

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
March 15, 2021

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021 in person with masks and social distancing requirements, in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services.

Members present: Clerk Sercombe, Treasurer Preston and Trustees: Ambs, Thomas, Pack, and Williams.

Members absent: Supervisor Jancek

Public Attendance: Ray Snell, Dave Elwell, Sherry Eva

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Supervisor Jancek was absent from the meeting due to illness

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. *Ray Snell, County Commissioner*
 - a. Passing policy on equity; only affects county/county employees
 - b. Always available to the board members if they have any questions

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

1. Additions to Public Safety, Item #1:
 - a. Motion to authorize the Director of Public Safety to fill the **two** vacant public safety officer positions, due to resignations. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, with corrections made to Open Discussion.

Ayes – 6

Nays - 0

Motion Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 2/05/21 in the amount of \$139,417.01 and for 2/19/21 in the amount of \$154,595.30.
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of February 2021.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe

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

Ayes – 6

Nays - 0

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

- *None*

TREASURER'S UPDATE

- FYI - 2019 collect 95.8% of taxes, 2020 collected 96% of taxes

CLERK'S UPDATE

- Election Commission Mtg. on Thursday (3/18)
- Deputy Clerk Katie has been out at the cemetery working on updating records

PUBLIC SAFETY

**VACANT PSO
POSITION**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to fill the two vacant public safety officer positions, due to resignations.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**LADDER-1
BODY REPAIRS**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Ambs to authorize the Director of Public Safety to have body repairs done on Ladder-1, by Serra Superior Collision Center, in the budgeted amount of \$58,741.25 from account #296-300-939.021.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

PLANNING COMMISSION

**CASE #1520:
CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Pack to approve Case #1520, Conditional Use Permit for Sales, Service and Display of Recreational Vehicles/Trailers at 2724 Shirley Drive (Parcel# 000-08-401-010-04), requested by Matt Howe. Conditions include all stored vehicles shall be on impervious surface, property fenced, hours of operation M-F 8a-7p / Weekends 8a-4p, and authorization letter from owner granting authority for request to be filed with Zoning Administrator. **Discussion**

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

- 1. Meets on Tuesday (3/16) about Medical Marijuana home occupancy via Microsoft Teams.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- No activity

PARKS & RECREATION

**PARK CARETAKER
WAGE INCREASE**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe to raise the hourly wage for the caretaker of Rod Mills Park from \$12/hour to \$15/hour, not to exceed 10,000 in one year. **Discussion**

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

- 1.. Blackman Township Parks & Rec. Survey Tabulation Results
 - a. Survey done in 2017 via Northwest School website

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

**NEW PRINTER/
SCANNER**

Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the purchase of a new Canon TM-300 Printer/Scanner from J. McEldowney, Inc., not to exceed \$7,000.00, with funds coming from accounts: #590-527-977 and #591-444-977. **Discussion**

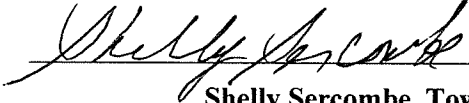
Roll Call: Williams, Preston, Thomas, Ambs, Sercombe, Pack

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. *Trustee Thomas*
 - a. Did we make a decision to pave the cemetery?
2. *Treasurer Preston*
 - a. New-used car lot on Lansing Ave - Impervious lot
 - b. Met with Bailey's Excavating at Rod Mills about the baseball fields
 - i. Park is looking dry, could reopen in April?
 - ii. Looking into Rob Wells putting a shaded bench at dog park
3. *Trustee Pack*
 - a. Paving within the township

The Treasurer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.



Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk