

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
September 19, 2022

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 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:

David Elwell
Tim Curran

Gary Schuette
Nathan Edwards

Ray Snell
Jennifer Biddinger

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Tim Curran, Northwest School Board Candidate**
 - a. Resident of Jackson County for most of his life
 - b. Served as a marine for 4 years of his life
 - c. Kids are not learning the basics, most kids are failing
 - d. Nathan Edwards and I are both running for school board
2. **Ray Snell, 9th District County Commissioner**
 - a. County Commissioner Meeting Update
 - i. "Raise the age" bill for juveniles that are 18 yrs old
 - ii. Animal Shelter remodeling to be done hopefully by the end of this year
 - iii. Bealing Rd. gravel pit – oil company wants to lease property in search for oil
 - iv. 3 more roundabouts coming to Jackson next year, funded through safety grants
 - v. Preliminary work at Cascades
 - vi. Pickleball courts are going in at Cascades
 - vii. Rejected resolution regarding private funding for elections
3. **Jennifer Biddinger, Blackman Resident**
 - a. Thank you all for everything you are doing
 - b. Upcoming Election and their upcoming proposals
 - i. Vote no on all proposals
 - ii. Language deceives voters by not giving full information
 - iii. Voting proposals will lack transparency and security
 - iv. Reproductive proposal will harm the health of mothers, babies, etc. Strips parental rights.
4. **Gary Schuette, Jackson County Sheriff**
 - a. Hired architect group that specializes in jails, to do an evaluation of both jails
 - b. Conclusion that Wesley St. facility could not be saved
 - c. Contracted with Region II to do a white paper to check architect's work; came to the same conclusion as architect
 - d. Proceeded forward and decided new jail would be on Chanter Rd., most cost effective
 - e. Presented to County Commissioners, discussion of where my office should be located
 - f. 13,000 sq. ft. building, connected with a sally port to Sheriff's office to jail
 - g. Looking at ARPA funds to help alleviate the expense, \$3 million can be used
 - h. On November ballot for a 1mil increase

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

- No additions/deletions.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2022.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.

Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, August 15, 2022.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 8/05/22 in the amount of \$168,907.92 and for 8/19/22 in the amount of \$198,344.49.
2. Approve \$500,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of August 2022.
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of August 2022.

Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack

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

Ayes – 7

Nays - 0

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Pre-construction meeting for Technology North
 - a. Meade Brothers is confident to get materials needed by November and work through winter
 - b. Looking to have utilities and Ireshire Lane by June 15, then start on County Farm Rd.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Hal reported that 93% of property taxes have been collected
2. 6 people have done a great job of collecting the taxes. Hal, Fran, Stephanie, Kathy, Rich, and Dawn: Great job!
 - a. *Supervisor Jancek: Kudos as well to everyone*

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Prepping for November 8 election
2. Public Accuracy Test is TBD; preferably Oct 3 or Oct 10
3. Fifield Fall Cemetery Clean-Up on Oct. 8 at 10am
4. AV Ballots scheduled to go out September 29
5. 6 new tablets are on the agenda for elections tonight.
6. Hats off to Katie for working hard!

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Donations from Dawn Foods and Granger for active shooter trauma bags.
2. We will pay the bill, but it is under the spending limits.
3. Active shooter training
 - a. Had 2 days of training for all 43 officers – MCOLES requirement for officers
 - b. Completed at Jackson College – North Campus for 12hrs of training
4. Firetruck update
 - a. We will travel to Minnesota on Sunday, October 2 for final inspection of the firetruck before signing off on it.
 - b. We will most likely get back Thursday or Friday the following week.
 - c. We do not have our Pierce firetruck back yet. Getting it prepped to put on the market.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. No meeting
 - a. Meeting tomorrow, Phase II of Andy's Place

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Approved variance in front of JCPenneys
2. Meeting on September 27 for site size/occupancy for Melling Tool

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Parks and Rec Minutes from September 9.
 - a. Work on security at the park, working with comcast to get internet access at the park for cameras
 - b. Looking for Technology Committee’s advice on moving forward
2. Pickleball article from Jackson Citizen Patriot (handout)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

GREETER TABLETS FOR ELECTIONS Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Sercombe to approve the quote from IT Right for six (6) Microsoft Surface Pro 7+ Tablets for the elections department, including cover cases and spare power cords, estimated at \$7,040.00.
Roll Call: Preston, Williams, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Sercombe, Jancek
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

WATER MAIN EXTENSION FOR GRANGER WASTE MANAGEMENT Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the agreement between Blackman Charter Township and Granger Waste Management for a water main extension from 8” to 12” for \$107,576.00.
Discussion
Roll Call: Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Sercombe, Preston, Pack, Williams
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. *No activity*

NEW BUSINESS

STREET LIGHT CONTRACT: SWEETGUM & FIRETHORN Motion by Clerk Sercombe, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve Resolution #12-2022-0919; a resolution to authorize changes made to the Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract for Sweetgum Drive and Firethorn Drive.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

PURCHASING SERVICE CREDIT: JUSTIN DAVIS Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Williams to approve Resolution #13-2022-0919; a resolution requesting purchase of five (5) years of service credit for Public Safety Officer Justin Davis.
Unanimously approved by voice vote

4839 SCARBOROUGH RD. Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Williams to authorize Blackman Charter Township to release in full the following funds:
\$44,800.00 to D&K Concrete
\$21,000.00 to Gorney Builders
\$1,500.00 to Patrick and Catherine Scott (property owners)
for a total of \$67,300.00 due to improper set back measurements for an accessory structure located at 4839 Scarborough Road. *Discussion*
Roll Call: Pack, Sercombe, Preston, Williams, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs
Ayes – 7 Nays - 0 Motion Approved

BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 9/07/22 in the amount of \$600,803.72 and Board Invoice Report dated 9/20/22 in the amount of \$249,429.03.

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

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Tim Curran**, *Northwest School Board Candidate*

- a. Students need to have change in the success of their academics.

OPEN DISCUSSION

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Trustee Williams, support by Trustee Pack to adjourn to closed session at 6:54pm regarding consideration of purchase or lease of real property.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

Motion by Trustee Williams, support by Supervisor Jancek to reconvene the regular board meeting at 7:28pm.

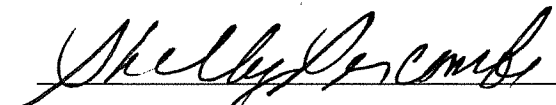
Unanimously approved by voice vote

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Williams, support by Treasurer Preston to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.



Shelly Sercombe, Township Clerk