

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
July 18, 2022

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2022 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

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

Members absent: Trustee Thomas

Public Attendance:

Ray Snell	Dan Meredith	Melinda Fletcher
Brandi Kinch	Stephanie Miller	Nicole Peters
Diane Derby	Amy Kenton	Joanne Anastasiadis
David Elwell		

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Motion made by Trustee Pack and supported by Trustee Williams to excuse Trustee Thomas from tonight's meeting due to illness. *Unanimously approved by voice vote.*

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Ray Snell, 9th District County Commissioner**
 - a. Oil and gas lease on Bealing Rd.
 - b. Amended the motion to Leoni Township's Road Construction
 - i. Paving will not start until major Blackman roads are done
 - c. Zillow getting free information without payment
 - d. Jail millage will be on the agenda next Tuesday to vote and be on the November ballot
 - i. 1 mil
 - e. Increase funding for 911 will go on the agenda next Tuesday for the ballot

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

- No additions/deletions.
Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, July 18, 2022.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.
Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, June 20, 2022.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 6/10/22 in the amount of \$175,54.27 and for 6/24/22 in the amount of \$184,997.58.
2. Approve \$300,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of June 2022.
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of June 2022.
Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack
Roll Call: Sercombe, Pack, Williams, Ambs, Jancek, Preston
Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Building Department update
2. LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority)
 - a. EDA (those who purchased the Industrial Park on County Farm) bids were opened last Thursday
 - b. Bids came in substantially higher than expected

TREASURER'S UPDATE

- 1. ARPA fund ideas & tracking expenditures
 - a. Received second check for ARPA funds – in a brokerage account and in T-bills
 - b. Invested with County National Bank
 - c. Earmark the money by 2024, and spent by 2026
 - d. Trying to maximize the investments
- 2. Tax time is going on.
 - a. Hal is on top of it!

CLERK'S UPDATE

- 1. Accuracy Test June 27th
- 2. Voter ID Card have been sent out
- 3. Over 2,000 absent voter ballots sent out, 45% received
 - a. Last day to register by mail was today. Voters must now register in person between now and election day
- 4. Katie will be filling in doing payroll, while Accountant is out on medical leave

PUBLIC SAFETY

- *No activity*

PLANNING COMMISSION

CASE #1538: Motion by Trustee Williams, supported by Trustee Pack to approve Case# 1538 –
COND. USE – Conditional Use Permit: Home Occupation Day Care at 2076 Aldrich Dr., Parcel 000-
2076 ALDRICH 08-28-130-005-00, Zoned RS-1 (Residential Suburban), requested by Dan Meredith and
DR. Stephanie Miller. Conditions include: Hours of Operation M-F 6:30a - 5:00p, parking
 only in driveway (no curbside/street parking), fence area around any playground area,
 and provide copy of state license to Blackman Charter Township for file. **Discussion**
Roll Call: *Jancek, Preston, Pack, Sercombe, Ambs, Williams*
Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- *No activity*

PARKS & RECREATION

- 1. July 30 – Day at the Park from 12pm – 4pm
 - a. Dave will be grilling hot dogs for those who attend
- 2. DNR funds are coming back for the first reimbursement

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

- *No activity*

NEW BUSINESS

MERS RETIREE Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve payment of
HEALTH \$300,000.00 to MERS to fund the MERS Retiree Health Funding Vehicle as follows:
FUNDING \$120,000 from General Fund and \$180,000 from Public Safety Fund.
VEHICLE **Roll Call:** *Jancek, Ambs, Williams, Pack, Sercombe, Preston*
Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**MERS DEFINED
BENEFIT PLAN**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Williams to approve payment of \$750,000.00 to MERS to fund the MERS Defined Benefit Plan from the Public Safety Fund.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

DAN MEREDITH

Motion by Supervisor Jancek supported by Trustee Williams to appoint Dan Meredith to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending 12/31/2022.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION
#09-2022-0718;
G/F & P/S
BUDGET AMEND.**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve Resolution #09-2022-0718; a resolution to amend the 2022 Public Safety and General Fund Budgets.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION
#10-2022-0718;
DRINKING
WATER SYSTEM**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve Resolution #10-2022-0718; a resolution to transfer ownership of a drinking water system, located at 3921 W. Michigan Ave from Jackson Michigan MHP, LLC. to Elhorn Engineering Co.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

• BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Williams to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 7/11/22 in the amount of \$399,955.15 and Board Invoice Report dated 7/19/22 in the amount of \$327,276.65.

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

Ayes – 6 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

- None

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. *Trustee Pack*

a. Thank you to Blackman-Leoni Public Safety

- i. We had a personal property accident at our business with a woman and her baby
- ii. We were put on hold for two minutes by 911
- iii. I went and got cones to shut the lane down myself since the car would not move
- iv. We hung up 911 and called the department directly and got an officer to come help
 1. *Director Jester:* That is part of the reason they are looking to fund 911 dispatch since they are low staff and taking medical dispatch as well.
 2. There are usually 3 dispatchers working to answer calls for the whole county. If it is a non-emergency and the other dispatchers are answering emergency calls, they might put you on hold.

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


Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk

