

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
June 10, 2024**

49 E. Walnut Street, Farmersville, Ohio 45325
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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday June 10, 2024**, 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 | |
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| 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: Joy Plymyer. Jimmy Peters

VISITOR COMMENTS: Joy Plymyer gave update on Stiver Cemetery Restoration. See Appendix A.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 22, 2024, SPECIAL Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; Mr. Moyer 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 May 14, 2024 through June 10, 2024: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$189,801.77**. Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- Chief Erisman stated the new medic has been receiving and training will be done this month. Rides very well and has liquid springs which will be better for patients.

POLICE: Chief Bruner (written report)

- The bullet proof vest grant paperwork has been submitted to the state and we will be reimbursed 75% of total cost which is about \$9,800 of the \$11,000.
- Received the renewal for the cloud services for our Body Warn Cameras, which is \$3,660. This is our yearly bill for licensing and video storage.
- On May 13 there was an assault at the Lake of the Woods; chargers were sent to court.
- On May 20 the department had a truck towed from the creek on Lower Gratis Rd. Subjects were “getting gravel” with the property owner’s permission when the truck became disabled. The truck had been in the creek for ten days.
- On May 26 there was a domestic violence (mother/son) call at the Lake of the Woods; charges have been sent to court.
- On May 28 a stolen truck was recovered on Lower Gratis Rd. which had been stolen from Clay Twp.
- On May 29 a theft from an unsecured vehicle at 5550 S. Clayton Road. Tools and a TV taken.
- On June 1 a single vehicle crash at 10700 Farmersville West Carrollton Rd., minor injury. Suspected OVI, operator refused test.
- On June 5 a runaway juvenile from S. Fuls Rd. was located in Trenton, mother was transported to retrieve her vehicle and her son.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl

- Finished repairs on the pool – baby pool still leaks.
- Hauled dirt from the parking lot tile work to Tom Thomas’s farm to put along the road.
- Trees down last week on Chicken Bristle, Swartzel and Lower Gratis Roads.
- Pot hole repair on Venus and Fuls Roads.
- Repaired a stop sign at Eagle Rd.
- Repair hole in pipe on Hemple Road. Still needs concrete poured in bottom of pipe.
- New part-time help started on May 23 and is being trained.
- New brush mower is in service as of today.
- Looking to put in a bolt bin for the ship from ¼ to 5/8” for around \$2,000.
- Found a 2019 John Deere 6110M Tractor with diamond mowers rear is 105 in. and side is 76 in. Would like to look into financing. Total cost is \$89,500 and tractor only has 691 hours on it. Mr. Moyer made motion approve the tractor purchase and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- The big refrigerator is fixed.

- Request to hire for the Pool Season is attached, Mr. Moyer made motion to accept hiring's and Mr. Hodson Seconded. Motion Passed

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

- Had to have the drain snaked between the outside bathrooms of the pool house and the floor drain in the kitchen. Someone flushed shop rags down the toilet and clogged it up.
- Pool is up and running and ready for the season.
- Emailed Shamrock Pools to set up a time for them to come out and get a clear scope of work for the pool after this season is over. Doug also talked to Rob from Shamrock and he said he will be getting some preliminary numbers and ideas together for us but he said they are booking 2 years out on work.
- Will discuss with the Park Committee restriping the parking lots at the park, redoing the small shelters around the park and also resealing the walking path. I have sent the quotes to the committee member to look over.
- Still working on the Parking lot Grant for the big parking lot. Choice One is help with this. Information is all due by August 1, 2024.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING:

- Board of Appeals approved a variance for Timothy Gibbs at 3640 Farmersville West Alexandria Road for a barn to be built in the front of the property. The property has a triangle shape which does not allow for the building in the rear.

REFUSE:

- Third qtr. bills went out May 30.

SENIOR CENTER: Things are going well.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec (absent)

- Mrs. Kozarec asked if there were any questions on Financials? Trustees had none.
- Mrs. Kozarec gave an update on US Bank closing and the visit from Somerville Bank. At this time she still recommends waiting to see how things go once that branch is closed and also to see if another bank is moving in.
- She advised the Trustees of an email stating that funding for the Clayton Road project has been re-evaluated and we received the grant it will be in 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: He had a request from a community member to have a flag pole installed at the Dallas Street Cemetery. Mr. Moyer made motion to approve and Mr. Hodson seconded. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: Absent

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. Moyer and Seconded by Mr. Hodson, meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

Appendix A

Stiver Cemetery Update

This month, Jim and I have four restored headstones to share with you.

This first one greatly surprised us. On occasion, during our first and second years out at Stiver Cemetery, we would walk the overgrown perimeter outside of the fenced area to see if we could locate any missing headstones, foot stones or broken pieces. Jim and I found three or four foot stones and a slotted base. One of the stones was a tear-dropped shape of thick blue slate. There was no visible carving on this stone but it resembled a foot stone so we kept it inside along the fence line. Once in a while over the years, I would inspect it as I found it a fascinating piece of stone. Last month, I was drawn to this stone again for some unknown reason. I washed it again with water but still nothing. I began to work on another headstone nearby that same fence line. The sun began to shine brightly through the leaves of the walnut tree. I turned around and it was as if this blue slate stone had a spotlight on it. I walked over to the stone, held it up into the bright sun and I saw scratches. I just knew it was something. I called Jim over in excitement. We squinted and tried to focus on the various veins in the stone. And sure enough, there it was. Another primitive headstone with the year 1822 and underneath the capital letters HA. We had another mystery in our hands. Who was HA? But we were thrilled to find another unrecorded pioneer who deserved to be remembered and is now remembered once again. We don't know exactly where HA is buried so we reset his headstone near where we located his headstone outside of the fence. That makes the third blue slate primitive headstone that we have found.

The next headstone belongs to Isaac Guntle who passed away in 1831 at aged 1. This marble headstone was found broken into two pieces, flat on the ground and covered with earth. It's slotted base was buried underground.

The third headstone belongs to Jonathan Guntle who passed away in 1832 at aged 1. This marble headstone was also found broken into two pieces, flat on the ground and covered with earth. It's slotted base was also buried underground.

We had previously restored the headstone of Samuel Guntel, who passed away in 1833 at aged 9 months. Isaac, Jonathan and Samuel were all brothers and still babies who passed away within 2 ½ years of each other. It's very sobering to think about the difficulties our pioneers faced on a daily basis. Caring for their resting places in an honor.

The final headstone that I have to share with you tonight belongs to Evin Hoops who passed away in 1862 at the age of 82. This large marble headstone was found broken and out of it's slotted base. After we dug out the slotted base, we discovered a large base stone underneath which we assume was put there to keep the slotted base stable. The headstone was broken off into the slotted base and was very jagged. This made resetting the headstone impossible. We have had to trim two other headstones because of like situations, but this headstone was too heavy for us to remove to trim. We knew we would have to trim this headstone on site. So after much thought and planning, we bought a portable generator, brought out our circular saw, totes water and all of the other necessary pieces of equipment we would need. The headstone was too thick for one pass of the saw, so we had to turn it over, line it up and cut through the back. And the cut turned out beautifully. Over time, we reassembled the headstone and repaired the top section. In about another year, the cleaning should be complete and it will be a bright

white marble.

Jim and I want to offer another big thank you to Doug Pohl for bringing out another load of crushed limestone. He also beautifully trimmed the entire cemetery in time for Memorial Day. It was greatly appreciated.

I have one last comment about the safety of entering and exiting the cemetery onto Preble County Line Road. The warning sign and the traffic mirror are much appreciated and helpful. Unfortunately, vehicles fly up over the hill. Would it be possible to have a warning light attached to the warning sign?