohl stated he has not received a date yet.

PARK:

- Mr. Weller stated that he published a copy of last month’s meeting minutes; Mr. Hodson and Mr. Moyer both stated they received those copies.
- Everything has been status quo since that meeting. The pool has been doing fair.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: 1438 Guntle Road is a violation, I have sent four 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. Mr. Howard did not show up for his court date and another date was set for July 20, 2021.

Currently working on a lot split for 15334 Lower Gratis Road. There will be two lots split off for Mr. Goley's children to build homes.

REFUSE: Getting ready to send out late letters; Assessment letters will also be sent out by August 1, 2021.

IWORQ: Everything is good.

SENIOR CENTER: Everything is good.

The new sign is working GREAT!!!!

Picnic tables have been delivered for the park They just need to be put together – Mr. Hodson stated that he believes Mr. Weller and Mr. Cordell plan to put those together; Mr. Weller confirmed this information.

Andrew Steward has decided to resign from the board of Appeals. I have not received an official resignation letter from Andrew but he did call and let me know his wishes.

Most of the equipment for the meeting room has been delivered; we are waiting for the company to set up a time to install.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec wanted to bring attention to the Appropriations Accounts and explained that within the 2171 (Pool) Accounts for operating supplies, rentals, maintenance, etc. for the pool are separated and can give a better picture of the expenses incurred for each. She stated the Pool income will decrease as patrons use their passes more.
- Both levies have been submitted to the Board of Elections and should be good to be on the November ballot. These are the Additional North Fire Tax and the Renewal of the Police Levy.
- This past Friday I applied for the American Rescue Plan Act money; our maximum is \$280,313.83 which would be received over two years. There are some restrictions on how to use this money but they do not seem to be as strict as the CARES, Act money we received last year.

RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:

- **2021-14** – Appropriation Maintenance for the Park – specifically the concession stand operational expenses. Since this is the first year with the separate accounts it was unknown how much money actually needed to be budgeted. This will move money from the “599 account Other” into the Operational Expenses Concession. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-14 and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: JEDD meeting is July 22, 2021 on a Thursday, He stated he ran into someone that is part of a JEDD and he suggested we find out, that if this goes into effect, where can we deposit the money? Can it go into a separate account or does it have to go into the General Fund? Mr. Moyer will ask that at the next meeting. Our attorney has checked the contract and sees no issues with said contract.

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: Introduced some visitors from Jefferson Township. Mr. McClaughlin is a Jefferson Township Trustee, his wife, Jan and Tracey Edwards their Fiscal Officer.

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. DeVilbiss and seconded by Mr. Moyer, meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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

Signed by:

Attested by:

Ryan Hodson, Vice President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer