

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
October 17, 2022

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022 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:

Kathy Wiggins
Joanne Anastasiadis

Dawn Warfield
Janice Bodenstedt
Tim Curran

Harold Levy
Nathan Edwards

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Nathan Edwards, Northwest School Board Candidate**
 - a. Passionate about increasing skilled trades in the high school
 - b. Uncomfortable conversations need to happen with education
 - c. Low testing scores, especially with a 25% post COVID mathematics score
 - d. Lots of finger pointing, but no solutions.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

- No additions/deletions.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, October 17, 2022.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.

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

Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 9/02/22 in the amount of \$157,104.25, for 9/16/22 in the amount of \$166,252.03, and for 9/30/22 in the amount of \$180,280.16
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the year 2021.
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of September 2022.
4. Approve the wire transfer to Rosenbauer Minnesota, LLC. for the amount of \$24,079.00.

Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe

Roll Call: Sercombe, Pack, Thomas, Williams, Ambs, Jancek, Preston

Ayes – 7

Nays - 0

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. JCDOT keeps working on township roads
2. MDOT working on state roads
3. Technology Park
 - a. Bid was awarded to Mead Brothers

TREASURER'S UPDATE

RESOLUTION #14-2022-1017: Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Supervisor Jancek to approve Resolution #14-2022-1017; a corporate resolution for Comerica Bank regarding General Fund investments. *Discussion*
COMERICA BANK INVESTMENTS *Roll Call:* Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Sercombe, Ambs, Williams
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

- 2021 taxes are 94.6% collected as of today.

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Election is November 8 – go vote
2. 2,900 ballots sent out, 25% are returned
3. Public Accuracy Test was October 10
4. Cemetery Clean-Up was October 8 for Fifield Cemetery
5. Election Training October 18-20

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Resignation will be coming next week, and we will be finding a replacement.
2. New ladder truck is out back for the residents to look at.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Minutes from past meeting
2. Zoning ordinance – there are different versions floating around
 - a. Need to get one version codified and redone for all members of the PC / ZBA
 - b. Meeting tomorrow night – conditional use will be brought to the next board meeting

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Two topics regarding setback requirements for next meeting

PARKS & RECREATION

1. We have received payment for the playground grant
2. Jack is working on Canary Lane canoe and kayak launch
3. Once the leaves are off, Rob Wells will do some work cleaning up the park
4. Looking for some lighting work to be done at the park. No responses yet for quotes.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

NEW BUSINESS

2023 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the 2023 Blackman Charter Township Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule. *Discussion*

**AMENDED 2023
BOARD MEETING
SCHEDULE**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the amended 2023 Blackman Charter Township Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule with November 6 being changed to November 20.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION
#15-2022-1017:
JACKSON COUNTY
HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve Resolution #15-2022-1017; a resolution to adopt the draft 2022 edition of the Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**RAY PRINTING:
2022 WINTER TAX
BILLS**

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Ray Printing estimate for 2022 winter tax bills, newsletters, #10 window envelopes, and postage, priced at \$5,318.60.

Roll Call: Thomas, Ambs, Sercombe, Jancek, Pack, Williams, Preston

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

• **BILLS**

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 10/06/2022 in the amount of \$223,420.18 and Board Invoice Report dated 10/18/2022 in the amount of \$616,488.10.

Roll Call: Pack, Sercombe, Preston, Williams, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs

Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Nathan Edwards**, *Northwest School Board Candidate*
 - a. Proficiency scores – this is a problem and shows that there needs to be new leadership.
 - i. Need to get back to fundamentals
 - ii. If they are not learning the fundamentals, what are they learning?
 - iii. Please vote for Tim Curran for the Northwest School Board
2. **Tim Curran**, *Northwest School Board Candidate*
 - a. We have flyers and posters for those in attendance
 - b. Nathan Edwards and I will be around if anyone wants to ask any questions.

OPEN DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Williams, support by Trustee Thomas to adjourn to closed session at 6:25pm regarding consideration of purchase or lease of real property.

Roll Call: Sercombe, Pack, Thomas, Williams, Ambs, Jancek, Preston

Ayes – 4 Nays – 3 (Sercombe, Preston, Pack) Motion Approved

Motion by Trustee Williams, support by Trustee Thomas to reconvene the regular board meeting at 7:15pm.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Williams, support by Trustee Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.


Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk

