

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
April 11, 2022**

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Mr. Ryan Hodson, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, April 11, 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	
Kristen Hamaker		Park Board Administrator	X	
Chief Jon Schade		Chief of Jackson Twp. Police	X	
Doug Pohl		Road Superintendent	X	

VISITORS: Mr. Hanson Brown, Chief Keyser, New Lebanon Fire Dept., Mr. Josh Kohlrieser, Mr. Jimmy Peters, Mrs. Joy Plymyer, Mr. Phillip Sears.

VISITOR COMMENTS: See attached document read and submitted by Mrs. Joy Plymyer regarding the Stiver Cemetery located on Preble County Line Rd. Farmersville, OH.

Mr. Hodson asked if we could go ahead and discuss/approve Resolution 2022-06 now so that Chief Keyser from New Lebanon may leave if needed. Trustees agreed. Mr. Moyer asked Chief Keyser why the North District for Perry Twp. did not put the levy back on the ballot since it did not pass last fall? Chief Keyser responded that they chose to put it on the fall ballot. Mr. Moyer asked if Perry Township was “kicking in anything to make up the difference”? Chief Keyser stated that Perry Township has been assessed an annual compounding increase on their contract until they are able to pass a levy.

RESOLUTION 2022-06 - AGREEMENT BETWEEN JACKSON TOWNSHIP and THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. Mr. Moyer made motion to accept the agreement 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 March 14, 2022, REGULAR Meeting: Mr. Hodson asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. DeVilbiss motioned to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 14, 2022, SPECIAL/JOINT Meeting with the Village of Farmersville: 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 March 15, 2022 through April 11, 2022: Mr. Hodson asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$86,753.69**. Mr. Moyer 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 stated that he spoke with Mrs. Kozarec in regards to their Advance Real Estate Payments for 2022 and not receiving them as normal. He said Mrs. Kozarec told him that Mr. Moyer had requested that neither Fire Department receive their advances until we received the final apportionment from the County to ensure that there was not another mistake by the County like the one last year (see December Minutes). Chief asked if there was any way to get this money as their budget is tight this time of year. After discussion, Mrs. Kozarec stated she expected the apportionment payment at any time; this is the information she needs in order to make sure the advances received are correct. She will make sure that all checks were processed immediately after receiving and if the apportionment is not received by the end of April she will go ahead and process the advancement checks. Chief Erisman agreed.
- FABA has decided to hold a Spring Fling Dance on May 22, 2022.
- The annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Farmersville/Jackson Township Community Park will resume normally and will take place on Saturday, April 16, with a rain date of Sunday, April 17.

POLICE: (Chief Schade)

- The quote came in today for three new Dell Computers at \$4,379.40 – he said he does not need approval since it is under \$5,000 just wanted to make everyone aware of the purchase. They are supposedly in stock and available to be shipped.
- Chief Schade and Farmersville Mayor, Nick Lamb, have reached out to Sinclair Community College for assistance with identifying our IT needs. The hope is that Work Force Development affiliated with Sinclair may be able to provide some assistance with our networking and IT needs, he will keep us updated on the progress.

ROAD Mr. Pohl

- Working on potholes.
- March 7th the Township had some flooding which obviously closed our lower roads. We repaired Eagle Rd. which had damage caused by the flooding and cleaned cornstalks off of grates on Lower Gratis and Anthony Rds.
- Had Fuls Rd. closed during a wind storm. One tree was down and one ready to fall on phone lines and it was too windy to take down at the time.
- Working on finishing up maintenance on equipment.
- Tomorrow Mr. Pohl has a meeting with Kramer and Associates and will be doing a walk through on Havermale Rd. see if we can go ahead and start on our part of it. Kramer is still working on drawings and it has still not gone out for bids. Mr. Moyer asked when it would be going out for bids? And Mr. Pohl said he hoped to know better after tomorrow's meeting.
- Mr. Pohl has a meeting with Hensley on Thursday the 14th to look at the chip seal completed last fall on Rhoades Rd. and look at some spots on Swartzel Rd.
- Mr. DeVilbiss stated that he has completed all necessary training required to receive the \$50,000 sign grant. He said the next step is to borrow the tool to check our curve safety with – that should happen in the next couple of weeks. With this grant, if the township completely surrounds a village the village can be included in the grant; Mr. DeVilbiss reached out to Mayor Lamb and asked if it was okay to work with Mr. Shell, village administrator, in case we have any leftover funds. We will make sure that all of our signs are taken care of first, this is only if we have left over money. We also are going to make sure that all the speed limit signs are accurate; he has noticed that some other townships have had signs removed due to a crash and have not had the correct speed limit sign available so they put one up that they have in stock.

PARK: (Mrs. Hamaker)

- Diving Board should be installed in the middle of May
- We still have the 3-sink for the back concession stand that has not been installed; any suggestions on what we should do with it? She does not feel we can return it since it has been a year. Dennis Cordell cannot remember where he purchased it from. She is going to try to find the receipt for the sink. Mr. Moyer stated we could also put it on GovDeals – we would need a resolution for that at next month's meeting.
- Valerie Flynn, Farmersville Rotary, would like to plant a tree at the park in memory of someone; she is willing to purchase the tree and then we would plant it. Mr. DeVilbiss stated this needs to go through Farmersville since they actually own the land. Mr. Hodson stated he would reach out to Mitch Ward to make sure we purchase the correct type of tree for our park.

- Pool repairs need to be done, Mr. Pohl said they plan to do what needs to be done to get the pool open. They will paint what needs to be painted in the pool. Do you still want a quote from the painter that painted the pool last year? Mr. Pohl suggested holding off because of the repairs that need to be completed. They used Rustoleum paint before and it seems to hold up so they will just do that again until final repairs are completed.
- Mrs. Hamaker said there are larger, more expensive repairs that are required and she would like to begin getting estimates so we are ready to go in the fall. Mr. Hodson confirmed that we need to begin immediately getting estimates and taking them to the new committee for approval.
- Need to work on the catch basin in the yard in front of the Community Center ASAP. Mr. Pohl explained it would just be putting in a catch basin in the area in front of the Community Center that just stays wet. Mr. Pohl stated his department has extra tile and he will take care of it.
- Request to hire pool employees for this season – Also advertisements were sent out for lifeguards again today (schools, website and Facebook). Mr. Moyer made motion to hire the following employees for the pool for 2022 and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Lifeguards: Sophia DeVillez, Parker Mershon, Jada Rhodes, Maggie Depew (contingent upon receiving lifeguard certification).

Concessions and Slide Dispatchers: Brayden Bell, Parker Butler, Kristen Dunn, Sophie Hamaker, Kaitlin Oblinger, Phoenix Lawson, Mary Schade.

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

- She spoke with Jones Fish today and they can do a population survey on the pond, she could not give me a price but said it would be several hundred dollars. She said over the past four years we have ordered “a lot” of fish.
- Should I proceed with the current fish that are on order? After further discussion it was decided to hold off ordering any more fish right now. Mrs. Hamaker will look into getting a fish count maybe by the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: Things are moving right along. Inspections were done late last week and letters went out today for violations.

REFUSE: Second quarter bills mailed out at the beginning of March.

IWORQ: Everything is good.

SENIOR CENTER: April 12 will be last day for tax appointments.

RECYCLE CENTER: Going well. Veolia cleaned it out today.

- Carpet and new flooring are scheduled to begin installation April 27; painting is still in process.

- Windows have been installed at the township building and look good doors should be installed soon.
- Need to caulk the window frames at a cost of \$448.50 per window.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Sedgwick Renewal (workers comp) renewal check was on your desk \$1,445. There were no problems with the renewal.
- The Road Levy – as you know from last meeting, we were notified by Anu Sharma, with our prosecuting attorney’s office, that the Road Levy had been denied for the May 3, ballot. On March 25 an email was sent to me by Anna Fernandez with Montgomery County Board of Elections asking that we approve the ballots we have on the May 3 election. While reviewing I noticed that our Road Levy was on the ballot – I immediately emailed as instructed and Ms. Fernandez responded that the Road Levy was, in fact, going to be on the May 3, 2022 ballot.
- In a previous meeting we spoke about the assessment on the Farmersville Cemetery, after questioning the County I was notified that his fee has been removed.

RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:

2022-08 - *A RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE JOINT RECREATION BOARD TO ADMINISTER PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF FARMERSVILLE, AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP.* Mr. Moyer made motion to accept Resolution 2022-06 and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

2022-10 - *Marijuana Moratorium.* Mr. DeVilBiss made motion to approve and 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: Mr. Hodson explained to the visitors, in case they were wondering, that the Park Board has been dissolved with a joint decision made with the Village of Farmersville, this was due to the fact of not being able to fill empty positions in the board for almost a year and many times not having enough board members present to conduct business. These are volunteer positions. This was done to make sure we protect the park and keep up with its needs.

Mr. DeVilbiss: He was contacted by director of government affairs with Spectrum and they plan to meet to discuss our townships internet issues. If an area is under 10mgb it is UNServed and if it is 10-25mgb you are UNDERserved. He heard the state is hoping the release more money for grants.

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. DeVilbiss and Seconded by Mr. Moyer, meeting adjourned at 6:42 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

ATTACHMENT

JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
APRIL 11, 2022

Joy Plymyer
1416 Edenwood Drive
Beavercreek

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

In January, I shared with you a brief history of Stiver Cemetery and Staver Church from information I have gleaned from many sources, most notably from STOVER, STOEVER, STAVER, STIVER by Vernon Stiver of Germantown.

I will continue from where I left off after 1816, when the deed for Staver Church and Stiver Cemetery were officially recorded.

Staver Church began as a one story log structure. It was eventually enlarged to two stories, which included a large pulpit and balcony.

Around 1850, Farmersville was growing and Staver Church fell out of favor with it's members as it was difficult to reach. A new church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Farmersville, was built and the Staver Church members began to join it. Church members began to use the new church cemetery in Farmersville for their family burials and Stiver Cemetery began to be forgotten. In 1870, Pastor Henckle of St. Andrew's Church and Staver Church, died. The following year in 1871, Staver Church closed for good. The Montgomery County Deed Record 140 page 529 shows the sale of the church acreage to John H. Stiver in 1884 for \$82.82. There were a few more burials to the end of the 19th century in Stiver Cemetery of family members who probably wished to be buried with their loved ones already in Stiver. Sophia Stiver, wife of Henry Stiver, was the final burial in Stiver Cemetery in 1899.

Circa 1900, 29 years after Staver Church was closed, two photos were taken of the Staver Church. There is some question as to the validity of these photos being Staver Church but the owner of the photos, Ada Cook, who is now deceased, was quoted as identifying the church and each person in these photos. They include Mrs. Emma Gilbert, Frank Gilbert, Jacob Staver, Mrs. Staver and Rebecca Jane Cook, who was Ada's mother. Ada stated that her mother, who was a Stiver, was a Staver Church member as a girl.

The Staver Church eventually was torn or fell down. A barn was built years later on what is most likely the same area of the Staver Church. We can see a small section of this barn in the background of a cemetery picture from 2009. It was very common in those days to have a barn built using the foundation of old buildings. We have no proof of it but perhaps that is what happened on the foundation of Staver Church. That barn is now long gone and the land has been tilled for many years for the growing of corn.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church was struck by lightning sometime during the 1950's. If there were any Staver Church records stored in St. Andrew's Church, they were surely destroyed at that time. St.

Andrew's was completely rebuilt on the next lot and that is the church you see today.

Another discovery which surprised us is that the lane to the cemetery and the church was not originally where it is located now. The lane used to begin at the main road but then ran along the south side of the cemetery. This lane continued eastward with the original house on the land being built at the end of the lane. The lane then turned north and continued up to the current farmhouse. We do not know what happened to the original house, when the lane was abandoned or when the current lane was created. Today, you can look over the south fence of Stiver Cemetery, and clearly see a wide grassy lane with a fence outlining the neighboring farm. At the southeast corner outside of the cemetery, an old, wide, metal farm fence exists but is no longer in use.

Our most recent cemetery focus has been on the headstone of Catharine Beck. The only portion of this headstone that was visible was a plate sized area. The rest of this large headstone was several inches underground. While probing the ground nearby this headstone, we unexpectedly discovered a huge slotted base. It was covered by about a foot of soil and was one of those projects that we worked on over many months as it was so difficult to dig out. We were able to confirm that it belonged to the Catharine Beck headstone as there was a bottom piece of the headstone broken off into the slot. Just as we had encountered before with another headstone, we needed a flat base and had to wet saw the most minimal piece we could saw in order for us to be able reset it. Now with warm weather, we will be able to complete this process soon.

Catharine Beck
3 Jun 1802-6 Jan 1864
aged 61

discovered mostly underground