

**Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
February 7, 2007**

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 7:00 p.m. on February 7, 2007, at the Township Office, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, MI.

Members present: Supervisor Snell, Clerk Thomas, Trustees Clingerman, Barrett, DeBruler and Sercombe.

Members absent: Treasurer Brockie (excused)

There were 46 people in attendance. Sign-in list is on file.

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC Opened at 7:01
COMMENTS Closed at 7:10

PUBLIC HEARING ON IFEC REQUEST BY MID-AMERICAN PRODUCTS, INC. – 7:10-7:12 pm

PRESENTATIONS TO PSO OFFICER CHRIS POHL Presentations were made to Public Safety Officer Chris Pohl commending him for bravery in the line of duty by PS Director Mike Jester and by State Senator Mike Simpson.

MINUTES APPROVAL Motion by Barrett, support by Clingerman, to approve the minutes of the Board Work Session on December 28, 2006, and the Regular Board Meeting on January 3, 2007.
Motion carried by voice vote

CHANGES TO AGENDA ADD to New Business: Consider Res. #08-2007-0207 to authorize waiver of penalty on taxes for senior citizens.
Motion by Thomas, support by Sercombe, to approve addition to agenda.
Motion carried by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval to pay MERS in the amount of \$34,801.20 for December, 2006, retirement contribution – acct. #296-300-723 - \$22,104.21, acct. # 296-000-204 - \$12,166.15, acct.#297-300-723 - \$342.39 and acct.#297-000-204 - \$188.45.
2. Approval to pay J. McEldowney Business Machines in the amount of \$699.00 to replace QVF work station printer with Kyocera Model FS-2000 – acct. #101-215-977.

Motion by Thomas, support by Barrett, to approve payment of items on Consent Agenda.
Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- Supervisor appointing Rick Johns to fill remainder of Kevin Bowman term on DDA
- Road Commission annual meeting on Thursday, 2/8
- Supervisor seeking bids for actuarial services
- Two PS Officers have purchased service credits
- Expecting proposal from Enterprise Group for assuming handling of IFEC application process
- Rives Twp. has received grant for assistance with sewer project
- Receiving bids for digital record management
- Meeting scheduled with General Code to review progress on codification project
- Introduction to Board of new Electrical Inspector, Marty Riske. Mr. Riske requesting guidelines for site plan review fees. Supervisor will create guidelines for Board approval at next month's meeting.
- Court ruling that township may opt out of storm water
- Introduction of new Jackson Chamber of Commerce logo
- Financial assistance for lead hazard removal is available for eligible families through the Community Action Agency

CLERKS'S UPDATE Presentation by representatives of Frog Productions concerning addition to Township website listing all township businesses.

PUBLIC SAFETY
ANNUAL
REPORT

Presentation of Public Safety Annual Report by PS Inspector Jon Johnston.

PURCHASE
PATROL CARS

Motion by Barrett, support by Thomas, to authorize purchase of three (3) patrol vehicles during 2007, at a total cost not to exceed \$75,000 including changeovers.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

PURCHASE
IN-CAR VIDEO
SYSTEMS

Motion by Barrett, support by Sercombe, to authorize purchase of nine (9) patrol car video systems from Mobile Vision at a cost not to exceed \$70,000, paid from General Fund, to be repaid out of Drug Forfeiture funds when available.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

SALE OF
ENGINE #2

Motion by Barrett, support by Clingerman, to approve sale of Engine #2 on e-Bay.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

INSPECTOR
SALARY
INCREASE

Motion by Barrett, support by Clingerman, to accept Public Safety Committee recommendation of a 5% salary increase for Public Safety Fire Inspector.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

PS DIRECTOR
SALARY
INCREASE

Motion by Thomas, support by Sercombe, to accept Public Safety Committee recommendation of a 5% salary increase for Public Safety Director.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

PLANNING COMMISSION

ZONE CHANGE
REQUEST #1319

Motion by Thomas, support by Sercombe, to honor request by representatives of Springport 8 LLC to table zone change request #1319 until March Board meeting.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

IFEC REQUEST
MID-AMERICAN
RES.#04-2007-0207

Motion by Thomas, support by Snell, to approve Resolution #04-2007-0207 granting IFEC request by Mid-American Products, Inc. for 12 years.

Motion carried by voice vote

RETIREE HEALTH
& DENTAL INS.
RES.#05-2007-0207

Motion by Clingerman, support by Sercombe, to approve Res.#05-2007-0207 providing for cost sharing of health and dental insurance premiums for future township retirees.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

REVISING IFEC
FOR MID-AMERICAN
RES.#06-2007-0207

Motion by Thomas, support by Barrett, to approve Resolution #06-2007-0207 increasing the amount of personal property included in IFEC for Mid-American Products, Resolution #13-2005-0404, by an additional \$811,353 for remainder of exemption period.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

NW RED CRUSHERS
CHARITABLE
GAMING
RES.#07-2007-0207

Motion by Thomas, support by Barrett, to approve Res. #07-2007-0207 approving request by Northwest Red Crushers Wrestling organization for a charitable gaming license.

Roll call: Ayes: 5 Nays: 1 (Snell) Motion carried

RECEIVE TECH
COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion by Barrett, support by DeBruler, to receive the report of the Technology Committee.
Motion carried by voice vote

IT EQUIPMENT
PURCHASES

Motion by Thomas, support by Barrett, to approve purchase of IT equipment as proposed by the Tech Committee, cost not to exceed \$11,000.

Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried

RECEIVE
UTIL. COMM
REPORT

Motion by Thomas, support by Barrett, to receive the report of the Utilities Committee.
Motion carried by voice vote

LIFT STATION GENERATORS	Motion by Barrett, support by Thomas, to approve expenditure of \$430,130.32 for installation of generators at 15 wastewater lift stations. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
UPGRADE FOUR LIFT STATIONS	Motion by Thomas, support by Clingerman, to authorize Township engineer to proceed with plans to upgrade four wastewater lift stations and purchase one (1) standby lift station pump. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
WATER TOWER CLEANING	Motion by Thomas, support by Clingerman, to authorize Supervisor to contract for cleaning of Township water tower, at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
ASST. ASSESSOR SALARY INCREASE	Motion by Snell, support by Thomas, to approve salary increase of 10% (\$3,203.20) for the Assistant Assessor. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
ZONING ADMIN. SALARY INCREASE	Motion by Snell, support by Barrett, to approve salary increase of 2.5% (\$1,063.40) for the Zoning Administrator. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
WAIVER OF TAX PENALTY RES.#08-2007-0207	Motion by Thomas, support by Barrett, to approve Res. #08-2007-0207 waiving property tax late payment penalty for senior citizens. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
BILLS	Approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Approval Report dated 1/19/2007 in the amount of \$99,138.95, the report dated 2/1/2007 in the amount of \$299,451.65, and the report dated 2/7/07 in the amount of \$339,278.83. Roll call: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried
<u>EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>	Opened at 9:10 p.m. Closed at 9:10 p.m.
ADJOURN	Supervisor Snell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

J. Michael Thomas, Clerk