

# JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

October 12, 2020

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Trustee President, Randall DeVilbiss, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting to order on **Monday, October 12, 2020** at 6:00 p.m. and led in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was as follows:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:		Present	Absent
Randall DeVilbiss	Trustee President	X	
Michael Moyer	Trustee Vice President	X	
Ryan Hodson	Trustee	X	
Elizabeth Kozarec	Fiscal Officer	X	
TOWNSHIP STAFF:			
Chief Jeff Erisman	Farmersville Fire Chief	X	
Chief Jon Schade	Chief of Police	X	
Doug Pohl	Road Superintendent	X	

**VISITORS:** Mr. Hanson Brown, Mr. Jimmy Peters, Mr. and Mrs. James and Joy Plymyer, Mr. Jake Stubbs.

## VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Mrs. Joy Swartzel Plymyer talked about the condition of the cemetery located on Preble County Line Rd. Known as the Hize Stiver Cemetery and it is said to have more than 100 graves. She gave a brief history of some of the people that are buried there; Matthias Swartzel, born in 1739 and settled in our area in 1805 and was a Sergeant to General George Washington in the Revolutionary War. Next to Matthias is a large monument for Abraham Swartzel (Matthias' son) and his Wife Elizabeth Izor Swartzel's grave. She stated she has read where Abraham Swartzel is known as the Father of Farmersville. Mrs. Plymyer stated she, as well as her husband and other family members, have been visiting this cemetery since the early 1990's and have taken photographs over the years that show the changes over the time (she shared photos with the Trustees). Headstones are severely weathered, broken and some are gathered together in a pile in the corner. They also feel there has been vandalism to some of the monuments that have been severed in half. She thanked everyone involved with the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery but wanted to see what could be done to restore and protect the cemetery in the future – mentioning several times, she and her husband were willing to help. After much discussion it was decided by the trustees, to contact Mr. Mitch Ward, who currently works at Calvary Cemetery to see if he could suggest/guide them on repairing/protecting the grave markers. In addition, Mr. Pohl was going to look into applying for grant money to help with the cost. Mrs. Plymyer's email was requested in order to keep her updated on the situation.
- Mr. Jake Stubbs, German Township Trustee, spoke about the special meeting held for the JEDD that Jackson Township Trustees were unable to attend due to the late notice. Mr. Stubbs explained that

the current proposal for the JEDD does not have a defined “purpose”. A JEDD is to supply economic DEVELOPMENT and there has been no purpose of what that development is; he suggested to the JEDD that they pay 75% of a Resource Officer’s salary (9 months paid by the JEDD and the remaining 3 months paid by German Township).

- He stated he has a problem with the current “split” of the money that the JEDD would bring; currently Germantown would get 57% of that money with the income tax never ending. Mr. Stubbs does not feel it is right for the employees of Valley View to have to incur a never ending tax in order to supplement the City of Germantown. Mr. Stubbs feels this is an unfair split and recommended that the JEDD be set for five years (construction only) with the split being equal among all four jurisdictions (Farmersville, Germantown, German Township and Jackson Township). Germantown is concerned about the loss of revenue from the school employees no longer paying city of Germantown Tax. Mr. Stubbs stated that if the Dupps Company would move out they would have to plan for that loss of income as well. In addition, once the school property is re-purposed Germantown may more than re-coup their loss.
- The current proposal would cost a VV Employee currently living in the city of Germantown 1.5% tax to the JEDD and .9 to Germantown (2.4% total) – he does not feel that is fair to the employees that live in Germantown. When asked about the number of employees already paying Farmersville or Germantown tax the JEDD did not know that number and admitted that their current estimate of revenue lost could be off by up to 30%.
- A member of the JEDD, also stated that if Jackson Township was not going to be unanimous that they should be kicked out now.
- According to Mr. Stubbs, a JEDD is used to help with additional money a jurisdiction may incur due to the development. The new Valley View School is on private property with both roads (Farmersville Pike and Manning Rd) falling under the responsibility of Montgomery County, not the Townships, therefore, there is no additional expenses to any of the four jurisdictions involved in the JEDD. The only reason the JEDD is in discussion is to re-coup tax money lost – not due to expenses.
- Mr. Stubbs stated his reason for coming to speak at our meeting was not to cause problems, but to bring to light that there is a way for this JEDD to happen and a way for this JEDD to happen fairly. He believes all entities should prepare for the possible loss of companies and have strategies to recoup.
- By doing a five year JEDD the tax would only be charged to the construction workers working on the building of the school.

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting:** Mr. DeVilbiss 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. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM September 15, 2020 THROUGH October 12, 2020:** Mr. DeVilbiss asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$131,539.53**. Mr. Moyer motioned to approve and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

**FIRE: Chief Erisman:**

- The Fire Department still has raffle tickets for sale and the drawing will start November 1, 2020.
- For Halloween they will pass out candy but no costume contest.
- He requested a volunteer for the Fireman’s Dependent Fund, Mr. DeVilbiss volunteered and Chief Erisman said he would get back with him with more details.
- Chief Erisman stated they have not received any CARES, Act money. State Auditor said they may have to apply as a 501.3c since they are a private Fire Dept. Mr. Hodson gave him the name of Keith Burnett to contact.

**POLICE: Chief Schade:**

- Chief Schade stated all the MDT’s are installed and working. Total expenses came in under budget.
- Next year he is planning to purchase a 2021 cruiser – the Chargers will all have AWD standard for 2021.
- Jake Stubbs commented that he appreciates seeing the Jackson Township police at Valley View Junior High during lunch almost every day. It is great for the students to interact with them and for the police presence to be seen.
- The Police will not be passing out Halloween candy this year; they will be in town but not passing out candy.

**ROAD: Mr. Pohl**

- Mr. Pohl stated that they Road Dept. replaced three storm pipes and catch basin on Rhoades Rd.
- Line striping has been completed on Chicken Bristle and Clayton Road.
- Changed the other stop sign to super flash sign.
- Road mowing for the season is done; equipment has been cleaned and put up for the winter.
- Pump has been pulled at the park and well has been abandoned. Tomorrow will trench water line across the lot to get it hooked up. It will be 1 ¼ inch plastic pipe and will have tracer wire. Shut off on it too.
- Cleaned and power washed patio at the Community Center.
- Have been aiding Farmersville with Hemple Rd. project.
- Mr. Moyer requested that the lock on the Volleyball lights be removed and replaced as someone had the lights on this past weekend.
- New lighting looks good at the park.

- Mr. Pohl stated that Farmersville was interested in our dump truck that he is ready to get rid of; asked if we should sell it to them or donate it? That way it would still be in our area if we needed to use. Other option would be to sell on GovDeals. Mr. DeVilbiss motioned that the red dump truck be donated to Farmersville; Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

**PARK:** No Report

**ZONING:**

- 11597 Dayton Farmersville still needs work. We have asked our prosecuting attorney about criminally charging Mr. Powers. The information to go forward with this issue was sent September 22, 2020.

**REFUSE:** Payments are coming in and getting ready to send out late letters sometime this week.

**IWORQ:** Everything is good.

**SENIOR CENTER:** Seems to be going well.

**FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec**

- Trustees had no questions regarding the fiscal reports provided.
- Mrs. Kozarec reviewed purchases made with the CARES Act money that included touchless sinks, toilets and water fountain.

**RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE:**

- Resolution 2020-21 Appropriation & Revenue Account Maintenance/Transfers.**  
Moving/adjusting blanket PO so we could reimburse the Police Department for COVID hazard pay. Motion to approve resolution made by Mr. Hodson; Mr. Moyer seconded. Motion passed.

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

2. **Resolution 2020-22 Authorizing Jackson Township to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required.** Havermale Rd. Phase 3. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

3. **Resolution 2020-23 Appropriation & Revenue Account Maintenance/Transfers.** Accepting CARES, Act money of \$96,431.65. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Moyer made a motion that we donate \$15,000 to CAMP out of the CARES, Act money to help the food bank with the additional expenses caused by COVID. Mr. Hodson seconded. Motion passed.

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

The JEDD is attempting to have a work session meeting with all Trustees from Germantown, Farmersville, German Twp. and Jackson Twp. on September 23 at 4:30.

**TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

**Mr. DeVilbiss:** None

**Mr. Moyer:** Requested copy of video conference of JEDD meeting from Mr. Stubbs.

**Mr. Hodson:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSSION – None Required**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** the meeting was made by Mr. Hodson and seconded by Mr. Moyer, meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mr. DeVilbiss	X			
Mr. Moyer	X			
Mr. Hodson	X			

Signed by:

Attested by:

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Randall DeVilbiss, President

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Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer