

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
August 9, 2021**

49 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville, Ohio 45325

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Mr. Ryan Hodson, Trustee Vice President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, August 9, 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 | |
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| 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: Mr. Jeff Dondero and Mr. Steve Mersch with the Germantown Lions Club, and Mrs. Joy Plymyer.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mrs. Joy Plymyer gave an update on the Stiver Cemetery. This month they reset the headstone and footstone of Elizabeth Ann Swartzel granddaughter of Abraham Swartzel. Her headstone was still in place but leaning; they located her footstone. It was common in that era to have both a head and footstone. The footstone usually just has the initials carved near the top of the footstone. The Plymyers want to bring to the Trustees attention of a possibility through the Ohio History Connection which could help pay for signage or better access to the cemetery, it is a matching donation and have brought the information for their review. Jim would be able to help write the proposal as he is skilled in this area. Deadline is September 15. Mr. Hodson thanked the Plymyers for all the work they are doing with the Stiver Cemetery.

Mr. Mersch stated he was with the Germantown Lions and was representing the Twisted Pretzel Tour. The routes will be the same as in the past and wanted to let us know there will be a break spot at the Farmersville Pool which the Farmersville Rotary is running. Routes will come through town and will cross Farmersville Pike twice and wanted to know if the officers were able to help them again with traffic at those intersections. Mr. Hodson said they would be able to as long as the officer on duty did not receive a call or have to be somewhere else. Chief Schade stated his concern is with the bicyclists and how they don't obey traffic laws which is putting themselves and others in danger. He feels it is only a matter of time before there is a terrible accident with one of the riders, he asked Mr. Mersch to stress to his participants that they have to follow all traffic laws and stop at all stop signs. Discussion continued between Mr. Mersch and Chief Schade regarding instances where riders don't stop at stop signs and ways to make sure the Lions Club emphasizes that the traffic laws must be obeyed.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting: Mr. Hodson 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 |
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| Mr. DeVilbiss | X | | | |
| Mr. Hodson | X | | | |
| Mr. Moyer | | | | X |

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM July 13, 2021 through August 9, 2021: Mr. Hodson asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$267,680.88**. Mr. DeVilbiss motioned to approve and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- The Chicken Barbecue was well attended and we had a memorial service where we read 22 names which included the community members we lost in 2020 and 2021.
- FABA is currently planning on hosting a Mystery Dinner Theater on October 17, 2021.
- Approximately 6 or 7 months ago the Insurance Service of Ohio came to inspect the Department’s records, look at all accounting records, equipment records and use this information to rate our department. Our rating stayed where it has been which is a 3 – this is great because 95% of departments in Ohio are at a 6 or above (smaller the number the better). Chief Erisman said after reviewing the report there are a couple of things he is going to try to change to get us to a 2 – it will be hard because there are some things we will not be able to do – for instance, we missed a section because we do not have a ladder truck – we do not need one; due to this we received a .5 out of a 5 on this section.
- On Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Chief Erisman will be meeting with employees from Kettering Medical Center. Our community is losing the doctor’s office and he wants to talk to them about making sure we have a doctor in town and the possibility of them buying the Valley View Junior High as a sort of small hospital for this area. There are no small emergency hospitals west of Miamisburg until you get to Eaton. He would also like to see them consider a senior housing development on the eight acres that is also part of that facility.
- Mr. DeVilbiss gave an update regarding our Trustees attempting to get the Fire Department some money from Montgomery County; it is still in process – seems to be one step forward and two steps back. Chief Erisman asked that when Mr. DeVilbiss is speaking to the employees at the County to reiterate this is the American Rescue Plan dollars and not the CARES, Act as this money is no longer available.

POLICE: Chief Schade

- The drone is now in service. Sgt. Bruner and Chief Schade completed 16 hours of in-service training. Due to insurance requirements Sgt. Bruner is working towards his 107 license. He said the drone will save a lot of time when doing scale crash diagrams. Before it would take hours reconstructing traffic crash diagrams and now they can just use the drone to go 100 feet and take a picture.
- There was an injury crash on August 4, 2021 at the intersection of Farmersville-Johnsville and Chicken Bristle Road. A northbound car attempted to turn west onto Chicken Bristle and failed to yield to an oncoming SUV. Both parties were transported to the hospital.
- Clay, German and Jackson Township are developing a system where specially selected officers can assist partner agencies during personnel shortage to sustain continuous service. There are several different pathways available to make this happen. We are awaiting an opinion from the Prosecutor’s Office on the best way to make this a reality.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Finished repairs on Rhoades Rd. and it is now ready for chip seal.
- The department has been busy maintaining roadways, pot hole repair and mowing.
- Installed a convex mirror on Preble County Line Rd. at the Stiver Cemetery entrance to help with the hidden drive and limited visibility.
- Mr. Pohl asked that the Trustees approve a resolution for Kramer to submit application for Public Works Commission money to use on Clayton Rd. He would like to go with the lowest estimate which would be \$599,027.50 with us being responsible for \$50,000.

Resolution 2021-17 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JACKSON TOWNSHIP TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to accept Resolution 2021-17 and Mr. Hodson Seconded. Motion passed.

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

PARK: No Report

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: 1438 Guntle Road is in violation, court on July 20 went well, July 23 Mr. Howard brought one vehicle to the office to show me it is running and tagged properly. Mr. Howard called and asked that I come and look at the progress and said he has removed four vehicles. The vehicles are all running and tagged properly.

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. Zoning board meets for this split on August 10, 2021.

REFUSE: Final notice letters were sent out on July 30, 2021. Balance must be paid by August 15, if the account is not paid it will be sent for assessment.

IWORQ: Everything is good.

SENIOR CENTER: Everything is good.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec said we received our American Rescue Plan Act money of \$140,156.92. She asked if the Trustees would like to approve the same committee which would be in charge on how to properly and equally spend this money as there are requirements to be met. Mrs. Kozarec said the committee would be the same as those that were part of the CARES, Act committee: Chief Schade, Mr. Pohl, Mrs. Hamaker and Mrs. Kozarec. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to approve the committee and Mr. Hodson Seconded. Motion Passed.

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

- Mrs. Kozarec explained that Mrs. Annie Sizemore’s, Pool Manager, pay was originally set up without any overtime; since she does not have an Asst. Manager this year she has been putting in a lot of overtime. Mrs. Kozarec reached out to our Prosecuting Attorney to verify that we are required to pay her overtime – Mr. Nathaniel Peterson did confirm this information. Mrs. Kozarec included all of Mrs. Sizemore’s timesheets and stated that we owe her for 127 hours at an additional \$7.50/per hour. She was already paid her hourly rate for these hours but now needs the additional overtime of ½ her hourly rate per hour. Mrs. Kozarec also stated that Mrs. Sizemore has no idea about this situation – she has not come nor contacted Mrs. Kozarec; it was just found by Mrs. Kozarec.

RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:

2021-15 – Revenue and Appropriation Maintenance for Account 2273 American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-15, Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion.

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

2021-16 –Appropriation Maintenance for Account 2171 Pool Concession.

Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-16, Mr. DeVilbiss Seconded. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: Absent

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

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 |
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| Mr. DeVilbiss | X | | | |
| Mr. Hodson | X | | | |
| Mr. Moyer | | | | X |

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer