

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
June 20, 2022

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 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: Dave Elwell, Dawn Warfield, Kathy Wiggins, Shirley Jancek, Scott Aughney, Jennifer Biddinger, Diane Derby, Daniel Frohm, Ray Snell, Joanne Anastasiadis

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Arnold Dolman**, *Blackman Township Assessor*
 - a. 2022 Assessing Report (PowerPoint slides on file in the Clerk's Office)
2. **Ray Snell**, *9th District County Commissioner*
 - a. Bealing Rd. gravel pit
 - b. JCDOT Leoni Township primary roads agreement
 - i. Leoni using medical marijuana money, but wants the county to match the funds
 - ii. Blackman will get their roads done before Leoni's.
 - c. ARPA Projects
 - i. Replacing elevators in the tower building
 - ii. Human Services roof improvements
 - iii. Courthouse roof improvements
 - d. Prosecutor is looking for 3 more attorneys
 - e. Resolution against house bills that give access to information for websites like Zillow without needed a FOIA request.

Met with Ralph Frey about overgrown bushes that obstruct view of logs. Took photos for JCDOT to into the situation.

3. **Jennifer Biddinger**, *Blackman Resident*
 - a. Sorry to take your call, Shelly.
 - b. I am starting to feel discouraged of me not getting to learn about the election process.
 - c. I do not suspect our area being involved in the illegal corruption
 - d. I would like to bring back trust in the election processes
 - e. Please be transparent!
4. **Scott Aughney**, *Leoni Resident*
 - a. Election Integrity force
 - b. Ongoing investigation in Jackson County
 - c. FOIA has been distributed to Blackman Township Board of Trustees
 - i. Looking for .csv files on epollbook flash drive & reports
 - ii. Looking for .pdf document of the Hart Verity Tabulator contract

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

- No additions/deletions.

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Williams to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, May 16, 2022.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 5/13/22 in the amount of \$158,274.92 and for 5/27/22 in the amount of \$188,020.02.
2. Approve \$200,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of May 2022.
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of May 2022.

Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Ambs

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

Ayes – 7

Nays - 0

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR’S UPDATE

1. Groundbreaking for the Industrial Park on Wednesday
 - a. One gentleman came from Chicago for the event
 - b. Thank you, Dave Elwell, for your support

TREASURER’S UPDATE

1. Hal is ready to send out the summer tax bills
2. Kathy has been working on the newsletter – looking to send to the printer next week
3. Looking to move funds around to get interest rates up.
4. Townships are now responsible for past-due taxes. Thank you, Hal and the Assessing Department, for their work with that.

CLERK’S UPDATE

1. Audit done for May Election – Katie did great and aced it.
2. Applications for August & November went out at the beginning of June – 1,500 have been received back.
3. Lots of people are getting mail from other people who have not changed their address with us.
4. Ballots will be available July 23 – still waiting on software from the county.

PUBLIC SAFETY

**NEW HIRE:
BRANDON
BRADLEY**

Motioned by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Director of Public Safety to hire Brandon Bradley to fill a vacant public safety officer position. **Discussion**

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

Ayes – 7

Nays - 0

Motion Approved

1. Gasoline budget has been two-thirds spent. We will end up over-budget by \$10,000.00 at the end of the year.

PLANNING COMMISSION

- *No activity*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- *No activity*

DAVID FROHM

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the appointment of Donald Frohm to fill the Planning Commission vacancy, term ending 12/31/2022.

Roll Call: Jancek, Ambs, Williams, Pack, Sercombe, Preston, Thomas
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 6/09/22 in the amount of \$328,392.49 and Board Invoice Report dated 6/21/22 in the amount of \$289,016.47.

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

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Scott Aughney, Leoni Resident**

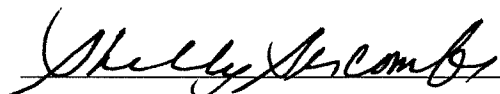
a. Sheriff of Jackson County

- i. Individual invitations were offered to law enforcement and other individuals. He would end up sending the undersheriff instead of the sheriff.
- ii. He ended up playing on his phone and “surfing the web”
- iii. I’ve been in a battle with him to participate in this task force and looking into him and his past.
- iv. Looking into having another jail – all the gang members are coming from the city.
 - 1. Why not have a Blackman-Leoni jail?

OPEN DISCUSSION

- 1. None

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.



Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk