

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County

**Regular Meeting
November 11, 2024**

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Mr. Michael Moyer, Trustee President, called the Jackson Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, to order on **Monday, November 11, 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	
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

VISITOR COMMENTS: See Appendix A for Stiver Cemetery Update given by Joy Plymyer. In addition to Appendix A, the trustees approved the repair of the headstone by A1 Concrete Leveling. Mr. Pohl stated he would be in attendance when this occurs, will get a copy of their liability insurance, and notify Mrs. Plymyer so she can be there, too. Total estimate is \$1,200 and will be paid by the General Fund.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 14, 2024, Regular Meeting: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said minutes; 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			

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS AND WARRANTS FROM October 15, 2024 through November 11, 2024: Mr. Moyer asked for the review and approval of said electronic payments and warrants in the amount of **\$104,959.50**. Mr. Hodson motioned to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

FIRE: Chief Erisman

- Chief Erisman read letter he received from the Montgomery County Engineer. The letter stated that the County would not be reimbursing for the fire departments time due to the County workers not responding to the tree down on Farmersville-Johnsville Rd. which caused the Fire Department to have to sit for a long period of time to ensure safety of drivers. After much discussion it was decided that Mr. DeVilbiss would reach out to our Prosecuting Attorney to discuss liability should both our police and fire be needed in another situation and leave a county road that has a hazard such as this on the road. Mr. DeVilbiss will follow up at next month’s meeting.

POLICE: Chief Bruner – written report

- Radars passed certification and mounting brackets have been ordered.
- 2007 Chevy Silverado sold on GovDeals for \$14,600.00
- Mental incident with a Valley View Intermediate School bus, subject is currently in a residential rehab facility. He received a call from an upset parent that was behind the bus state that the Chief misspoke on the news because the individuals pants did not just fall down as he stated. Chief explained that his statement was based on his interaction once he arrived on scene and suspects pants did fall down twice while being detained. Chief also stated that the individual causing the disturbance has left messages being extremely remorseful and apologetic.
- Chief Bruner requested a motion to hire Samantha Dunn as a part-time officer, he stated she currently works part time at New Lebanon and he has had interactions with her and feels she is a good addition as a part time officer. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

- Chief Bruner requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss the purchase of property.

ROAD: Mr. Pohl – written report

- General road maintenance: cutting of trees back on Fuls Rd. and Church St., picked up logs on Fuls Rd., crack sealed Fuls Rd, Havermale Rd and Hemple Rd.
- Still spot mowing the Cemetery’s, Park and Roadways.
- Mr. Pohl asked for approval for Participation Agreement for Striping Clayton and Hemple Roads in 2025 to the sum of \$5,497.24. This will be on Clayton Rd from Dayton-Farmersville to Hemple; and on Hemple Rd. from Dayton-Farmersville to Diamond Mill Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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

- Mr. Pohl then updated the Trustees on Sunrise Communication – a contractor for Spectrum who is currently putting in fiber optics in our township. He has spent a lot of time with this company going over maps and plans. They have made some changes – Mr. Pohl asked if she require new drawings or just go with a handshake? Trustees want new drawings. Mr. Pohl will take care of this tomorrow.

PARK: Mrs. Hamaker

- The new port-a-potties are in use.
- Mr. Pohl met with Asphalt Seal Coaters on October 31 about some areas of concern on the bike path at the park and the path out of town to the park. They came out on November 40 and made requested repairs.
- A banner for the Recycle Center has been ordered.
- She has not heard back from Devin Stoutenborough regarding the pool.
- Homeland Security repaired the cameras at the park that were not working. Still waiting on the new equipment to test out. She spoke with Mark in mid-October about the other equipment and he was supposed to check on it and let her know – still waiting on response.
- The pool and pool house have been winterized.
- Any decision on the watermain fill line for the pool? After discussion, Mr. Pohl said he feels it is something he can work on this winter.

ZONING, REFUSE, SENIOR CENTER: Mrs. Hamaker

ZONING:

- Things are going well.

REFUSE:

- Things are going well. Looking into setting up bulk mailing for the postcards, a cheaper option for postage and possibly getting rid of the current mail machine.

SENIOR CENTER:

- Things are going well.

FISCAL OFFICER: Elizabeth (Lisa) Kozarec

- Mrs. Kozarec asked if there were any questions on Financials? Trustees had none.

Resolution 2024-17 Request for Tax Valuation for Police Levy. Mr. Hodson made motion to approve and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Resolution 2024-18 Advancement of Funds from Montgomery County Auditor. Mr. Hodson made motion to accept and Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Moyer: Stated that there are now extra stop signs at Clayton and Havermale Rds.

Mr. Hodson: None

Mr. DeVilbiss: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Hodson made motion to move to Executive Session to discuss Purchase of Property and invited Chief Bruner and Mrs. Kozarec. Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the motion. Time 6:44

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

Mr. Moyer made motion to return from Executive Session and Mr. Hodson seconded the motion. Time 7:09.

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

Mr. Hodson made motion to authorize the purchase of the Crews Construction building located at 322 E. Center St., Farmersville, OH as the new Police location. Sale price is \$165,000 with an additional \$10,000 for new roofs on both the office building and garage. Mr. DeVilbiss seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was made by Mr. DeVilbiss; meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Signed by:

Attested by:

Michael Moyer, President

Elizabeth Kozarec, Fiscal Officer

Appendix A

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Joy Plymyer

Stiver Cemetery Update

Jim and I have two completed headstone restorations to show to you tonight. Most likely, these will be the final two we will be able to complete this season due to curing requirements until the warmer spring weather returns.

Saloma Biers, aged 64, has a beautifully carved tablet out of sandstone. The top of three sections was located buried flat underground with the middle section laying on top of it. The lower third section was located about two feet north. It was deep in the ground and secured into place with multiple stones. Unfortunately, we didn't locate the lowest section until after we had reset the second section. The top two pieces appeared large enough to be a complete headstone. So imagine our surprise to locate the bottom third section about two feet north. That meant we had to remove the recently reset second section and start all over. At last we were able to attach the top section and let it cure. Note the beautifully carved Weeping Willow tree on Saloma Biers' headstone. It does not represent grief and sorrow. The Weeping Willow tree in Christianity is associated with the gospel of Christ because the tree will flourish and remain whole no matter how many branches are cut off. It was one of the most popular gravestone decorations of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

The headstone belonging to A. B. is full of mystery. This large sandstone headstone is mostly severely chipped off all areas. There is a center area that demonstrates extremely faint letter carvings but they are impossible to read. We know this headstone belongs to A. B. because we also located its large matching footstone. It is not chipped off but it is faintly carved with the initials A. B. The font is in Fraktur Script in Old German. It is the same font that is carved onto Catarina Boll's headstone. And the headstone is a short diagonal away from Catarina Boll's headstone. Could A. B. be related to Catarina Boll? It certainly appears to be a reasonable guess but we have no way of knowing the answer.

Thank you to Doug Pohl for reaching out to me about the possible Krider monument leveling plan. Doug, would you like to address this topic?