

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
October 14, 2024**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, October 14, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:		Present	Absent
Randall DeVilbiss	Trustee	X	
Michael Moyer	Trustee	X	
Ryan Hodson	Trustee	X	
Elizabeth Kozarec	Fiscal Officer	X	
TOWNSHIP:			
Chief Mark Bruner	Police Dept.		X
Chief Jeff Erisman	Farmersville Fire Dept.	X	
Kristen Hamaker	Zoning, Refuse, Park Administrator		X
Doug Pohl	Road Superintendent		X

VISITORS: Joy Plymyer, Jimmy Peters

VISITOR COMMENTS: See Appendix A for Stiver Cemetery Update given by Joy Plymyer

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 9, 2024, 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 September 10, 2024 through October 14, 2024: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$400,808.10**. Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- Chief Erisman voiced his aggravation with Montgomery County regarding the wind storm and trees down we had a couple weeks ago. A tree brought down wires and was across the road on Johnsville Farmersville Rd. Chief Erisman stated it took the county several hours to get help and was not in any hurry to help us. It is his opinion that our township is not high enough on their list to help and they do not understand the danger on our roads when a tree is down.
- He also explained that the state is requiring an update to Marcs radios; they currently have Kenwood which is \$750 each to upgrade where Motorola’s are only \$150/each.
- He also stated that Dispatch fees are going up.

POLICE: Chief Bruner – written report

- On September 28, a Dodge Ram was stolen from a residence on S. Clayton Rd, keys were left in the truck. It was later recovered on September 30 by Dayton Police, we will attempt to get charges on individuals that had possession.
- The purchase of the radars will equip all cruisers with the same model radar, currently only one car has a radar. This will help the officers with speed enforcement. They arrived on October 10, the county will certify the radars and I will have them in service ASAP.
- Englewood Dispatch will increase by 5% in 225 to \$24,570. Perry Township will pay Montgomery Co RDC \$48,000 in 2025.
- The 2007 Chevrolet Silverado is on GovDeals and currently (as of October 11) has a bid of \$11,200. The truck will sell 10/14 at 7:45 p.m.
- On October 17 and 18 all cruisers will be getting the windows tinted. This is not only to help protect the interior components, but also, assist in officer safety.
- Lastly, I greatly appreciate the cooperation of the trustees with the donation (\$1 sale) of the 2017 cruiser. The Chief Deputy in Tennessee could not thank us enough. Part-time officer, Jon Schade and I are leaving at 6:00 a.m. on October 14 to deliver the cruiser. Jon has volunteered his time. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve the sale and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

ROAD: Mr. Pohl – written report

- Asphalt repairs to Fuls Rd. are finished. It took us 27 days and 166 tons of asphalt. There are still cross over pipes that need to be replaced.
- Crack sealing on Eagle Rd.
- Storm Damage with trees down which needed cut and cleaned up.
- Poured a headwall and port-a-potty pad at the Park.
- Semi is using the Park parking lot to load grain; is this okay? Our parking lot is not rated for semi-traffic. Mr. Moyer asked that the police be asked to help with this.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- The new port-a-potties should be ready for use. Porta Clean was supposed to be at the park on October 9, to empty the old units and fill up the new ones.
- Emailed Asphalt Seal Coaters on September 24 about some places on the walking path that needed more attention, the foreman was supposed to go to the park on October 4 and fix the areas that were not completed properly.
- I spoke with Tony McKinney again about the sign for the recycle center. He said he will go out and measure and see what size sign he thinks would be best. He will get back to me with the information. I called at the beginning of October and am still waiting to hear back.
- Spoke with Devin Stoutenborough about the pool and possibly combining our staff; h will speak with Germantown and get back to me.
- Homeland Security fixed the cameras at the park that weren't working. They are supposed to be getting us some new equipment to try for a couple months to see if the reception and internet work better.
- Waiting to hear information about a consultant for the park/pool development.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING:

- Things are going well.

REFUSE:

- Things are going well.

SENIOR CENTER:

- Things are going well.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Mrs. Kozarec asked if there were any questions on Financials? Trustees had none.
- Miami Valley Lighting Contract – Mr. Moyer made motion accept the Miami Valley Lighting Contract starting in 2025 and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Resolution 2024-16 Revenue and Appropriation Maintenance on Multiple Funds. Mr. Hodson made motion to accept and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: Stated that there are now extra stop signs at Clayton and Havermale Rds.

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. DeVilbiss, meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

APPENDIX A - STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

Jim and I have completed five more headstone restorations to share with you tonight.

The marble headstone of Sarah Staver, age 23, who passed away in 1852, was located in three sections either leaning against the SE fence corner or buried there. The pieces were broken horizontally as well as vertically. Initially, these pieces were totally blackened with biological growth as to make them illegible. It was unusual to note that the name was carved as J. Staver. But it turns out that after further cleaning following resetting, we discovered that higher up, the carving says “daughter of.” So we are still missing the very top section of this headstone and hope to find it some day. We were able to determine the name of Sarah Staver by comparing previous readings of the cemetery.

The mudstone tablet of Joshua Izer, age 32, who passed away in 1828, was a very difficult headstone to repair. It was located flat on the ground surrounded by earth. The headstone was delaminated and shattered into large puzzle-sized pieces. This made it too difficult to repair in the field, so we took it home to give it the extra time we needed. Lithomex, a repair mortar, was our best choice of products to try to salvage this headstone. While it looks uneven in places, we were pleased to be able to reset it.

The marble tablet of Infant Beck, aged two days, who passed away in 1854, was located buried underground. It’s slotted base was broken into three pieces which we repaired with Lithomex. In order to reset this headstone, we also needed to trim off some of the lower edge since it was so jagged.

Sarah Stiver, age 7, who passed away in 1849, has two headstones. The mudstone tablet was located buried underground next to Catarina Boll’s headstone. The marble headstone was located leaning against the west fence. It’s slotted base was located nearby halfway under the south fence. The two headstones are identical in carved information except one lists Sarah as six years old and the other as seven years old. So which one is correct? Both are nice. But the marble headstone is much more ornate. The letter carving has beautiful curves. There is an intricate rose with leaves which symbolizes the loss of a child. Based on that, we assume the marble headstone was a replacement for the mudstone headstone when the age of Sarah was changed. But we will never know what happened. We can only make these assumptions. We debated off and on how to place these two headstones. Should we put one underground? Should we place them back to back? We finally agreed to place them side by side as close together as we were able.

The marble headstone of Mary Howser, age 62, who passed away in 1834, was broken into two sections. The top section was located leaning against the west fence. The lower section was found buried deep underground. That was fortunate as it determined most likely where Mary is buried.

If you recall, the Dayton area had the remnants of Hurricane Helene on September 27 that brought heavy rain with strong winds. A large tree fell onto the south fence and then landed into Stiver Cemetery. It was an enormous mess. Luckily, no headstones were damaged. Once again, Doug Pohl came to the rescue. He removed all of the debris and cleaned up the cemetery beautifully. Doug also trimmed several large limbs off the walnut tree which were in danger of falling into the southwest corner which would have undoubtedly caused terrible headstone damage. Many, many thanks to Doug.

During my last Stiver Update, I discussed with you our concerns about the tilting of the large Krider monument which stands about 15 feet high. Since we can’t risk large equipment into Stiver, in our

open discussion, it was suggested that I look into companies that offer concrete leveling. I called the Eaton company that was recommended. The owner of this company recommended A-1 Concrete Leveling located in Clayton. The owner met us at Stiver where we discussed the situation. He stated that he could raise the monument and build a perimeter form underneath. At that point, concrete would be mixed and poured into the form creating a level concrete base. The estimate includes all necessary work using no large equipment. I would ask that Doug Pohl vet the owner to make sure this is a good choice. I don't know enough about this type of work to make this decision. Your opinion?