

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday September 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: Susan Hartman, Joy Plymyer, Tom Sears, J. Todd and Jennifer Smith, Nick Lamb, Matt Thaxton, Rickey Cornett.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Joy Plymyer (please see attached Appendix A for Stiver Cemetery Update)

Nick Lamb, Village of Farmersville, Mayor. "I was here to talk about the Park a little bit with you guys, do you want me to do it during visitor or later?" Mr. Moyer responded "this is good". Mr. Lamb "Specifically, the pool, as you know we have the levy coming up next year, Tom and I have been talking, as well as Council just make sure we have a plan for the pool to put in front of residents so they know what they are voting for, or against, I guess. I know we talked about just a repair quote and we talked about a full remodel of the pool, it seems that most of Council agrees that they best thing to do is just a repair quote. I don't know what you guys have discussed, if you want to put something together cause at least if we have something in front of them, they know what they are voting for or against; and part two of that is that something you want to handle getting those quotes do you want Council to handle that should we have even like a third-party handle that? One suggestion might even be Devin Stoutenborough since he's been through this process or maybe for a consultant fee or something or if we prefer to handle it ourselves. I just don't want to go another year without getting that formalized and put in front of people. Mr. Moyer stated "I think Doug needs to be involved with that because he knows what they" ... Mr. Lamb stated "I agree" Mr. Moyer continued – when they put the new walls in, they put them in front of the old walls which is causing a lot of our problems and I think that Shamrock is that who we have been quotes from?" Mr. Hodson said "Shamrock and a couple others". Mrs. Hamaker stated that she had some companies state they were not interested because it was too big of a project and she appreciates that. Mr. Hodson stated that we need to make the public aware of

what the troubles are we are having and we definitely need to do something. It’s either going to be a rehab project to bring it back to good or a replacement. I am sure quotes on those two things are completely different. Mr. Lamb agreed saying we know from the ballpark figures those are a lot different. Mr. DeVilbiss stated he agreed with getting it out to the public due to the misconceptions that are going on. Mr. Moyer asked if we are waiting for Miami University’s recommendations? Mrs. Hamaker said they have not gotten anything together yet. Mr. Lamb said he doesn’t think they were involved with the pool – Mrs. Hamaker said Miami has to do with the whole park. Mr. Lamb also stated that Doug needs to be involved because he knows more about that pool than anybody. Part three is who is going to spearhead this? Do you feel comfortable doing that or do you want Council to do it? Mr. Hodson asked “Does Council want to do it?” Mr. Tom Sears said “Council will do it”. It was agreed that Council will start it and keep the trustees involved.

Mrs. Hartman wanted to bring to the Trustees attention that she was helping FABA serve burgers at Farm Day and when she went to the restroom it was locked and there were no hand washing stations available to wash hands. The Trustees and Mrs. Hamaker explained that the bathrooms have to remain locked to vandalism that has been very costly and the fact there is no heat so pipes can freeze. They agreed that there should be handwashing stations and they will make sure to explain this to anyone that is utilizing the park that they must supply these stations.

J. Todd Smith spoke to let everyone know he is once again running for State Representative in our area and explained he was asked by someone in Columbus to run again. He recently joined the National Guard as Chaplain and was sworn in as the office Chaplain for the Farmersville Fire Department.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 11, 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 August 12, 2025 through September 8, 2025: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$91,358.53**. 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			

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- None (absent)
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POLICE: Chief Bruner

- In August, Officers were dispatched to 114 calls for service and took 71 reports. We took:
 - 5 motor vehicle crashes
 - 34 traffic stops were made
 - 10 citations given
 - 28 verbal warnings

- We are officially operating from the new office; all things are going well so far. We are still waiting on Miller Network to tie up a few loose ends, but we are fully operational.
- Big thanks to Doug for getting the public parking area cut in, Oakley Black Top should be paving in the next week or so.
- The 2018 Dodge Charger is once again about to sell on GovDeals, auction ends Tuesday 9-9-2025.
- He has an estimate from Elite Iron on fence and a gate for \$6,985. This fence would consist of 4x4 square tubing posts, a top and bottom rail of 2x4 tubing with stainless steel cable. Quote also includes a gate that is controlled by an app on your phone. There is approximately 100’ of fence.
- Car Show is September 20th; Center St. will close at noon and show will start at 5:00 p.m. There will be food trucks and the band Flat Out will play from 6-9 p.m.
- Mr. Hodson made motion to approve the fence and the gate and requested that the General Fund pay half of the expense. Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- The 2018 Dodge Charger (old Chief car) did not meet the reserve set at \$7,500 on the first auction and the buyer on the second auction has not paid as of today (sold for \$9,301). If the buyer fails to pay, we will run it a third time.
- Office Update: Chief is currently waiting g on Spectrum, once the phone and internet services are installed/transferred we have an install date of 8/13/2025. Trustee Moyer asked if I would get two quotes on resurfacing the parking lot at the new office. They came back at \$25,015.06 from Butler Asphalt and \$18,275 from Oakley Blacktop. This is for a 2” overlay plus the addition of three public parking spaces with the township prepping the new area. Mr. Moyer made motion to approve the \$18,275 quote from Oakley Blacktop with the General Fund paying for \$10,000 and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

ROAD: Mr. Pohl (notes read)

- Working on Clayton Road project, Barrett started today and are planning to pave Monday the 15th.
- Drainage repairs on Mile Rd.
- Road mowing and maintenance continues.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- Shred Day is scheduled for September 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Butler Asphalt has rescheduled the parking lot to September 29, 2025.
- Park Committee decided to move forward and hie Miami Univ. students to come up with a plan for the park, Brian Smith has been working with Miami but does not have a definitive plan yet.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: Case closed for 350 Zehring Road. Adam Hall for debris all over the property, they have cleaned it up.

REFUSE: Assessment and Resolution with the township fee is a total of \$14, 496.01.

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 stated we have three (3) levies expiring 12/31/2026. One for the police, road and park.
- Received first Opioid Settlement check in the amount of \$2180.78.

• **Resolutions to Approve:**

Resolution 2025-17: Tax Assessments for Unpaid Refuse in the amount of \$14, 496.01. 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 2025-18: Acceptance of Tax Rates and Local Government fund for 2026 by the Montgomery County Budget Commission. 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:

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: Stated that the MudCat organization has requested a donation of \$7,795 for the purchase of a new mower for the ball fields. Mr. Hodson stated there are not many games held at the field any longer due to lack of umpires and such but the teams do practice there quite a bit. After discussion the trustees decided that this was not in our budget. Mr. Moyer also wanted it noted that the County has put up flashing lights at the intersection of Diamond Mill and Manning.

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

Appendix A

Jackson Township Trustee Meeting
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Joy Plymyer

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

Jim and I completed the restoration of the Staver Corral. The Staver Corral is a low, rectangular, concrete walled area fenced in with horizontal steel bars. It contains some members of the Staver/Stiver family.

We estimate that the Staver corral was created some time around 1940. Even though it post dates the active cemetery years, it is still part of the cemetery history. It has a large family monument along with four tablets and two headstones. The monument is made of diorite, a popular stone used in the later part of the 1800's. These family members include Adam Staver aged 52, his wife Sarah Staver aged 77 and their two children Sarah Ann Staver aged 3 and Benjamin Staver aged 4. A later relative buried there is Charles Stiver aged 10.

Why was the corral built? We would guess that someone wanted to protect these headstones from the cows that were reported to wander the cemetery. Or perhaps they just wanted to create a special area for their direct descendants. That information is lost to history.

Inside the corral, we discovered the footstone of Benjamin Staver. It is made of marble which has no match inside the corral. Benjamin Staver is actually buried outside the corral further south in row 2. The footstone matches his marble headstone so we relocated it to row 2 with his headstone.

Inside the corral are four uncarved tablets that look to be made out of diorite. We can assume that each tablet represents each of the four family members whose names are carved into the large monument who I listed previously.

Just as Benjamin Staver was buried elsewhere in the cemetery, so was Sarah Ann Staver. Her headstone is located in row 5 north of the corral. But we discovered yet another mystery. We removed another headstone in the corral that also belongs to Sarah Ann Staver. It was securely buried with many large field stones so there is no question that it was intentionally placed there. The headstone in row 5 is made of sandstone. The headstone in the corral is made of marble and has more skilled carving and a fancier font. It is a more affluent stone. It was not an uncommon practice to replace headstones with something nicer. Perhaps a stone mason moved to the area or perhaps the family finances allowed a better stone to be created. Again, this is lost to history. But the real mystery is that this headstone was purposely placed upside down in the ground. Why? Was the family not happy with the replacement? We have no idea.

We then discovered a large broken slotted base deep underground but no headstone to go into it. Since the patriarch, Adam Staver predeceased his wife, perhaps this was his original headstone base. Again, we do not know but it seems to be a logical answer.

The final headstone in the corral belongs to Charles Stiver. He was the second to last burial at Stiver Cemetery, which was already an inactive cemetery by that time. This headstone sits atop a concrete pad, the only one of its kind in the cemetery. The concrete pad extends under the Staver Corral so it could have been new or possibly reset at that time. It is the only headstone in Stiver Cemetery that we have not had to reset or repair. It only needed cleaning. It is a beautiful headstone with decorative carvings.

After completing the restoration of the corral, we mulched and planted myrtle. As the myrtle grows, this is help choke out the weeds. Myrtle was used in pioneer cemeteries to create borders for a fence-like appearance.

Our next project was to repair and reset the headstone of John Stiver, aged 60. We located the top section of his headstone flat and mostly underground. The lower section was located about 15' further SW secured with field stone. We are always grateful to find the lower sections securely in the ground as that reassures us that it is the true resting place of the pioneer. Also with the lower section was a small broken top section piece along with the footstone.

Once in a while, we are lucky enough to be at the cemetery when a visitor appears. A couple weeks ago, three members from the Stockslager family reunion arrived. They were so pleased to see the headstone of their family members reset and cleaned.

I want to thank Doug Pohl once again for the beautiful cemetery lawn cutting and trimming. It makes such a difference to see Stiver so tidy.

Before I sign off, I wanted to mention that the Krider monument has not been leveled. The township made the agreement almost a year ago with a local company to fix it and I am perplexed as to why this company hasn't completed the job needed.

Any questions?