

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
December 8, 2025**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday December 8, 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 Jim Erisman, Jimmy Peters, Josh Kohrieser, Matt Thaxton, Nick Lamb

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mr. Lamb, Mayor of Farmersville: “I sent an email out asking for support from Jackson Township to sign a resolution to support the Village of Farmersville purchasing the land where the old Junior High currently sits – they plan to make an offer in January. Germantown is supporting it and he wanted to know if we would be supporting that resolution. Mr. Moyer stated it (the resolution) was on our agenda for today.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. DeVilbiss 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 November 11, 2025 through December 8, 2025: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$119,424.76**. 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			

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- On December 8, the Fire Dept. their Annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet. Jay Mikesell was named EMS of the Year and Jarrod Erisman named Fire Fighter of the Year. Captain Rick Moore also received an award.
- Next Monday the 15th Chief would like to have a meeting for the Fireman’s Dependent Fund and would need a Trustee to attend; Mr. Hodson volunteered.
- They usually run 475 runs a year but this year through November they have done 663.
- Every three years the private Fire Departments are required to complete four classes through the Attorney General’s Office which Chief Erisman completed and is now good for another three years.
- This Saturday they will host the Christmas Craft Show at the Firehouse from 9-4; they will be at the log cabin from 4-6, the tree lighting at 6:00 and will then drive Santa around town.
- Mr. Moyer asked if he had a breakdown on how many of the runs were medic to New Lebanon. Chief said he did not have it with him but could get it; last year was around 250.

POLICE: Chief Bruner

- In November, Officers were dispatched to 87 calls for service and took 47 reports. We took:
 - 3 motor vehicle crashes
 - 30 traffic stops were made
 - 8 citations given
 - 24 verbal warnings
- Chief stated he completed and passed the 80-hour Instructional Skills class at Sinclair last month this will allow him to teach CPT for our officers as required by the state.
- January 12, 2026, Trustee Moyer and Chief have a meeting with the County Engineer and Mary McDonald’s office regarding lower speed limits on the county roads at the Village entry points.
- Chief would like amotion to give the full-time officers a 3% raise in 2026. And continue the retention/performance payments to all officers (full and part-time) at the Chief’s discretion at a maximum of \$1,500 per payment and with a maximum of four distributions.
- Chief requested that part-time officers hourly rate be increased to \$30/hour (current rate is \$28.50 since 2022). NLPD is currently over the \$30/hour and he feels it is important to remain competitive to retain the part-time staff.
- Mr. Hodson made motion to accept the 3% raise for full time officers and the continuation of the retention bonus for full and part time officers. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

- Mr. Hodson made motion to accept the pay increase for part-time officers from \$28.50/hour to \$30/hour, Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

ROAD: Mr. Pohl (notes read)

- Finished asphalt repairs to Lower Gratis Rd., Eagle Rd., Swartzel Rd., and Church Street.
- Working on equipment maintenance and putting equipment away for Winter.
- We had two snow days on Saturday, November 27 and Tuesday, December 2.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- Some Park Committee members met with Miami University again tonight to further discuss the findings and recommendations for possible improvements to our Park. Gave some good ideas, we provided them with our financial information – revenue and appropriations, as well as the pool renovation cost. They made some suggestions, was not their final report. Mrs. Hamaker asked the other Park Committee members what they thought?

Mr. Kohlrieser, Park Committee Member, said it was progress and they are really looking to see what the plans are in the future. They are hoping to have the final report in January. He said there were a lot of things they discussed where they stated the progress at the Park is not going to be a flip of the switch from what we have now to what we want to see of the Park in the future, it’s going to be progressive over the course of years. The first part is figuring out how to move forward with the pool, right now he thinks the last cost to renovate that was 1.5 million dollars, that is, obviously, something we have to consider. Also looking into 2026 to see about opening the pool as it is now. Most of these conversations came because of what Miami University presented and various options of things we can do to improve: swings, gazebo, amphitheater, utilizing the Community Center more – that gets used a ton, a park vision for the future not only to attract people into the Park but also attract people into the Village. He stated it was a good conversation and he looks forward to where we end up with it.

Mr. Lamb, Village Mayor, said his take away was that they submitted a lot of low-cost items that you could implement pretty quickly. Even things like putting in a pollinator garden which would make less grass to mow saving money, maybe some areas that are already wet; even gave ideas from other area parks, one thing that really stood out to him, from an investment standpoint, is that a lot of communities are converting community centers to event spaces, Benham’s Grove in Centerville just did this. Looking to host weddings and big events. Community Center is the only thing at the Park that is revenue generating. That stood out to him – when we look at if we have money in a park levy where do we spend it? That might be a wise spend because we could generate additional revenue and use it towards these other things we talked about, Pickle Ball, for instance, or future projects. Spend money on things that will help fund other projects first. He felt is very helpful, the conversation on the pool, they don’t give any specific recommendations, but their feedback was communities our size were getting away from pools, they were not reinvesting in pools. They even pointed that the statistic is we have gone from 600,000 community pools 20 years ago to half that now, 300,000 now. Their feedback was what you would do instead of a pool was a no maintenance larger splashpad area. So you still have a wet area that kids can run around in on hot summer days. Gave a lot of good ideas.

Mrs. Kozarec stated that for financial information; the current ten-year levy, if we choose to “renew” it we brought in 72,000 last year from that levy. So a renewal, after ten years would bring in approximately

\$720,000. That's nowhere near the 1.5 million for the pool. Mr. Lamb asked how much was in the account right now? Mrs. Kozarec stated that on December 5, 2026, there was \$314,236.32.

Mr. Lamb stated that they planned to talk about tonight and our trustees need to talk about it as well, because they want to put it on the ballot in May (1) we need to decide if we are going to and (2) we need to decide quickly because the Village has to do three readings and it has to be turned into the Board of Elections in February. Mr. Lamb stated with that income and the current balance if we were to do this pool project we would have to borrow. Mr. Lamb asked Mr. Tom Sears "what was the breakdown? Derek told me he thought the number included pool and splashpad is that right?" Mr. Sears responded "yes" Mr. Lamb asked if they gave him a breakdown? Mr. Sears shook his head no and said "he might have over the phone but I didn't write it all down". Mr. Lamb said that's the other thing we could consider cutting the splashpad. Trustee Hodson said we could consider a phase 1 and phase 2 look into cutting your cost, see what the pool renovation cost ends up and cut the splashpad and that is a phase 2 thing for down the road. Mr. Lamb we need to decide quickly if we want to put a pool levy on the ballot Mrs. Kozarec interrupted and asked if the splashpad would qualify under the current pool levy since that levy is very specific to pool, could we use that money for splashpad. We need to make sure that the splashpad would be covered under the pool levy. Mr. Lamb said it may be better to not do another "pool" levy but another park levy instead which we could spend on anything. Trustee DeVilbiss asked if other contractors gave estimates because he only hearing about one? Mr. Lamb said yes, a lot of people aren't bidding, we did get numbers last year from the guys that did Germantown's pool, Shamrock but they don't want to use them. From a numbers standpoint we know where we're at.

Mr. Thaxton asked if the splashpad would be replacing the kiddie pool? Mr. Lamb said yes, in the 1.5 million renovations; you can ask Doug(Pohl) we have had more trouble with the kiddie pool than the big pool. Mr. Hooson said it would be at a different location – moved to towards to east side, kiddie pool filled in and grass. Mr. Moyer asked if it would be inside the fence? Mr. Hodson said yes inside the fence but would have ability to enter that part without entering the pool first. Allowing it to be open longer because it is unmanned. Mr. Thaxton asked if it would be closed to public when pool was open? Mr. Hodson said "no". Mr. Moyer said he wasn't sure a splashpad had to be fenced. Both Hodson and Lamb said it does not with Mr. Lamb stating "in fact, you are only liable for injuries if you fence it in so you are better to leave off unfenced. Mr. Kohlrieser stated he works in Miamisburg and the splashpad there is busy spring summer and fall (closed in winter). It is on a timer so you hit the timer water starts and after so long it turns off. Not manned, very popular.

Mrs. Hamaker asked if we want to vote or do we want to wait? Mr. Lamb said I don't think we can wait – do we want to put a pool renewal levy on in the spring? Mr. Moyer said he thinks we should. Mr. Hodson said I think we should put a renewal on; Mr. Lamb asked if we should put a renewal on when we know the numbers don't justify us doing a renovation anyways. Mr. Hodson said if we are doing phases maybe its closer to be within. Mr. Lamb said he's talking \$100,000 for splashpad. Mr. Sears interrupted and stated the splashpad was \$200,000 for top end. Different cost and variables and he said the splashpad is part of the pool. Mr. Moyer stated if we are going to do a levy, we should do a brand-new levy for whatever is going to cover our expenses for ten years. Mr. Lamb said he his council meeting wasn't until after ours but previously they thought it would be hard to get a new levy passed. Mr. Hodson said he agreed but what do we do if we put out a renewal and then we can't cover it? Mr. Lamb said do we put the renewal up at all or do we just let it expire? Is the plan to go ahead and invest or not invest? Mrs. Kozarec asked what if we do a new levy at the same rate, we are now but it would be put at the new property values which would bring in more money? Mr. Moyer said whatever we do the money we generate from the levy has to pay for the entire pool renovation, because he will not vote to borrow money if we don't have an income to pay it off. Mr. Lamb said we would have to do the 1.5 million, Mrs. Kozarec said then that does away with your thought of investing in the Community Center to increase revenue and use other places since the community center is not the pool. Mr. Lamb said that would be a

separate levy. Mr. Kohlrieser said at some point we have to ask if this makes financial sense for the next ten years? Will we have staff will we be able to have it open? That’s the struggle, it’s unfortunate, but it’s realistic. Hate to take double from people and then we say sorry we can’t open, that’s not financially responsible. Mrs. Kozarec said something else we have to consider is that in some communities and school districts residents got together and put a repeal of a levy on the ballot – Carlisle Schools is currently in that situation and awaiting the re-count. If the count does not go their way, they will lose over 3 million per year in tax revenue. So just because we pass a levy does not mean it is guaranteed. Mr. Lamb said the other stat that is concerning is that five years ago we were selling 175 passes and last year it was only 75. Mr. Lamb said if we don’t vote tonight then May ballot would not happen, Mr. Moyer said if we don’t do May, we could be competing against a school levy in November. Mr. Hodson asked Mr. Pohl what it looks like getting the pool up and running this year? Mr. Pohl said if it hadn’t been for lack of staffing, we would have been up and running this year. Mr. Sears interrupted and said “Lisa, the new superintendent said there would not be a new levy for at least five years, and school board member told him that”. Mrs. Kozarec volunteered to contact school treasurer to confirm. Mr. Lamb summarized stating there are two paths for the park – one with the pool levy and one without – the one without would still need to include a water feature (splashpad). What would it look like if we invested into the Community Center made it an event center and added a splashpad nearby versus having just the pool because if we invest in the pool then it’s probably just the pool? Mr. DeVilbiss said “ the pool would be maybe three months and the community center is year-round”. Mr. Lamb said they would discuss and let us know.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: Going well, sending out letters as needed.

REFUSE: Bills will be sent out December 5 for first qtr. 2026.

SENIOR CENTER: Things are going well. Repair man from Comfort Medic fixed the furnace last week.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Mrs. Kozarec asked if there were any questions on the Financials she provided? Trustees had none.
- We need to schedule the 2026 budget meeting? It was decided December 19 at 3:00.

• **Resolutions to Approve:**

Resolution 2025-23: Advancement of Tax Revenue Funds from Montgomery County on a weekly basis. Mr. DeVilbiss 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			

Resolution 2025-24: Determining to Proceed to Levy Tax Renewal for Police 1.8 mills for five years. 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 2025-25: Determining to Proceed to Levy Tax Renewal for Police 2.0 mills for four years. Mr. DeVilbiss 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 2025-26: Accepting Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Montgomery County 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 2025-27: Support of the Village of Farmersville to purchase the old Valley View Junior High. Mr. DeVilbiss 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:

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

- Mr. Moyer:** None
- Mr. Hodson:** None
- Mr. DeVilbiss -** None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Hodson made motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and invited Mrs. Kozarec. Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Executive session entered at 6:51.

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

Motion to Return to Regular Session made by Mr. Moyer at 7:13 with 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 increase Doug Pohl’s salary to \$38.50/hour and Steve Burnett’s to \$28.50/hour. In addition, allowing them to be eligible for the \$1500 retention bonus up to a maximum of four years. 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. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer