JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

Regular Meeting
September 14, 2026

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, September 14, 2026,** at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:		**Present**	**Absent**
Michael Moyer	President	X	
Ryan Hodson	Vice-President	X	
Jim Erisman	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	X	
Doug Pohl	Road Superintendent	X	
Derek Shell	Park Administrator	X	

VISITORS: Joy Plymyer, Jimmy Peters, Todd Izor, Martha Moyer, Susie Bowling

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mrs. Joy Plymyer gave an update on the Stiver Cemetery – See Attached Appendix A.

Martha Moyer and Susie Bowling gave an introduction to the newly established Welcoming Committee in our Township.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Mr. Erisman	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM August 11, 2026 through September 14, 2026: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and of **$249,744.50.** Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VOTE:	**Yes**	**No**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Mr. Erisman	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

PARK: Mr. Shell

- Pool is winterized.
- Met with Game Time offer a match for playground and work out area equipment around the park.
- Doug is doing a good job on the Volleyball courts.
- Farm Days was good even though there was bad weather.

FIRE: Chief Erisman - Absent

- No Report

POLICE: Chief Bruner –

In August, Officers were dispatched to 106 calls for service and took 70 reports. Officers responded to:

- 3 motor vehicle crashes
- 24 traffic stops were made
- 7 citations given
- 20 warnings
- 0 arrest

- We were able to obtain certification in Group 4 in the Ohio Collaborative. One step closer to accreditation.
- Englewood Dispatch notified us that the fees will increase 5% for 2027 bringing the yearly cost to $26,702.
- The 2019 Dodge Charger has been unmarked and all equipment removed. It will go on GovDeals this week.
- The new Durango cruiser will be completed this week and will be at the Cruise-In on Saturday.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Chip Seal is scheduled for early October
- Lower Gratis Road has been re-opened from the flood; pipe was replaced.
- Eagle Rd. pipe replacement started today from the flood and is going well.
- Working on Volleyball courts.
- Pipe going to the cemetery on Preble County Line is failing and needs work.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING: Continuing to inspect and send letters monthly or as needed.

REFUSE: Assessment total for 2026 is $14,834.99. Fourth Qtr. bills were mailed on 9-1-2026.

SENIOR CENTER: Things are going well.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec - Absent

RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:

Resolution 2026-17- Tax Assessment for Unpaid Refuse Bills . Motion to approve was made by Mr. Moyer and Mr. Hodson seconded. Motion Passed.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: Going to the Council Meeting regarding the flooding that keeps in our building, more specifically the Farm Bureau Area. Mr. Shell stated that they are looking into the issue.

Mr. Hodson: Had a resident reach out, he lives at Venus and Manning. Since the School was built, he is having issues with flooding on his property. Mr. Hodson spoke to Mr. Dowden about getting online payments set up on our website. Mr. Dowden stated it should take no more than 30 days to get active and should be minimal costs. Mr. Hodson said he may have a packet for the next meeting.

Mr. Erisman: He asked Mr. Moyer why he took the "employee tab" sheet from the pool? Mr. Moyer stated that the Manager did not receive permission to accept employee tabs for food from the concession stand and felt he should have been approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. Erisman, meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Signed by: Attested by:

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Michael Moyer, President Kristen Hamaker, Zoning and Refuse Administrator

Appendix A

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Joy Plymyer

STIVER CEMETERY UPDATE

This summer, Jim and I have been focusing our time on the headstone of Catherine Yost, our most complicated headstone so far in Stiver Cemetery. We hope to have it completed and reset within the next couple of months. At that time, I will outline how we were able to save it.

Wanting to complete some concrete tasks in Stiver, we decided to begin the resetting of the cemetery footstones.

We are all familiar with headstones in a cemetery. They are the carved stones that include various information about the deceased person at the gravesite. Headstones of course, are placed above the head of the person interred in a cemetery.

But most people today are unfamiliar with footstones. During the time period of the 1800's, it was normal practice to have a headstone and a footstone at each burial site. A footstone is exactly what it implies. It is a carved stone that is placed at the foot of the person buried. Both the headstone and footstone are made from the same stone material. The footstone is normally the same shape as the headstone but is much smaller in size. Usually the footstone is carved with the person's initials.

The Christian religious custom of the day, dictated that the person buried was always facing east, meaning that one's head was west and one's feet were east. This was because of the biblical interpretation about the second coming of Christ. Since it is interpreted that Christ will come from the east, the dead facing eastward would immediately see and greet Christ upon resurrection.

After studying other pioneer cemeteries of the same time period, there seems to be no standard for the direction the footstone is set. In Stiver Cemetery, the footstones were placed with the carving on the east side of the stone. We know this from locating a few footstones that were still in their proper placements, even though greatly disheveled.

The headstone carving was on the west side of the stone. The footstone was placed further east just past the toes of the deceased. The footstone carving is on the east side. It was the custom of that time period to never walk on top of the deceased. With the headstone and the footstone, one was always aware and could be sure to walk around the deceased. As one walked around the burial site, the carved headstone and footstone could easily be read.

Fronica Staver, born January 6, 1760, died on July 15, 1851 at age 91. The footstone of Fronica Staver was located buried deep underground not far from her headstone. It has the initials of F. S. carved near the top edge. It is a small rectangle made of matching marble to her headstone. It has been gently and safely cleaned but will take at least another year before it becomes bright white again.

John Adam Staver, born May 29, 1764, died on August 25, 1851 at age 87. The footstone of John Adam Staver was located buried deep underground not far from his headstone. It has the initials of J. A. S. carved near the top edge. It is also a small rectangle of matching marble to his headstone. It has also been gently and safely cleaned and will also take at least another year before it becomes bright white again.

If you recall, John Adam Staver along with Abraham Swartsel, were the leaders of this pioneer group who were instumental in creating the cemetery and the building of the church and the school on Staver land.

Benjamin Staver, born July 9, 1836, died January 8, 1841 at age four. The footstone of Benjamin Staver was located inside the Staver Corral. His headstone is located in row two further south of the corral. It is carved with his initials near the top edge. It is a small rectangle of matching marble to his headstone. It has been gently and safely cleaned but will also take at least another year before it becomes bright white again.

Thank you to Doug Pohl for installing a new street mirror to help with the difficulties of exiting the cemetery. Doug also graded the cemetery drive which was a great improvement. And once again, Stiver Cemetery has been beautifully mowed which is always so much appreciated.

Any questions?