

Regular Board Meeting  
Blackman Charter Township  
November 9, 2020

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020 via Zoom, in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.

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

**Members absent:** Trustee Pack

**Public Attendance (via Zoom):** Nikki Van Bloem, Eric White, Ray Snell

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to excuse Trustee Pack from the meeting. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Ray Snell
  - a. Meet with Board Members individually as Commissioner

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:**

1. Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Williams to add Resolution #22-2020-1109; of support for Mike Levine Lakelands Trail Extension under new business.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Motion by Treasurer Preston with support from Clerk Sercombe to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2020. Unanimously Approved by Voice Vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of payroll for pay date 10/02/20 in the amount of \$130,147.38, for 10/16/20 in the amount of \$142,603.59, and for 10/30/20 in the amount of \$156,755.56.
2. Approve \$100,000.00 transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Public Safety Fund for the date 10/26/20.
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of October 2020.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe

*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE**

1. Nikki Van Bloem - Dept. of Natural Resources
  - a. Lakeland Trail Extension
2. Thank you to Office Staff for their help with Elections
3. 2020-2021 Budget was distributed for review, voting on in December meeting

**TREASURER'S UPDATE**

1. 95% collected for Summer Taxes
2. Winter Newsletter

**CLERK'S UPDATE**

1. Thank you to Election Workers, Public Safety, & Office Staff
2. Thanks to Sherry for last two years as Deputy Clerk
3. Katie Arntz is the new Deputy Clerk, effective 11/16/20.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**CLEANING  
ALLOWANCE**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the 2020 Cleaning Allowance as \$691.04, per the collective bargaining agreements.

*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**OPEN PUBLIC  
SAFETY POSITION**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to fill the open public safety officer's position, contingent upon the candidate's successful completion of a pre-employment background check and physical and psychological testing.

*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**EQUIPMENT  
PURCHASE**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase nine (9) radars and one (1) laser speed measurement device from Kustom Signals, under the State of Michigan bid, in the amount of \$24,650.00 from account #296-300-977.000.

*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. 10/20 meeting site plans
2. Andy's place solar / U-Haul storage units

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. 11-24 Meeting

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. Working with Jack Ripstra on proposal for bids
2. No rush to close the park
3. Wood chips are being dumped on trail

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

1. Looking into pricing for electronic signs for Public Safety and Township Hall

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. *No activity*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Meeting 11/10 via Zoom
2. Marijuana Testing
3. Chickens in Residential Area

NEW BUSINESS

**DEPUTY CLERK  
POSITION**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the starting wage of \$21.79 for the Deputy Clerk position, effective 11/16/2020.

*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**RESOLUTION  
2020-1109**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to #21- authorize Resolution #21-2020-1109; the approval and signing of an

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

interlocal agreement for the Jackson County Designated Assessor.  
*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**RESOLUTION #22-2020-1109 LAKELANDS TRAIL**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve Resolution #22-2020-1109; Support for Mike Levine Lakelands Trail Extension.  
*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**BILLS**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Williams to approve the payment of the bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Approval Report dated 11/04/2020 in the amount of \$142,389.82 and the Board Invoice Approval Report dated 11/04/2020 for \$445,247.22.  
*Roll Call      Ayes - 6      Nays - 0      Motion Approved*

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. *None*

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

1. Township Hall & Public Safety Lobby
  - a. Closed until further notice
  - b. Township Hall drive-thru is still open
  - c. Bills will be available to sign at drive-thru
2. Board Members can be sworn in after 11/20
3. Sanitizing Company
  - a. Sanitized Bethel & Rivertree on Thursday (11/05) after elections

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

  
Shelly Sercombe, Clerk