

Regular Board Meeting  
Blackman Charter Township  
January 17, 2023

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

**Members present:** Supervisor Jancek, Clerk Sercombe, Treasurer Preston, and Trustees: Ambs, Thomas, Pack, and Williams.

**Members absent:**

**Public Attendance:**

Steve Stowe  
Ray Snell

Scott Grajewski  
Diane Derby

Deborah Nagy  
Dave Elwell

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)**

1. **Ray Snell, 9<sup>th</sup> District County Commissioner**
  - a. Proclamation for John Gumbert
    - i. Last of the group that purchased the County Tower Building
    - ii. Brought the airport into the township
  - b. Approved Airport ARPA Project
    - i. Water main and storm water project
  - c. Working on mobile app for Jackson County
    - i. Allow people to get ahold of Sheriff's Department,
  - d. Jury system upgrade
    - i. Keep track of jurors and the trials they have to attend
  - e. Blackstone St.
    - i. Traded properties to make them continuous
  - f. Public Defender Compensation Adjustments
    - i. Other counties offer \$10,000 more to start
    - ii. State will be paying for this to hire and maintain employees
2. **Michael Jester, Director of Public Safety**
  - a. I will be retiring at the end of the month with 29 years of service
    - i. I always felt valued as an employee
    - ii. Always been a great place to work
    - iii. Thank you to all board, past boards, and employees of Blackman Township.

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

- No additions/deletions.

Motion by Clerk Sercombè, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

- No changes/corrections.

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Williams to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, December 19, 2022.

*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 12/09/22 in the amount of \$222,290.52 and for 12/23/22 in the amount of \$174,457.41.
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of December 2022.  
Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack  
**Roll Call:** Sercombe, Pack, Thomas, Williams, Ambs, Jancek, Preston  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

## SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. 2023 MTA Capital Conference
  - a. March 1
2. Building Department – Annual Permit Report
  - a. 276 building permits
  - b. 328 electrical permits
  - c. 39 sign permits
  - d. 80 plumbing permits
  - e. 193 mechanical permits
3. Technology Park

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Tax bills are out and coming back slowly
2. Tech Park – sizeable bills rolling in
3. My thanks to Linda for letting me pester her with questions

## CLERK'S UPDATE

1. No audit for Blackman regarding the November 2022 election

## PUBLIC SAFETY

1. *Trustee Williams:* Personal thank you to Director Jester
  - a. Nothing but positive interactions over the years
  - b. Thank you for your service
2. Met regarding the need to appoint new director of Public Safety
  - a. Looking to promote within rather than hire outside the department
  - b. Executive committee can do interviews and move forward

## PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Update on cleaning up Zoning Ordinances
  - a. When is this going to be updated?
  - b. Region 2 is still working on the process

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Approved a variance for a setback on Mountie Way.

## PARKS & RECREATION

1. Received info from the DNR about applying for an extension regarding Canary Lane
  - a. Need mussel test done – requires the air to be a certain temp
2. 3 quotes for lighting at the park

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- *None*

## UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- *None*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- *None*

NEW BUSINESS

**CROWN CASTLE  
METRO ACT  
PERMIT**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Williams to authorize the Clerk to approve the modifications of Exhibit A of Crown Castle's METRO Act Permit.

**Roll Call:** Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Sercombe, Ambs, Williams  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

**2023  
COMMITTEE  
LIST**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the 2023 Blackman Township Committee List, effective January 1, 2023.

**Roll Call:** Jancek, Ambs, Williams, Pack, Sercombe, Preston, Thomas  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

**PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT:  
1980 WEST  
PARNALL RD.**

Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Supervisor to sign a purchase agreement, prepared by attorney Eric White, in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for the property located at 1980 W. Parnall Road, including parcels:

- #000-08-15-351-002-02
- #000-08-15-351-002-05
- #000-08-15-351-002-03
- #000-08-15-301-001-10

This is a 2023 budgeted expense to be paid from the ARPA Fund account. A \$50,000 good faith deposit to the realtor will be applied to the purchase price upon closing.

**Roll Call:** Preston, Williams, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Sercombe, Jancek  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

**BOARD  
MEMBER WAGE  
INCREASE**

Motion by Clerk Sercombe supported by Treasurer Preston to approve a 3% wage increase for all township board members, per the compensation committee's recommendation, effective 1/01/2023.

**Roll Call:** Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Sercombe, Preston, Pack, Williams  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

- BILLS

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 1/04/23 in the amount of \$970,070.03 and Board Invoice Report dated 1/18/23 in the amount of \$382,616.45.

**Roll Call:** Williams, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Sercombe, Pack  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*


EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

- *None*

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. *Supervisor Jancek*
  - a. Thank you, Mike, for helping the Township Board with things beyond Public Safety.
  - b. You have been invaluable throughout the years, and we thank you for your help
2. *Trustee Thomas*
  - a. I had the opportunity to do ride-alongs with Mike and see how he treated residents
  - b. He has had so much growth over the years with this township. Thank you!
3. *Treasurer Preston*
  - a. We should work on a bid package for mowing services
  - b. Current bid package expires in April

*The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.*

  
Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk