

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
September 11, 2023**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, September 11, 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	
Sgt. Mark Bruner	For Chief Schade	Chief of Jackson Twp. Police	X	
Kristen Hamaker		Park and Zoning Administrator	X	
Doug Pohl		Road Superintendent	X	

VISITORS: Mrs. Joy Plymyer, Mr. Hanson Brown, Mr. Jimmy Peters

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mrs. Joy Plymyer gave an update on the Stiver Cemetery (see appendix A). At the end of her update, she requested another safety mirror. Mr. Pohl stated he would take care of that. Mrs. Plymyer was also informed that the tripod she requested for help with grave stones is not allowed per our attorney; due to liability of her not being an employee.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 14, 2023, 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 August 15, 2023 through September 11, 2023: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$120,827.12**. 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			

Mr. Hodson made motion to move UP TO \$200,000 to StarOhio and Mr. DeVilbiss 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 Farm Days went well. He thanked Sgt. Bruner and Officer Moore for their participation and help.
- The Rotary Club purchased four thermal Imaging Cameras.
- Murder Mystery Dinner will be held in October.

POLICE: Sergeant Bruner (for Chief Schade)

- The new 2022 Charger is complete and in service.
- The 2015 Dodge Charger needs to be deemed surplus to allfor the sale via GovDeals (Resolution for this coming later from Mrs. Kozarec).
- The 2014 Dodge Charger, we had talked about a price in July of \$5,000 to be paid from the General Fund to the police fund. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion.

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

- Breaking and Entering to a vacant residence n Eaton Pike. Items taken from the garage. Miscellaneous tools, rototiller and a car battery. Resident is deceased and the family is working through the estate process.

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ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- The estimate for paving Church Street and Fuls from Montgomery county:
 \$74,872.35 for Church Street
\$76,871.55 for Fuls Rd. north (New Lebanon)
 \$151,743.90 for all of the above which could be paid for out of the 2273 (ARPA Fund)

Mr. Moyer made motion to approve the above and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- Estimate for Havermale Road from Dill’s Dirt Work to place rip rap on 400 feet is \$16,650. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Pohl would talk to the owner before a decision is made.
- Chip seal on Chicken Bristle and Guntle Roads is scheduled to be done by Hensley’s this month.
- Chip seal for Lower Gratis and Walden Roads is scheduled for October.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- Mrs. Hamaker has been working on ideas for repairs for the pool. She has contacted Kings Pools (the job is too big for them), Shamrock Pools, PSS Contractors (emailed pictures). Once the pool is drained, the work that needs to be done will be easier to assess and see what exactly needs to be done. Shamrock is definitely planning to come back and see what needs/can be done to repair it.
- The Baseball Concession Stand is almost all cleaned out. The refrigerator still has some items in it that need to be removed and the refrigerator needs to be unplugged. I will check on it early next week and make sure it is cleaned out and unplugged. If not, I will dispose of all items.
- The pool closed September 3, 2023.
- Farm days took place this past Saturday, as of this morning they were still cleaning up after the event.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

- **ZONING:** The Zoning Commission is gathering information and working on solar zoning regulations. September 18 there is a Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for a lot split at Lake of the Woods. Property to be split off will have road frontage on Swartzel Rd.
- Request for official cost of a pool zoning permit be \$100. That is what we are charging just want to make sure it matches. Mr. Moyer made motion and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- **REFUSE:** All is going well. Assessments are ready to go to the county.
- **SENIOR CENTER:** all is going well.
- **RECYCLE CENTER:** October 14 EARTH Shred will be at the Recycle Center from 9-noon.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Trebel will be here at the Senior Center October 17 @ 6:00 for a Community Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution: 2023-15: *Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Montgomery County. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss second the motion. Motion passed.*

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

Resolution: 2023-16: *Tax Assessment for Unpaid Refuse Bills in the amount of \$12,832.35. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed:*

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

Resolution: 2023-17: *Declaring 2015 Dodge Charger Surplus and Sale of Surplus. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed:*

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

Resolution: 2023-18: *Appropriation Maintenance – General Fund. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss 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: Mr. Moyer requested that our meeting in October be held as normal even though it is Columbus Day – all trustees agreed.

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

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

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 7:12p.m.

Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to increase Doug Pohl’s payrate to \$34 per hour and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hodson made motion to increase Kristen Hamaker’s payrate to \$22 per hour and Mr. DeVilbiss 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. DeVilbiss and Seconded by Mr. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

Appendix A

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Joy Plymyer

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

Thank you to Doug Pohl for the beautiful lawn cutting and trimming at Stiver Cemetery this past week. Not only are the headstones edged neatly but also all the fence lines. Do you think the pioneers who are resting here would ever imagine the care Stiver Cemetery would receive after over 200 years?

Jim and I continue work on the more severely broken headstones.

The headstone of Anna T. Stiver, aged 28, is now complete. Anna was the daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Swartzel. She married Henry Staver. Henry and Anna had four children. After Anna passed away, Henry married Sarah Sophia Bickle. They had seven children. Henry, first wife Anna, second wife Sarah and at least three of Henry and Sarah's children, Emanuel, Catharine and David are buried in Stiver Cemetery. Anna's headstone was broken into three pieces. The lower section was broken off at ground level. The top two sections were located laying on top of husband Henry's large slotted base. Anna's headstone is mudstone.

The headstone of Elizabeth Smith, aged 52, is now repaired. It was also broken into three sections. The top section was located underground covered by several inches of soil. One of the remaining sections was located nearby and the last section was located in another part of the cemetery. The breaks were not clean and repairing them was time consuming. It is marble that will clean up beautifully. Elizabeth's husband Henry and their daughter Elizabeth are also buried in Stiver Cemetery.

If you recall, there was a storm last April that caused a large tree to fall in the cemetery. And miraculously, only one headstone was hit by the falling tree causing the headstone to be knocked out of it's setting. This headstone belongs to Infint* Daughter Biers, aged 5 hours. Jim and I had previously reset her headstone on 24 Apr 2021. As I have stated multiple times over the years, Jim and I work tirelessly to reset the headstones in their proper location as much as we are able to determine. When we reset Infint* Daughter Biers' headstone the first time, we reset it where we discovered it. About a year later, we discovered it's matching footstone approximately 8 feet to the north. The footstone was still buried deep surrounded by field stone so there was no question that her headstone was moved over the years, probably by storms for the past two hundred years as it is on the area that slopes southwest. We were distressed at the discovery and vowed to some day move the headstone to the footstone location. So as Jim put it, it was "no doubt the hand of God" when the storm hit this past spring. Infint* Daughter Biers' headstone was the only headstone affected. It was the only headstone to be popped out of the ground. And it did not receive any damage. So now Infint* Daughter Biers is reset once again but at the proper location.

We would like to request that another safety mirror be placed across from the cemetery drive on Preble County Line Road to replace the one that is missing.

Any questions for me tonight?