

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
November 13, 2023**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday November 13, 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: Aaron Hoblit (AFLAC), Joy Plymyer, Marjean Meadow, Jim Winkler, Jimmy Peters, Hanson Brown

VISITOR COMMENTS: See Appendix A for Joy Plymyer's Stiver Cemetery Update.

Mr. Aaron Hoblit from AFLAC gave a presentation informing the trustees of the advantages that AFLAC has for our employees. This additional insurance coverage can be paid by the employer or the employee via payroll deduction (if not payroll deducted the amount increases substantially). Some of the benefits he outlined were the short-term disability payments when one is unable to work and may lose part of their salary. Mr. Hoblit left plan information for the employees to review and contact him with any additional questions, or to sign up.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 9, 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 MINUTES FROM November 3, 2023, Special Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; 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			

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM October 10, 2023 through November 13, 2023: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$158,825.54**. 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			

Mrs. Kozarec asked if she needed approval before moving money from Star Ohio back to our checking account. Mr. Moyer and Mr. Hodson stated she had permission to make necessary moves based on financial need.

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- Chief stated that they have passed a resolution to move forward with a replacement levy and would like to change it to continued period of time instead of a five-year. This levy replaces the one that is up for renewal and expires December 31, 2024. Mrs. Kozarec stated she would have a resolution ready at the next meeting.

POLICE: Sergeant Bruner, written report (for Chief Schade)

- The 2014 Dodge Charger is ready to listed on GovDeals, 2015 Charger will also be added as soon as it is ready. Sgt. Bruner also requested that the 2007 Chevy 2500HD be deemed as surplus as well. He stated that they kept it for when four-wheel drive is needed but they now have two of those type of vehicles. Mr. Hodson made motion to deem the 2007 Chevy as surplus and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- OVI two-car injury crash on Johnsville-Farmersville Rd. just south of the New Lebanon limits on November 5, 2023. This accident had to be handled by OSP due to our officer engaged in a traffic stop that kept him tied up for longer than usual. One driver was ejected and transported via Care Flight. The driver has since been released.
- Sgt. Matt Spurlock will start on November 20, 2023, and will be sworn in on November 17, 2023 and will have an official swear-in at our next meeting. He has been fitted for uniforms and most of his paperwork is complete.

- A LEADS audit is scheduled for November 20, 2023, this has required a large amount of my time and paperwork.
- Deer versus car crashes are on the rise, we have taken multiple reports in the last few weeks. All have been property damage only

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Pipe replacement and ditch work on Havermale Rd.
- Ditch work on Fuls Rd.
- Swept loose stone off Walden and Lower Gratis Rd. from chip sealing.
- Repairs to crack in the roadway on Clayton Road and Venus.
- Pipe replacement on Clayton Rd.
- Waterway on Havermale was completed by Dill's Dirtwork.
- Striping on Chicken Bristle was completed by Asphalt Seal Coaters.
- The mirror has been installed on Preble County Line Rd. for the cemetery exit.
- Joy Plymyer has asked Mr. Pohl about the tripod purchase. Mr. Pohl stated that so far, our attorney has said we are not able to do this – Mr. Moyer asked Mrs. Kozarec to contact Nathaniel Peterson, our attorney, and ask him HOW can we achieve this.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker from written report

- Shamrock Pools came out on Friday, October 27, to winterize the pool and assess the repairs that will need to be done on the pool. Mr. Pohl spoke with Rob from Shamrock, they are still formulating a plan that may include a trough drain and a liner.
- PSS Contractors came out and looked at the pool. The best plan they can come up with is a liner and a drain all the way around the pool. Waiting on information about the liner. Mr. Pohl stated it could be upwards of \$500,000.
- A Park Committee meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2023. We will discuss the pool repairs and options, the budget for 2024 and anything else that needs to be discussed.
- The concession stand and the bathrooms at the pool are winterized.
- Mrs. Hamaker then passed around the Recycle Center Schedule for 2024 and asked for volunteers to sign up.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

- **ZONING:** Working on criminal charges for 2510 Farmersville-Johnsville Rd. for Mary Perkins; 1512 Farmersville-Johnsville Rd. for Jesse Johnson; and 1651 S. Fuls Rd. for Carol Foust.
- **REFUSE:** All is going well.
- **SENIOR CENTER:** all is going well.
- **RECYCLE CENTER:** All is going well.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec asked for approval to renew our Anthem contract (increase from \$5,118.24 to \$5,220.58. 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			

- She asked for approval to renew our contact with United Health Care (life insurance and AD&D insurance). Current rate is \$60.20/month and will increase to \$67.20/ month. 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			

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution: 2023-21: Appropriation Maintenance – Road Acct – move money from “other expenses” to “medical/hospitalization. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer second the motion. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: 2023-22: Declaring the 2014 dodge Charger Surplus and available to sell. 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: 2023-23: Appropriation Maintenance – Police Acct – move money from “Worker’s Comp” to “Tax Collection Fees”. 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			

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: He was contacted by Glenna Madden the New Lebanon Village Administrator about one month ago regarding annexation of land on Fuls Rd. He said he didn't think there would be any problem they are doing a simple annexation and she will be sending paperwork. Mr. Pohl then asked that the road that leads to said land also be taken over by New Lebanon, Mr. Moyer will call her and request that, too.

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

Appendix A

Joy Plymyer

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

As Jim and I surveyed Stiver Cemetery last weekend, Jim commented that visually, it is striking that so many of the headstones are now reset and cleaned of biological growth. Little did we realize how our path would change more than three years ago. It's been such an adventure of learning, physical labor, uncovering Farmersville's history and meeting so many nice people along the way. Fifty resting places of the pioneers have now been restored.

I have six to share with you tonight:

Sarah Jane Biers aged 1,
Anthony Yost aged 69,
Catharina Boll aged 75,
Jacob Stiver aged 63,
Sarah Stiver aged 73 and
Henry Staver aged 87.

The headstone tablet of Sarah Jane Biers is a beautiful marble. It was found flat on the ground covered with earth and broken into two pieces. The top of the tablet has a carved book with a Bible verse about heavenly life. Fitting the two sections was a delicate process as the breakage area was worn and chipped. The cleaning process still continues.

The headstone of Anthony Yost is quite large and was broken into three sections. We found the lowest section buried deep into the ground, the middle section above the lower section and covered with soil and the top section about 30 yards away laying on top of another headstone. After resetting the bottom piece, we used Lithomex, a product that allows us to attach the second piece that will remain underground. From there, we attached the top section. As you can see in the photos, there was a large chunk missing, about 4" by 4". We had to recreate that piece with smaller stones and more Lithomex. After it dried, we filed and carved out the extraneous material. The headstone is marble and still needs much cleaning.

The headstone of Catharina Boll was found broken into two sections. The lower section was buried deep into the ground while the upper section was laying nearby mostly covered with earth. The two sections were difficult to marry as there were large chips missing at the jointed area. The only information that we knew about Catharina Boll was her name and that was misspelled. The headstone carving is worn, was covered in biological growth and carved in German in the Fraktur font. After much study, our son Justin was able to fully decipher the inscription. It is interesting to note the differences from the other Stiver headstones: stating "In the memory of ", identifying her maiden name, stating that she was a member of the Lutheran Church, and the added descriptor of her longevity in weeks. There are a few large sandstone chips missing at the breakage area. It is interesting to note that Catharina Boll had the earliest birth year of 1755 in the community. What was her story? We know that she was not in the first wave of pioneers to come to the area and since she died in 1830, she arrived in the area approximately between the years 1810 and 1830. That would put her between the

ages 55 to 75. Can you imagine what it was like to start life over at that age out in the wilderness? Catharina no doubt arrived with family members but that is another task for another day to try to discover her history. I hope we are able to find out more about her.

The next two massive headstones are of husband and wife Jacob and Sarah Stiver. They are both on the east side of the cemetery close to the entrance and very visible. Both were leaning badly toward the east in slotted bases. At first, we didn't know Jacob had a slotted base as it was completely sunken underground. We dug out around the base only to discover that someone had added concrete to reattach the headstone to the slotted base. It is obviously very old work that we guess to be sometime in the 1940's. That is the estimate we have when someone built the concrete corral which surrounds several Stiver/Staver family members. Since we were unable to remove the concrete connecting the headstone to the slotted base without damaging both, we called upon our Columbus friend, Ronny Eichelberger, to help us. Ronny brought his tripod and hoist and after much work, we were able to lift it and center it once again. The slotted base was found to be severed in half. Repeating the same process with the headstone and slotted base of Sarah Stiver, both are now upright and secure. Both headstones are marble and are mostly cleaned now of biological growth. The details of the carving are amazing.

The final headstone and slotted base we completed belong to Henry Staver. The weight of this tabbed headstone is calculated to be about 380 lbs. The base is of similar weight. The headstone was discovered out of the base and propped up leaning against the base. It was blackened with biological growth with a piece broken off into the base. We tried many ways to remove this broken piece but were unable due to the piece breaking off into small chunks. So after much debate we decided to fill the cavity with lime mortar as well as adding lime mortar onto the areas of the base where the headstone rests on its tabs. It is marble and has cleaned up beautifully. It is amazing to view the delicate scroll carvings around the carved name.

Any finally, a big thank you to Doug Pohl for the installation of a replacement safety mirror on Preble County Line Road. It is a great help to us in exiting safely from Stiver Cemetery. We are most appreciative.

Any questions?