

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
February 14, 2022**

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Mr. Ryan Hodson, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, February 14, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:			Present	Absent
Ryan Hodson		Trustee President	X	
Michael Moyer		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: Mr. Jimmy Peters

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 10, 2022, Regular Meeting: Mr. Hodson asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. Moyer 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 January 11, 2022 through February 14, 2022: Mr. Hodson asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$96,713.65**. Mr. Moyer 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			

FIRE:

- No Report from Chief Erisman as he was not in attendance.
- Mr. DeVilbiss had an update on the grant that Chief Erisman asked him to look into; he first told Chief Schade that there is a police and fire grant through OTARMA for \$1,000 – Chief Schade stated that they have received it before. Mr. DeVilbiss stated that while at the Ohio Trustees Convention last month he asked someone about the Fire Department grant. He was told that if the Fire Department has the exact same Tax ID as the Township they would qualify; since the Farmersville Fire Department does not have the same Tax ID as us they do not qualify for the grant.
- Mr. DeVilbiss talked with one of the County Commissioners regarding the grant for the Fire Department through the ARPA money – we were previously told that there was no money for them. He has now received word that they may have the money and he has been put into contact with an employee that will be able to help with this situation. They have not been able to speak yet as Mr. DeVilbiss was at the convention last week when she tried to call him. He said the money is there and slated for Public Safety.
- Mr. Hodson said while talking about Public Safety, what would it cost for Flock Cameras? Chief Schade explained that they are fixed cameras that you put in different areas. If a truck were stolen they could check the flock cameras, which record every license plate, and see what direction the stolen vehicle was headed. Many law enforcement agencies are now using them and can assist others when trying to track a certain plate. He said the downside is the constant updating of the software to make sure all the license plates are uploaded to the software. Chief Schade said he wasn't sure this was something that fit us just yet, but as the technology gets cheaper it is a definite possibility.

POLICE: Chief Schade

- On February 3, 2022, there was a snowmobile crash in the field near Lower Gratis Road and S. Preble County Line Road. The rider was ejected from the snowmobile and suffered critical injuries. The next day they flew the drone out and were able to see thermally the tracks of the snowmobile in the field. Although no one saw the accident occur, what they believe happened is that the rider hit a rock hidden in the snow and when ejected landed head first on another rock. He was wearing a helmet but it was not a snowmobile helmet, more of a motocross helmet. The rider is still in critical condition.
- Chief Schade said that during that same storm our new Tahoe paid for itself. It ran 56 hours straight and allowed the officer on duty to enter the field where the snowmobile accident occurred.
- We were not funded for the first round of the State and Federal Body Worn Camera grants. There will be additional funding cycles in the near future. Chief said he complained to Rep. Creech because they funded the larger municipalities that already have cameras; he was notified from the State last week that we need to upload our "Body Worn Camera Policy" to the collaborative. Chief stated we do not have a policy for body worn cameras because we do not have body worn cameras. Ed from the state of Ohio said there will be a "quick, second round of funding" We are currently on the "waitlist" for the Federal Grant. Chief is hopeful that this pans out for us.

ROAD Mr. Pohl

- Between January and February, we have had seven snow events that we have been out on.
- Did a small remodel on Kristen’s office by removing the wall between her two separate areas.
- Helped Farmersville with burning on Center St.
- Worked in the shop doing maintenance.
- Purchased a 2019 26’ CornPro Trailer (to haul the Bobcat Roller) -approved at last month’s meeting.
- Would like to have the following items marked as surplus and sell on GovDeals
2007 Cronkhite Trailer and 2 natural gas heaters. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion and Mr. Moyer seconded, motion passed.

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

- Mr. Pohl did look into a new mower – it is a newer version of what we have now except it will be moved forward so the driver is able to see it better and does not have to look behind him. Mr. Pohl said it was expensive - \$43,000. He is still looking into this and is waiting to see what the trade-in would be for our current mower. Mr. Moyer asked how wide the mower is? Mr. Pohl stated it is 50 inches and ours is currently 60 inches. Mr. Pohl stated “once again, I am not sold that this is the way to go”. He said he will continue to look. German Township is trying to persuade him on using a bush hog but he isn’t comfortable with that, either. Mr. Moyer asked if Mr. Pohl knew how much time we spend mowing the roads, Mr. Pohl did not know this information without looking at his records. Mr. Moyer said if we spend 100 hours a year and switch to a regular road mower and cut that time in half then we would save money and time in the long run.
- Mr. DeVilbiss went into detail about ODOT and in the last 20-30 years they were investigating why there were so many crashes. They interviewed a lot of people and determined that road signs and letter size and font were part of the problem and changed the law requirements on traffic signs. Since this was a big expense for local governments they created grants to help with this expense. This year our township is due to receive the \$50,000 grant to pay for the updated signs in our township. The only problem is that our Road Department will be busy with Havermale Road projects this summer, too. Chief Schade asked if this included street signs? Mr. DeVilbiss answered not the street name signs only the traffic signs. There will be a mandatory meeting for this grant and Mr. DeVilbiss stated he should be able to attend. He said this is a 2023 grant so it may not come to us until next year.

PARK:

- Mr. Moyer went to the Park Board Meeting this past Thursday and only two park board members were in attendance so they did not have a quorum. There are things that Annie Sizemore, pool manager, does during this time to prepare for the pool opening. Mr. Moyer told her he would talk to the other trustees and see if can go ahead allow Mrs. Sizemore start preparing for the pool opening. First, Mr. Hodson made motion to hire Annie Sizemore as the 2022 Pool Manager and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- There was discussion about the manager’s salary and overtime. After discussion it was decided that Annie would currently remain hourly but not work over 40 hours. She may decide to hire an Asst. Manager but she would have to bring that to the Trustees for approval.
- Mr. Moyer made motion to allow Annie Sizemore spend up to \$2,500 per purchase for operating expenses for the start up of the pool. Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: Court scheduled for today for the criminal charge against Diana Begley at 3680 Fuls Road. Zoning cases for Ralph Holland 12650 Hemple (split off two lots on Farmersville Germantown Pike) and Greg Adams 11381 Havermale Rd. (split 10 acres with house and building from 36-acre plot of land) will be held on February 22, 2022.

REFUSE: 162 late notices were sent out on January 31. Bills for the second quarter will go out at the beginning of March.

IWORQ: Everything is good.

SENIOR CENTER: Tax season is here! Appointments started on February 8 and will continue through March maybe into April depending on the need. If we need to cancel a day of tax appointments in order for the renovations to be started, we can do that.

RECYCLE CENTER: Going well.

The doors at the park need to be voted on. Branham & Branham’s quote is \$9,640. Buck Run’s quote is \$16,130. We would like to go with Branham & Branham. Mr. Hodson made motion to accept the bid and begin the process of replacing the front doors at the Community Center; Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Mr. Moyer stated the Village of Farmersville also approved this expense at their last meeting.

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

- Mr. Moyer made motion to approve \$9,966 for Branham & Branham to replace the outside door to the police department and the outside door near Kristen’s office as well as the windows in the building. Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion approved. This money will be paid with ARPA money.

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

- David Taylor from PSS Contracting is working up a quote for repairing the slide at the pool. He is waiting to see if he will be able to get the parts and have the slide repaired by Memorial Day.
- Waiting for the carpet and paint to be done at the Township/Senior Center Building. Paint is looking good so far. Did Mr. DeVilbiss find anything out about a warranty on the old windows? Mr. DeVilbiss responded he did not – but considering that the current windows are aluminum there is usually no lifetime warranty.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec explained that while paying our property taxes this year that we are being charged around \$80 for the Farmersville Cemetery. After talking with the County Auditor’s office, she found out that we are being charged an assessment for an environmental fee due to the shed on the property. The shed belongs to St. Andrew Church and previous trustees gave them approval to put it on that property for storage. Mrs. Kozarec will look into the fee and see if it can be removed, if not, we could ask St. Andrew to pay the \$38 per year. The balance of the \$80 is a lighting assessment from the Village of Farmersville which all property owners in the Village pay.

RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:

2022-04 - ACCEPT AGREEMENT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/MONTGOMERY COUNTY ENGINEERS TO HIRE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT FOR THE HAVERMALE ROAD WIDENING & RESURFACING PHASE 3. Mr. Moyer made motion to approve Resolution 2022-04, Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion Passed

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Moyer said he wanted to talk about the TV and associated equipment currently stored in the Trustees office that the Park purchased for the Community Center but has never installed and how to get rid of it. Chief Schade has asked how big is the TV? Mr. Moyer responded 65 inches? Chief Schade he may be willing to purchase it from the park to use in the Police Department as he wants to put a status monitor in there so they can see what calls they have and who is on the call. He will reimburse the park. Mrs. Kozarec will find out the cost the park paid and let them know. Chief Schade said he would not be interested in the DVD Player but the Senior Center may like to have it.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: None

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: At the Ohio Township Conference last month there were a lot of broadband providers there; Spectrum, AT&T, also there is a broadband Ohio. When COVID hit they realized there was no government department over the broadband so they created Broadband Ohio. Mr. DeVilbiss spoke with the director of Broadband Ohio and explained that he became a trustee because he believes in saving our farmland. So far development has been all around us, the problem is if we had 200-300 houses we could get broadband quickly, but when you have houses every quarter of mile broadband providers say it is too expensive to service us which isn't fair to us. The director stated there is a grant that is coming up, he believes at the end of the month and Farmersville, Jackson Township, and German Township are all included in the grant. Supposedly there was \$180 million that was supplied for these grants and there was \$1.5 billion requested. We have some WIFI on the grain bins but that is a "line of sight" WIFI and with all the trees it does not work for everyone. There is also Elon Musk and his satellite WIFI but that was only to be used as a backup. Mr. DeVilbiss called AT&T and they have no infrastructure in our area. The Director of Broadband Ohio gave Mr. DeVilbiss the link to the grant and when he logged into it the information is almost 13,000 pages. Mr. Hodson added that he has been in contact with Nate Morlock regarding the line of sight WIFI he provides and said Farmersville was interested in having it on the water tower. Eric DePew with Valley View Schools is helping him also get it hooked up on the high school. This will not benefit the school to have it there as they already have fiber; but if Mr. Morlock can get internet on there it will help local residents. The majority of Montgomery County has access to high speed internet – Mr. DeVilbiss said there are only about 2,000 people in the county that do not.

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

Signed by:

Attested by:

Ryan Hodson, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer