

Regular Board Meeting  
Blackman Charter Township  
October 18, 2021

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021 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:** Ray Snell, Joanne Anastasiadis, Jae Guetschow, Diane Derby

#### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

1. **Ray Snell, County Commissioner**
  - a. Sheriff is asking for more modernized equipment at their next meeting
  - b. Looking for a school resource officer at Vandercook Lake
  - c. Looking to start expending ARPA money
    - i. Updating infrastructure of the building
    - ii. Updating IT
  - d. Thank you, Treasurer Preston, for contacting me about a COVID resolution to oppose mandating people wear masks and opposing COVID passports
    - i. Need a reasonable accommodation (religious, medical, etc.)
    - ii. Resolution is on BoardDocs on county website
2. **Jae Guetschow, LRUA Representative**
  - a. LRUA - dues have not been paid
  - b. Blackman wants to go with City of Jackson, Bylaws say dues need to be paid
  - c. \$3,488.00 -- 2yrs worth of dues

#### ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

- None

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the Board of Trustees agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, October 18, 2021.

*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

#### MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, September 20, 2021.

*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

#### CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 9/03/21 in the amount of \$150,526.01 and for 9/17/21 in the amount of \$170,347.36.
2. Approve \$200,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of September 2021.
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of September 2021.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Ambs

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

*Ayes – 7*

*Nays - 0*

*Motion Approved*

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Road Construction is on-going, trying to get it done before the snow hits
2. Reminder: Next month's meeting is a week earlier on November 8

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Park / Tax statistics handout
  - a. Park Reservations
  - b. Tax collection, specifically credit card usage
2. Investment ladder adjustments made
3. Staff do an excellent job with credit card usage and notifying customer with convenience fee

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Precinct 5 has a new County Commissioner - James Shotwell
2. We are adding another precinct due to the 2020 Census numbers
3. State has until December 31 before lines can be approved
4. Cemetery Clean-Up on Oct. 30, 10:00am
  - a. *Supervisor Jancek*: Ray, please pass along that GIS has been "less than organized" lately.
  - b. *Ray Snell*: We are very aware and looking for two more employees to help.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. *No committee activity*
2. COVID-friendly Halloween Party
  - a. Sunday, Oct. 31, 3-6pm
  - b. Outside, grab-and-go food
  - c. Very appreciative of Katie for stepping up and helping with that
3. Still looking for one officer to fill an open position

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. *No activity*
2. Meeting tomorrow night - Site Plan

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. *No activity*

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Equipment coming from overseas is running late, per DNR representative

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Presentation from Flock regarding cameras that can read plates
2. Currently tabled for next month, will bring it to the board after that.
3. Technology works with Axon and shares with other Law Enforcement departments
  - a. Useful for Rod Mills as well

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. *No activity*
2. M&K and Jack are identifying manholes that need improvement and fixing them.

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Meeting tomorrow

NEW BUSINESS  
**2022 BOARD**  
**MTG. SCHEDULE**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the 2022 Blackman Charter Township Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule.  
*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

**WINTER TAXES**  
**RAY PRINTING**  
**ESTIMATE**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the Ray Printing estimate for winter tax bills, newsletters, #10 window envelopes, and postage, priced at \$4,848.50.  
**Roll Call:** Jancek, Ambs, Williams, Pack, Sercombe, Preston, Thomas  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 9/07/21 in the amount of \$3,224,261.22 and Board Invoice Report dated 9/21/21 in the amount of \$445,564.70.  
**Roll Call:** Preston, Williams, Pack, Thomas, Ambs, Sercombe, Jancek  
*Ayes – 7                      Nays - 0                      Motion Approved*

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. Ray Snell, *County Commissioner*
  - a. Grant to hire more prosecutors from COVID
  - b. Hired more defense attorneys
  - c. Recruitment -- might be good to look for officers who were let go because of COVID.
  - d. New Director of Assessing

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. *Treasurer Preston*
  - a. Love the new sign, but there is a lot of info on each slide that is hard to read
2. *Clerk Sercombe*
  - a. For Trustees: What kind of mask mandates do you have at your employer?
  - b. *Attorney White:* If you are not vaccinated, wear a mask
  - c. *Trustee Williams:* Common area required, not in offices if both individuals agree
  - d. *Trustee Pack:* Must wear a mask inside, not outside
  - e. *Trustee Thomas:* All servers must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status
  - f. *Trustee Ambs:* Not required to wear a mask at all

*The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.*

  
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Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk