

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
November 8, 2021**

49 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville, Ohio 45325

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, November 8, 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

SWEARING IN OF NEW PART-TIME OFFICER: Chief Schade asked Officer Turney to introduce himself. Officer Turney stated he is from Waynesville, OH, he is in the Army National Guard as well as a 12-Bravo Combat Engineer. He is 23 years old and looks forward to working at Jackson Township. Mr. Hodson thanked him for his service. Chief Schade did the honor of swearing in new part-time officer, Jonathen Turney. Chief Schade stated he is excited to add Officer Turney will become part of the part-time staff once he completes his training hours. Officer Turney and Officer Creech were in the Academy together and he looks forward to having both on staff.

VISITORS: Mrs. Joy Plymyer, Mr. Joe Holderman

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mrs. Plymyer stated this past month she and her husband reset four headstones: George Yost, infant sons Bechtold, Chester Cleveland Russell and Benjamin Staber. Mrs. Plymyer stated that Bechtold's headstone had broken but the base was still underground. Her brother-in-law was able to wet saw the headstone that it fit in the base. This is another technique they learned in the Cemetery Conservation Class. She once again thanked Doug Pohl and Steve Burnett for the load of fresh limestone that helps them out tremendously. Mr. Moyer and Mr. Hodson both thanked her for their efforts in restoring our cemetery. Mrs. Kozarec stated that the plan to put all this information on the website is on hold until the entrance to the cemetery is updated and safer for drivers to exit. Mrs. Plymyer agreed with this decision.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 11, 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 October 12, 2021 through November 8, 2021: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$135,273.62** 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			

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- Chief Erisman asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the contract between Farmersville Fire Department and Jackson Township? Mr. DeVilbiss stated he did not have any questions, so far, but he is not completely done with the review. Mr. Moyer asked if it had been sent to our prosecuting attorney? Mr. DeVilbiss stated he can take care of that. Chief Erisman stated that if the Township approved it the Fire Dept. would pass a resolution in December.
- Chief Erisman stated he had an opportunity to go to Lyndhurst, NY, last week to look at a ladder truck – even though they don’t always need one. This truck will give the Fire Dept. five points on the ISO rating – right now they are 10 points away from being classified as a level 2 which is huge. The truck only had 24,000 miles, 238 hours on the pump. They have young men that have the specialized training and cannot always get Germantown’s ladder truck to use. It can still be used as a pumper. The purchase of this truck will allow them to sell two fire trucks which will save them on insurance and the sale of those trucks should equal the cost of the ladder truck which was \$60,000. He confirmed that the truck had passed all the recent testings and it also passed the five-year test that has everything to do with the base of the ladder. He does not expect it to be in service much before Christmas due to the training it will require.

POLICE: Chief Schade

- Chief stated that he thought we still needed to declare 2011 Dodge Charger as surplus – Mrs. Kozarec stated that was done at the September meeting.
- The new Tahoe is now ready for service – supply shortage is what created the delay.
- The department has responded to numerous car/deer crashes over the past two weeks.
- An ATV was stolen from a farm on Dechant Road. The property is vacant and has been subject to multiple thefts in the past. The victim refuses to properly secure items of value.
- A firearm was stolen by an unknown homeless male on 11/06/2021. The victim allowed the suspect in the residence after a party.
- Executive Session requested for personnel – at the end of the meeting.

ROAD: Mr. DeVilbiss for Mr. Pohl

- Needed three new lights on the front of the Township Building at 49 E. Walnut St. Found replacements for \$90/each.
- Striping is done on Chicken Bristle Rd.
- Completed dirt work behind guardrail on Lower Gratis Rd.
- Continue work on crack seal on Mile Rd.
- We responded to trees down on Venus, Chicken Bristle and Swartzel Roads.
- All the road, cemeteries and park mowing are complete for 2021.
- Repaired pot holes on Fuls and Havermale Rd.
- Cleaned up dumping on Lower Gratis and Chicken Bristle Roads.
- Dana Eby was our part-time help and he finished on 11-4-2021 for the year. Mr. Moyer stated this saves the township a lot of money having a part-time person mow the roads and the park.

PARK:

- Mr. Moyer stated that Farmersville Council contacted him and is interested in having another meeting to discuss Park and Park Board. There has been increased interest in hosting events at the park since the Booster Club had their Octoberfest and did well.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: Things are going well with zoning. Letters were sent out at the beginning of the month for violations. There is a small amount of progress at 3680 Fuls Rd. (Begley) although I did send another letter this month.

REFUSE: Things seem to be going well. A pick up is missed here and there but thankfully not as often as it has been in the past.

IWORQ: Everything is good.

SENIOR CENTER: Everything is good.

RECYCLE CENTER: Going well.

There is a need for a new member for the Zoning Board of Commission. Do you know of anyone who may be interested? Mrs. Kozarec stated that David O'Diam had mentioned he may be interested in being on the Zoning board a few months ago. Mr. Hodson stated he will give Mr. O'Diam a call and talk with him.

I have had calls from coaches/parents for Valley View team dinners and banquets to be hosted at the community center. I have booked them in past but it seems that these events can be held at the school. When we give the community center for these events we are losing money and we have no recourse if the organizers do not clean the facilities. We do not charge for these events. I know this is something that I should ask the Park Board but I wanted to know your thoughts, as well. Mr. Moyer asked if this was basketball? Mrs. Kozarec stated that it is multiple clubs and sports. They call and request the Community Center even though they can use the

school for free. We don't charge them, yet Chris Chalmers still has to clean it and if they don't do their required cleaning we don't have a deposit from them to keep. We allowed it last year because of COVID – but now the school is available. Mr. DeVilbiss stated that we should refer them to the school. Mr. Hodson said we may have to go with a deposit; Mr. Moyer stated we should do the same for the Farmersville Rotary.

Mr. Hodson stated they had a WRCG meeting; they had thought about rotating chair, vice-chair, secretary, etc. every year – the problem is that the work involved by having to go to the bank and change the approvals was not worth it. So, they decided to do it on a cycle of three-year which is the contract terms. Banking is currently being done at Huntington at Brookville; there was talk about moving it down here. Huntington does not charge WRCG any fees; in addition, First National Bank of Germantown does not charge any fees to German Township either.

Mrs. Kozarec said that maybe we should consider moving our account from U.S. Bank to First National Bank in Germantown. Mr. DeVilbiss asked what our fees are at US Bank. Mrs. Kozarec said we lose around \$75/month if not more. The fees are so convoluted that you cannot even decipher them or how to save money. For instance, if our pool puts money in the night deposit we are charged an extra fee. We have kept it because of convenience for Kristen and the pool because they deal with the cash. Trustees decided that we should look into moving our money.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec explained that she had received a property tax invoice from the County for Stiver Cemetery which included late fees. Since these invoices are all received in January she did research and realized we had not been invoiced since 2018. After calling both the County Treasurer office and the County Auditor's office it was determined that the County inadvertently changed the cemetery to a private owner (Lake of the Woods) and were sending the tax invoices to them. They have since corrected the issue and cleared our late account fees.
- Mrs. Kozarec asked that at the end of December the CARES, Act remaining money be paid back to the township to reimburse for the Administrative hours she has had to put into managing this money. Mr. Moyer made motion to approve putting the excess CARES Act money into the General Fund for Administrative Reimbursement and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- Mrs. Kozarec stated that the Anthem health care premium was going to have a 1% increase for next year and asked the Trustees if they wanted to continue with Anthem as the Health Care Provider. Mr. Hodson made motion to stay with Anthem and approve the 1% increase, Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion, Motion Passed.

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

- Mrs. Kozarec stated that the United Health Care (life insurance) premium was going to have NO change in premium for 2022, and asked the Trustees if they wanted to continue with United Health Care as the life insurance provider? Mr. Moyer made motion to stay with United Health Care, Mr. Hodson seconded the motion, Motion Passed.

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

RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:

2021-22 Road Department Renewal Levy Certification Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to approve Resolution 2021-22, Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion Passed

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

2021-23 Road Department Renewal Levy Determining to Proceed Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-23, Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion Passed

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

2021-24 Recreational (Park) Renewal Levy Certification Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-24, Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

2021-25 Recreational (Park) Renewal Levy Determining to Proceed Mr. Moyer stated that since the Park Board did not have a “quorum” for their last meeting to approve this to be put on the ballot he would like to **table** this resolution until next month. Both Mr. Hodson and Mr. DeVilbiss agreed.

2021-26 Approving the Valley View Joint Economic Development District Contract

Discussion: Mr. DeVilbiss stated the items brought up about the wrong ORC’s it seemed that it was still legally binding. Mr. Moyer stated that after the meeting the correct ORC appears 6 or 7 times; and there was only 1 wrong one. Mr. DeVilbiss then asked if it has to be approved in two weeks? Mr. Moyer stated he asked the attorney and she said No, but Mr. Moyer said he read in some of the paperwork.

Mr. Hodson made motion to approve Resolution 2021-26, Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion Passed

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

Mr. Moyer explained that the reason he abstained was because for a year and a half he has asked for more than a 10% for our township and it falls on deaf ears; he said he brings it up and others change the subject. He feels our township deserves more. Mr. Hodson stated that the people should decide. Mr. DeVilbiss stated that a few people work for the school and are on Trustees and Council members and it could be considered conflict of interest.

2021-27 Advancement of Funds (collected in 2022) Mr. Moyer made motion to approve Resolution 2021-27, Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion Passed

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: None

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

Mr. Joe Holderman came in late to the meeting and asked that our Trustees and Farmersville Council meet to discuss budget and possibility of a park manager. It was decided that Farmersville Council will come to our meeting before their meeting.

MOTION TO MOVE into Executive Session to discuss Personnel with Chief Schade; was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. Hodson. Executive Session began at 6:37 p.m.

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

MOTION TO RETURN to Regular Session was made by Mr. Hodson and Seconded by Mr. DeVilbiss. Regular Session began at 6:53 p.m.

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

- No Action taken.

Mr. Moyer asked if Mr. Hodson has looked into broadband. Mr. Hodson stated he has and is looking into Ohio Broadband and that it is looking good. Chief Schade said there seems to be a lot of money that will be available.

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. DeVilbiss, meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer