

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2025

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, May 12, 2025**, 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: Mr. Jimmy Peters, Mrs. Joy Plymyer, Mr. Lou Potter (Trustee from German Township)

VISITOR COMMENTS: See attached Stiver Cemetery Update from Mrs. Plymyer (Appendix A)

German Township Trustee, Mr. Lou Potter, updated our Trustees on Ohio Law regarding Noxious Weeds, specifically Johnson Grass. Mr. Potter explained that it is the law that Johnson Grass be killed with weed killer, it cannot just be mowed. Montgomery County does not spray for Johnson Grass on the roadways like they should (actually he said they don't at all). German Twp. has looked into the timing on when Johnson Grass needs to be sprayed and shared a Law Bulletin with the Trustees. Our Trustees told him we will work with their road department to ensure that all Johnson grass on our Township Roads is sprayed and together they will put pressure on the County to start spraying for this noxious weed.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting: Mr. Moyer 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 April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting: Mr. Moyer 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 April 29, 2025, Special Meeting: Mr. Moyer 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 May 10, 2025, Special Meeting: Mr. Moyer 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 ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM April 15, 2025 through May 12, 2025: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$481,995.93**. 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			

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- Chief Erisman stated that the Circus would be at the Community Park on May 17 & 18 and asked if the water was on to the hydrants as they would be needed – Mr. Pohl stated they would make sure they were.

POLICE: Chief Bruner

- In April, Officers were dispatched to 74 calls for service and took 45 reports. We took:
 - 0 motor vehicle crashes
 - 32 traffic stops were made
 - 9 citations given
 - 25 verbal warnings
 - 1 arrest
 - 222 vacation house checks.

- Police have had an increase in overtime and part time hours due to Officer Ford being off for health reasons.
- New Office Update: Miller Network has installed all the cameras and all data/internet wiring is complete. They will return to assist with Spectrum and final setup. ADA ramp has been poured; I have contacted Ricky Cornett with Elite Iron for the handrail. The kitchen and bathroom cabinets have been installed. The epoxy flooring in both spaces has been completed. Moore Landscape has started the landscaping. The lettering on the building and flagpole are scheduled to be installed on Friday, May 16. We are still waiting for Xenia Glass for the front door installation and waiting on the back training/locker room area to be framed. Carpet and LVP flooring are scheduled to begin in the next week or two.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Finishing Community Park parking lot pipe work and catch basins, grading and seed.
- Drainage work on Fuls R.
- Sink hole on Church Street from water main break; New Lebanon helped with that repair.
- Graveled Lower Gratis and Anthony Roads.
- Working on road mowing.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- At the Special Meeting on May 10, it was decided that Pool will not be open this year due to lack of applicants for lifeguards, Manager and Asst. Managers.
- Shred Day is scheduled for September 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Fish were ordered and should be delivered at the beginning of June.
- Playground equipment is ordered; I was told about 6-8 weeks for delivery.
- Old mower deemed surplus with a resolution. The new mower has been paid for (and split between the Village of Farmersville, the Park and the Road Departments)
- Butler Asphalt is rescheduled for August 4-8.
- Looking into some sort of automatic lock for the pool bathrooms so they can be locked at dusk and unlocked at daylight. After discussion, the trustees suggested we just add another port-a-potty.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

Mrs. Hamaker stated she has two old printers that no longer work that she would like to deem surplus and dispose of since their value is less than \$20 each. Trustees agreed.

ZONING: Court hearing was continued, for Jimmy Peters 1757 Fuls Road. Daniel Howard 1438 Guntle Road was found guilty of junk vehicles and debris on his property, sentencing was scheduled for today. The docket has not been updated with the verdict.

REFUSE: Everything going well.

SENIOR CENTER: Things are going well.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Mrs. Kozarec asked if there were any questions on the Financials she provided? Trustees had none.
- Mrs. Kozarec and Mrs. Hamaker visited with Sarah Sorrell, the Manager at the Twin Valley Bank and spoke about our needs in order to move our bank account to them. Mrs. Kozarec stated Sarah was very helpful and was able to handle everything except they are still working on Positive Pay and expect that to be active soon. Mr. Moyer stated that he prefers to wait until that is active since it is an extra safeguard against fraudulent checks or withdrawals.
- **Resolutions to Approve:**

Resolution: 2025-11: Declaring the 2018 Dodge Charger Police Car Surplus and Sell on GovDeals. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

Resolution: 2025-12: Declaring two printers from Mrs. Hamaker's office surplus and approve disposal. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

Resolution: 2025-13: Declaring the 2021 Skag Cheetah Mower Surplus and Sell on GovDeals. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer 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: Mr. Moyer stated he has been speaking with Christy Montoya with the Montgomery County Farm Bureau about renting the current Police space at the Township building. He stated she is in agreement with monthly rent at \$650 plus splitting the utilities (water, sewage, electric, natural gas). She would also vacate the current office she has in this building. Mr. DeVilbiss made motion to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. DeVilbiss, meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

APPENDIX A

JACKSON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING
MAY 12, 2025

Joy Plymyer

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

It's so nice to be back to update you on our progress in Stiver Cemetery.

In November, we decided to tackle the headstone of Mathias Swartsel. It is the replaced modern headstone for the original primitive rock fieldstone. The headstone had sunken and was tipped down on one side. Pulling it up was a challenge as we discovered that the headstone was sunken into a bed of concrete. We then prepared the location of the headstone with crushed limestone and reset it. There is a story behind this headstone. On November 10, 1938, there was an article in the Dayton Herald Newspaper about the original headstone with a photo showing a large fieldstone with primitive carving. It reads:

MATHIAS SWARTSEL
1739-1820
ADJ. TO GEN. WASHINGTON

On July 25, 1991, The Germantown Press had an article about the replacement of the original rock fieldstone with a new granite headstone spearheaded by Trustee Clerk Don Holtzmuller. It reads:

MATHIAS SWARTSEL
BORN 1739, DIED 1820
SGT. TO
GEN. GEO. WASHINGTON

Note that the newer headstone was altered in its wording.

We were hoping that the original primitive fieldstone was buried under the newer headstone but it was not to be found. We have reached out to various connections over the years but no one knows or can recall whatever happened to the original primitive fieldstone.

Moving on, wintertime is our best time to try to locate missing headstones and pieces of headstones. The ground is a little more forgiving during the winter months for probing.

During the winter, we found:

the lower third section of the Henry Smith headstone,
the lower section and the smaller piece from the upper section of the John Stiver headstone,
a broken slotted base inside the Staver corral,
numerous pieces to form the footstone of D. B. (David Biers),
two blue slate primitive sections for an unknown headstone,
a footstone with the initials S. S.,
a lower section of a tapered footstone,
two blue slate primitive sections for another unknown headstone,
a broken footstone with the initials E. S.,
a lower section of a headstone matching another uncarved headstone section,
and numerous pieces to form the footstone with the initials I. S.
There were many winter days when we found nothing but we persevere.

Next, we moved onto the restoration of the Staver corral. This is the section with the large concrete perimeter with steel piping. We estimate that the corral was built sometime in the 1940's. It has seven headstones and a large diorite

monument that was probably placed in the cemetery in the 1880's or 1890's following the death of the matriarch, Sarah Staver. The monument has the carved information for Adam and Sarah Staver, the parents, and for Sarah Stiver and Benjamin Staver, their children. So far, we have finished the north half of the corral. We have reset the first three tablets which were sunken and leaning badly. These tablets are marble and are blank. The carving is not weathered because there was no carving. These tablets are simply markers for the four members of the Staver/Stiver family. Sarah Stiver, the young three-year-old girl, passed away first in 1833, the year of the Cholera epidemic. But she is not buried in the corral. Her headstone is in row 5. This is yet another headstone where the Staver family name has the vowel "i" for Stiver. Benjamin Staver, aged 4 is also not buried in the corral. He died in 1841 and his headstone is further south in row 2. Adam Staver, the father died in 1854 and his wife Sarah died thirty years later in 1884. We assume that the parents are buried in the corral with their two children being noted by the blank tablets as members of their family. We also solved another mystery. In the Staver corral, there was a footstone with the initials B. S. for Benjamin Staver. It was set at the foot of one of blank tablets. As we studied the footstone, we noted that it's marble color did not match the color of the blank marble tablet. But we did discover that it matched Benjamin's marble headstone and has the exact same font in design and size. So we placed it with Benjamin Staver's headstone.

Our final goal for the Staver corral is to help make it maintenance free from weeds and tall grasses. So, just as we did for the Abraham Swartsel fenced monument, we tore out the weeds and grass and planted Myrtle then added mulch. Our next project is to complete the south side of the Staver corral.

Any questions?