

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
June 12, 2023**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, June 12, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:			Present	Absent
Michael Moyer		Trustee President	X	
Randall DeVilbiss		Trustee Vice President		X
Ryan Hodson		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: Mrs. Joy Plymyer, Mr. Josh Kohlrieser.

VISITOR COMMENTS: See Appendix A for Mrs. Joy Plymyer's update on the Stiver Cemetery.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 8, 2023, Regular Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. Hodson 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 ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM May 9, 2023 through June 12, 2023: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$135,305.97**. Mr. Hodson 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			

FIRE: Chief Erisman (absent)

- None

POLICE: Chief Schade

- Officers have made several arrests for domestic violence.
- We had another injury crash on S. Clayton Road near Dayton-Farmersville Road where a juvenile was ejected due to not wearing a seat belt.
- An arrest was made where an intoxicated subject threatened neighbors and had a firearm in his possession.
- Body cameras have not arrived as of today, they will be put into service as soon as they arrive.
- The Ford Explorer should be in service very soon. The 2014 Charger is out of service and will be listed on GovDeals.
- Chief Schade requested an executive session at the end of the meeting.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Dana Woodson at 12340 Chicken Bristle Rd. would like to have dirt work and brush cleared from the ditch in front of her house. After investigation, Mr. Pohl stated that this is from when the county moved a pipe. Mr. Pohl went on to say that it is his impression that the county “is dumping more and more work on the townships”. He explained that the county is no longer repairing or replacing guard rails when doing bridge work – that is now on the townships. After much discussion, the trustees feel that the County Commissioners are not aware of some of these decisions put in place by the County Engineer and the cost it puts on the townships. Mr. Moyer asked that a letter be drafted telling the county we will not be paying for guard rails on their roads and a second letter stating they are responsible for the clean up on Dana Woodson’s property.
- Mrs. Hamaker received an email from Sigma Technologies agent for Cincinnati Bell/AltaFiber about permits to put in fiber optic lines in our ditches. After discussion it was decided that we would require a permit at \$100 each.
- Working on crack seal and road repair for chip seal.
- Finished up wok at the pool and park
- Dump truck repair is almost done.
- New mower is in service and Farris will be on GovDeals next week. Mr. Pohl said he has a resolution to put the John Deere mower on GovDeals if the Trustees choose to.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- Annie Sizemore did a great job getting the pool ready for opening day.
- The new windows at the pool concession look great.
- Majestic Nursery did a great job on the landscaping.
- The slide is not working and it is taking around four months to get parts in according to Playground Equipment Services. Discussing with the park committee on what they want to do about ordering the part. With the four-month timeframe the slide will not be open this season.
- Community Center is rented out a log this summer. It is nice to see that it is being used by so many people.

- Mr. Hodson stated that the MudCats hosted a tournament at our park that included 80 teams – they had so many teams they also utilized Rice Field and Action Sports field. Approximately 48 games were played at our location.
- Request to hire the following pool employees:
 Lifeguards: Adalyn Johnson, Chase Wallace (dependent on certification)
 Concession: Caleb Wright, Brooklyn Bromagen, Mariah Lohrey, Teagan Whiteside.

Mr. Moyer made motion to hire above employees and 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: Tom has not met with the Judge nor has he set up a time for him and I to meet. I am now trying to speak with his secretary to see if I can make progress that way.

REFUSE: Bills were mailed June 8, 2023.

SENIOR CENTER: Everything is good.

RECYCLE CENTER: nothing to report

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec explained that we received notice from the Montgomery County Auditor’s office that they inadvertently paid us water and sewer assessments from a property in New Lebanon. The Trustees requested that she get additional information and proof before reimbursing the county.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution: 2023-10: *Trebel Energy – Electric Aggregation.* Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: 2023-11: *Trebel Energy – Natural Gas Aggregation.* Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: 2023-12: *Declaring Surplus and Sale of Surplus of the 2015 John Deere Mower.* Mr. Moyer 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:

New computer cables installed and working well.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: None

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

Motion to move into Executive session to discuss personnel made at 6:33 by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mr. Hodson.

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

Motion Return to Regular Session made by Mr. Moyer and seconded by Mr. Hodson at 6:57 p.m.

Mr. Hodson made motion to pay the full-time officers, excluding Chief Schade, a retention bonus of \$1,000 for second quarter. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Moyer made motion to keep the 2014 Dodge Charger in our fleet and remove all police equipment and details for use by zoning/park administrator instead of using personal vehicle. Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Hodson and Seconded by Mr. Moyer, meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

APPENDIX A

Jackson Township Trustee Meeting
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Joy Plymyer

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

I trust you have enjoyed witnessing our progress in restoring Stiver Cemetery. Jim and I have just completed the restoration of the 40th grave site. Thank you to Doug Pohl for trimming Stiver so beautifully last month in time for Memorial Day. We took out small American flags to honor Mathias Swartzel, adjutant to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

The headstone of Joshua Biers, aged seven, is now repaired and reset. His headstone is a darker mudstone. We purchased a kit of 24 Lithomex samples to try to match it's color. It is still difficult to make a great match but over time, we are hopeful that the repair and the headstone colors will blend and clean up to match. We found Joshua's headstone broken with it's lower half buried in the ground. The upper section was flat on the ground partially covered with earth.

Finally completed, is the obelisk of Abraham Schmutz, age 74, and his wife Ann Catharine Schmutz, age 81. This grave site has taken us many months to finish. The obelisk was broken in half with the top half laying on the ground. The base is one of the heavier ones we have encountered. It was sunken to about 2" above ground. To remove and reset it was a major task. While excavating the base, we found the lower section of a substantial headstone. Perhaps it was part of the original headstone for Abraham Schmutz, who died 18 years before his wife. We also found a footstone with the initials E. S. We have often discovered miscellaneous footstones or pieces of headstones under newer gravesites. The next two smaller pedestal sections were attached to the base with an iron bar with melted lead down the center. Jim spent countless hours in the removal of those sections. The iron bar rusted over the years which caused a large crack in one of the pedestals. We replaced the iron bar with a fiberglass bar which will prevent that sort of future damage. Next, using a wooden lift system, we installed the lower section of the obelisk. After it cured, we installed the upper section using the same technique. We are now in the process of cleaning the obelisk and by next summer, it should be a beautiful bright white marble. The north side of the obelisk has a stunning three dimensional carving of flowers tied with ribbons. It is remarkable that these flowers did not break upon the fall of the upper section. The carved flowers are very symbolic. The Morning Glories represent resurrection and bonds of love. The Roses represent purity. Their fragrance and beauty suggests Paradise. The Lily of the Valley flowers represent purity and surrender to God's will and grace. They also represent renewal and resurrection. On the east side of the obelisk we discovered the carver's name: W. Stevans & Co. Franklin, O.

Any questions for me tonight?