

Regular Board Meeting  
Blackman Charter Township  
February 22, 2022

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 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:** Kurt Parker, Ray Snell, Jennifer Biddinger.

*Deputy Director Grajewski filled in for Director Jester in his absence.*

### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Hearing on first mortgage revenue bonds, series 2022 (Vista Grande Villa Project) for purposes of section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and section 66.0304(11)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Public Comments:

1. **Kurt Parker, Attorney**
  - a. Hearing is being held and has been published in the paper
  - b. Improvements to the property, such as upgrading the facility, roofing projects, internal projects.
  - c. Re-financing of the additional bond issue and additional funds for internal upgrades.

Closed: 6:05pm

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

1. **Ray Snell, County Commissioner**
  - a. Agricultural Preservation Board
  - b. Board Meeting last week
    - i. Postponed purchasing loaders – will be discussed next meeting
  - c. Jackson County Jail
    - i. If you would like a tour, let me know
  - d. Public Defenders Office
    - i. Looking for Social Worker to hire in the future
  - e. Approved updates to Commission Chambers
    - i. \$165,000 in updates as a budgeted expense
  - f. Pickleball is being added to Cascades in the future.
    - i. \$465,000 project, some amounts are from grants
  - g. County Commission will not sell the Cascades.
  - h. Still discussing 9-1-1 system and what is the most cost-effective way to manage that
  - i. Jail millage renewal – look forward to that on the November ballot
2. **Jennifer Biddinger, Blackman Resident**
  - a. Working with local and state groups
  - b. Studying political experts to see there is not one county with a “clean” election
  - c. Jackson County has high suspicion of activity.
  - d. SOS illegally broke the law and sent out tons of registration cards and registered without individuals’ consents.
  - e. There are tons of duplicate voters are registered and voted multiple times
  - f. There are lots of dead voters who voted and are now over 100yrs old who are still registered.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

1. Under New Business

- a. Approve the agreement to extend termination dates of various wastewater treatment service agreements entered into between the City of Jackson and customer communities. Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Williams to approve the Board of Trustee agenda as amended for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of payroll for the dates 1/07/22 in the amount of \$157,869.91 and for 1/21/22 in the amount of \$178,056.82.
- 2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of January 2022.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe

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

*Ayes – 7*

*Nays - 0*

*Motion Approved*

SUPERVISOR’S UPDATE

- 1. Thank you to all staff for helping collect taxes, especially after delinquent taxes were enforced.
- 2. Trustee Thomas
  - a. What was the deal with the tornado siren going off?
  - b. *Deputy Director Grajewski:* The siren malfunctioned when the panel door was wide open due to the lock not being secure. The siren had power cut off to it, but the siren was able to still work off its battery pack, which is what allowed it to go off a second time in the afternoon. Preventative maintenance was done on the siren back in January of 2022.

TREASURER’S UPDATE

- 1. Thank you to Hal for all the wonderful work he has done.

CLERK’S UPDATE

- 1. We will have a May election for Western School District
- 2. Election staff are now certified to train inspectors.
- 3. Waiting for the Bureau to give us their blessing to send out updated Voter ID Cards

PUBLIC SAFETY

**AXON, INC.  
TASER  
PURCHASE**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase from Axon Enterprises, Inc., (15) Tasers, training cartridges and associated accessories for a total cost of \$67,529.12. This purchase is spread over 5-years in equal yearly payments of \$12,996.70. This was a budgeted purchase included under account number 205-901-970.000 of the 2022 public safety budget. **Discussion**

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

*Ayes – 7*

*Nays - 0*

*Motion Approved*

PLANNING COMMISSION

- *No activity*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- *No activity*

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Bill has come for playground equipment
  - a. Working on a number change with Jack and the manufacturer
  - b. Hoping for a dry spring for installation

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

NEW BUSINESS

**SPECTRUM  
PRINTING**

Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the estimate from Spectrum Printing for the mailing and printing of new Voter Identification Cards due to the 2020 Census, estimated cost not to exceed more than \$7,680.00.

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

**RESOLUTION  
#02-2022-0222:  
VISTA GRANDE  
VILLA**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve Resolution #02-2022-0222; a resolution approving First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 (Vista Grande Villa Project) for purposes of section 147(f) of the IRS Code of 1986 and section 66.0304(11)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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

**RESOLUTION  
#03-2022-0222:  
FLOCK CAMERA  
PERMITS**

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Williams to approve Resolution #03-2022-0222; a resolution to seek permits from MDOT to install Flock cameras on Cooper Street, West Avenue, West Michigan Avenue and East Michigan Avenue in the MDOT Right-Of-Way.

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

**WASTEWATER  
AGREEMENT  
W/ CITY OF  
JACKSON**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the agreement to extend termination dates of various wastewater treatment service agreements entered into between the City of Jackson and customer communities.

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

- BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 2/08/22 in the amount of \$269,571.12 and Board Invoice Report dated 2/23/22 in the amount of \$517,265.33.

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

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Jennifer Biddinger**, *Blackman Resident*

- a. I do not believe any of you are part of the suspicion or the fraudulent acts.
- b. Are the Voter ID Cards used to help clean up voter records?
- c. NW School Board: They mentioned food truck fees and are very disappointed in the vendors having to pay fees
  - i. *Supervisor Jancek*: We needed to set an ordinance to impose rules as food trucks become more frequent in our township. This also makes things fair with our brick-and-mortar businesses.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. **Ray Snell**, *County Commissioner*

- a. That is why we have open meetings and public hearings
- b. Northwest only had one comment period and made new rules to cut us off at any point.
- c. They should be exercising their right to come in and get Blackman board meeting agendas to be up to date on what is being discussed.
- d. Please never take the stance to cut out the second public comment segment.
- e. I really appreciate the job you guys do. Blackman is a great place to be!

2. *Treasurer Preston*

- a. Food Trucks have been discussed at four (4) different meetings.

*The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.*



Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk