

Charter Township of Blackman

Jackson County, Michigan

Resolution # 20 2019 1021

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING START OF WORK TO FORM A REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY
COMPRISED OF LEONI TOWNSHIP AND THE MUNICIPALITIES SERVED BY THE LEONI
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND CONNECTED WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, the Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant currently processes sewage from the Townships of Leoni, Grass Lake, Napoleon, Norvell, Columbia, Blackman, Hanover, Liberty, Cambridge, Sylvan and Lyndon along with the villages of Grass Lake and Brooklyn; and,

WHEREAS, the present structure of contracts subject to conflicting interpretations, fragmented plant and collection system operating authority, perceived unfairness of billings, slower than anticipated customer base growth and absence of effective dispute resolution mechanisms have resulted in multiple lawsuits spanning 6+ years of time, consuming substantial amounts of money in legal fees and discouraging adjacent municipalities with urgent needs for wastewater treatment from connecting; and,

WHEREAS, at a September 26, 2019 meeting of the Leoni Regional Utility Authority the municipalities in attendance voted unanimously in favor of proceeding with work to develop a new Regional Sewer Authority structure to replace the current LRUA; and,

WHEREAS, at the September 26, 2019 LRUA meeting the municipalities also approved engaging the services of bond attorney Kester K. So, and consultant Tom Traciak to work with the municipalities served by the Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant developing this new Regional Sewer Authority; and,

WHEREAS, at the September 26, 2019 LRUA meeting the municipalities also approved funding the bond attorney and consultant work with \$18,500 from monies currently held in the LRUA treasury and reinstatement of the \$1.00 per Residential Equivalent Unit charge to municipalities served by the Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Blackman supports proceeding with work to create a new Regional Sewer Authority that would oversee operation of the Leoni Wastewater Treatment Plant with the understanding that many details are yet to be worked out, that this approval is for work to develop those details, that there will be multiple opportunities for further approvals or disapprovals as the work proceeds, with actual implementation for this municipality to take place only after final approval by this municipality.

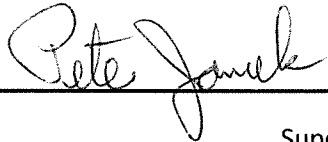
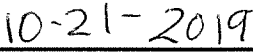
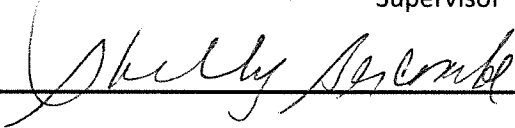
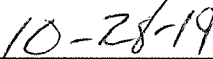
The foregoing resolution offered by member: Pete Jancek, Supervisor Supported by member: Shelly Preston, Clerk.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Jancek, Sercombe, Preston, Ambs, Williams, Pack and Thomas

Nays: None

The foregoing resolution is declared to be adopted.

	
Supervisor	Date
	
Clerk	Date