

# JACKSON TOWNSHIP NEWS

Jackson Township, Seneca County, Ohio

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## CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Lots and burial costs in Zion Cemetery at County Road 592 are very reasonable. The current rates are as follows: Grave Lots: Township Residents-\$200.00; Non Residents-\$500.00 Opening & Closing of Graves: Township Residents- \$300.00; Non Residents-\$500.00 Opening & Closing for Cremations: Township Residents-\$150.00; Non Residents-\$250.00. Please contact Linda Naderer at (419) 435-8286 if you would like to purchase a cemetery lot. Larry Hoffman does a great job of mowing and maintaining our cemeteries. Please help him out by removing all old decorations by April 1st.

## Go Green!

Help us save paper, time and money. Join our list of residents receiving our newsletter electronically. If interested, you can email us at: [admin@jacksontwp-seneca.com](mailto:admin@jacksontwp-seneca.com). If you know of any township resident that did not receive this newsletter and would like a copy (electronic or paper form), contact Linda Naderer at the above email address or phone 419-435-8286.

## TOWNSHIP BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The township house now has a new roof to replace the original one that was on the township building when it was built back in the mid-1960s. The trustees also replaced the old sprayed on roof insulation with new fiberglass batting insulation. The township hall is now being heated and cooled by a new energy efficient 18,000 BTU ductless mini split heat pump. This replaces the original furnace and window air conditioner.

## TRUSTEES

Rick Findley	419-435-1221
Tim Reinhart	419-619-0190
Steve Naderer	419-508-2101

## Meetings

First & Third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

## Fiscal Officer

Linda Naderer	419-435-8286
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## Township Employees

Ron Johnson	419-619-5818
Larry Hoffman	

## Zoning Inspector

Ron Williams	419-619-4533
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## Just a reminder

Jackson Township only maintains township roads - not county or state roads that are in the township. If you see a problem on a county road, contact the county garage at 419-447-3863.

## Website Links

The Jackson Township website now contains links to various county and state agencies. When you get a chance, take a look.

## Wanted: Used Motor Oil

The township has a used oil furnace to heat the shop and save money on propane expenses. If you have a small container of used oil, you can bring it to the township house on trash collection days. If you have a drum or a large amount of used oil, call Ron at 419-619-5818 and he will make arrangements to pick up the oil at your site. Any non-contaminated oil you can give us would be appreciated!

## JLB AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Seneca County EMS provides the equipment for emergency medical services throughout the county. The communities are to provide the personnel to man the ambulances. In recent years it has become harder to get enough volunteers to keep all local EMS stations in service. The county suggested that entities join together to form joint ambulance districts and in order to increase manpower offer a nominal amount of compensation for EMTs when they are on call. Effective January 1, 2015, Jackson and Liberty Townships and the Village of Bettsville created the JLB Joint Ambulance District. In order to fund this district the JLB board will have a 1 mill levy on the ballot in November. Jackson Township currently collects 0.3 mills for EMS services and uses these funds to contract with the City of Fostoria. If the 1 mill levy passes, Jackson Township will cease to collect the 0.3 mills and the JAD will provide ambulance services in our township out of Bettsville and contract with Fostoria for EMS services for the western portion of Jackson Township.

## Fire Protection

Jackson Township contracts with the Kansas Community Volunteer Fire Department, Risingsun Volunteer Fire Department and the Bascom Joint Fire District to provide fire protection for its residents. The township has an agreement with Kansas Fire Department to provide 40% of the funding to help purchase their new pumper/tanker truck. The township was also instrumental in helping Kansas receive a \$10,000 equipment grant from the State Fire Marshal for new turnout gear for their firefighters. Thank you to all the firefighters who give up their precious time to keep our homes safe!

## EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015!!

There will be three state issues on the ballot this year. To read about these issues and see the arguments for and against each issue please visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/> Be an informed voter!

## TRASH COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Jackson Township provides a dumpster at the township garage on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from noon until 5:30 p.m. for township residents to dispose of non-recyclable materials. Please bag all loose items that may blow away. We no longer provide steps to the dumpster. We will have an employee available with the backhoe bucket for you to dump your trash into if you are unable to toss it over the side from the ground or your pickup bed. This should be an easier and safer method for our residents.

There are four recycling containers located behind the salt shed. These are available 7 days a week during daylight hours. Sorting is no longer necessary—simply rinse containers and flatten boxes! Please recycle!! It's good for the environment and helps to keep our landfill fees down.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

### 2014

Jackson Township had three paving projects in 2014. **TR 64** from TR 36 north to CR 62 was paved at a cost of \$42,039. We applied for Issue 1 money collaboratively with other townships in Seneca County for this project. The Ohio Public Works Commission grant for this project was \$28,832 and the township's share was \$13,207. The second project was paving **Bachman Road** from US 23 east to North Union and **Walnut Street** from Jones Road to Bittersweet Lane. This was a collaborative project with the City of Fostoria paying for 42% of Walnut. The township's cost for this project was \$20,474. The largest project for 2014 was **TR 84** from SR 12 to CR 5. The township used the grader to trench out 3' on the north side of the road. Then the road was reconditioned by a 12" full depth reclamation of grinding the existing asphalt with the road base and adding cement and water for strength. This was then paved with hot mix asphalt. The cost of the reconditioning and paving was \$123,650.

### 2015

Jackson Township chip sealed **TR 36** from TR 63 to CR 25 at a cost of \$23,692. Chip sealing is not very popular with the public because of the period of loose stone when it is first done and the rougher surface. However, it is a very cost efficient way of maintaining the asphalt on the road without adding to the thickness of the road. The approximate cost of paving a mile of road 10' wide with 2" of asphalt is \$42,370 and the approximate cost of single chip sealing the same road would be \$7,789. The township is doing a full depth reclamation on **TR 174** from CR 5 to TR 71A at a cost of \$33,945. This road will then be paved with hot mix asphalt. The cost of the paving is estimated to be \$37,689 with an Issue 1 grant from OPWC paying about 88% of the cost.

## 2016 PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

The trustees have applied for an Issue 1 grant from OPWC to pave **TR 55** and **TR 57**. The county engineer's estimate for this project is \$69,432. The township also applied for Issue 1 money collaboratively with other townships in Seneca County for paving **TR 45** from CR 592 north to TR 84. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$74,249.

## INFORMATION FROM THE OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

The care and maintenance of the township road system is the largest function of townships today. Responsibility for the roads is divided among levels of government in terms of miles of roadway: State of Ohio, 19,000 miles; counties, 29,000 miles; municipalities, 31,000 miles; and townships, 41,000 miles.

### TELEPHONE

Please note that there is no longer a landline telephone at the township house. The decision to remove this phone and its cost was due to very low call volume and most of the calls being for Jackson Township in Hancock County! The township provides cell phones for our road employee and zoning inspector to be used for township business for about the same cost as a landline. The trustees and fiscal officer can be reached at the numbers listed in this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

## Snow Removal

Just a reminder- When clearing your driveway of snow, please make sure that all snow is removed completely from the road right-of-way. If a pile of snow is left on the road which causes an accident, the homeowner who put the snow there could be held liable. If snow is left in a pile at the end of your driveway, it will cause snow to drift on the road. The trustee's policy on mailboxes is to only replace those boxes that are actually hit by a township snowplow. If the mailbox is knocked off by the thrown snow, it is the resident's responsibility to replace the box. Also don't forget to clear the snow from your paper & mailbox approach!

## Signs, Signs Everywhere are Signs....

Have you noticed the big bright signs throughout the township? Jackson Township received a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to replace all warning signs on township roads with new signs that meet the new retroreflectivity requirements along with the posts, hardware and reflective strips for the posts. The entire cost of \$21,650 was paid by ODOT with township funds used only for the installation. Hopefully this will make our township roadways safer for all!

## Township Road Right-Of-Way

Jackson Township's goal is to keep our roads as safe as possible for the public to travel on. While some objects such as sign posts, mailboxes, etc. are necessary, we need to keep all unnecessary obstructions out of the road right-of-way. This includes posts, snow fence, yard waste and overgrown bushes and trees. Please do your part to keep the portion of your property near the roadway free of dangerous objects or items that may cause an accident.

## ZONING

The Jackson Township Zoning Board of Commissioners spent many hours going over the entire Zoning Resolution and proposed several text changes and edits for the approval of the Township Trustees. The trustees approved of the changes and the new, revised zoning resolution was adopted and went into effect January 1, 2015. The revised zoning regulations of Jackson Township can be viewed in its entirety on our website [www.jacksononwp-seneca.com](http://www.jacksononwp-seneca.com). You can also call Linda at 419-435-8286 to review the zoning book at the township hall or to purchase a copy. Please contact our zoning inspector Ron Williams at 419-619-4533 before beginning any new construction or changing the use of your property or for any questions you may have pertaining to zoning. The zoning board of commissioners no longer meets monthly but currently meets on an as needed basis.

## FOR SALE

**Dell OptiPlex 740** AMD Athlon 64x2 Dual Core Processor 4400+ 2.30 GHz, 1.93 GB RAM, w/Windows XP Professional Version 2002, CD Drive, Microsoft Office 2007 Word, Excel, Power Point. 19" Dell Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse.

**Dell OptiPlex GX520** with Intel Pentium 4 CPU, 2.80 GHz, 504MB RAM, Windows XP Professional 2002, 3 1/2 Floppy & CD Drive, Keyboard, Mouse.

**Air conditioner** - 10,000 BTU GE Window air conditioner. Will cool 425-525 sq. ft. Fits windows 22-36" wide with a minimum height of 14".

**Sealed bids for these items can be mailed to Jackson Township 6250 N Co Rd 3 Fostoria, OH 44830 to be opened at the regular township trustee meeting on November 17th at 8:00 p.m.**

## Food Available for Low Income Families

Jackson Township currently works with the Village of Risingsun to pick up food at the Toledo Seagate Food Bank to be distributed to low income residents of the township. The food is available to eligible residents on the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Contact Linda Naderer at 419-435-8286 for a form to determine your eligibility which is based on household size and income. This form must be signed and sent to Linda before you can pick up food.