

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
January 21, 2025

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

Members present: Supervisor Jancek, Clerk Elwell, Treasurer Preston, and Trustees: Ambs, Boulter, and Thomas

Members absent: Pack

Public Attendance:

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brower
Byron Schroeder
Christopher Boulter

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bertram
Jack Shelby
Darin McIntosh

Carlos Love
Tina Beagle
Public Safety Officers

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

- None

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. No additions/deletions.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

- No changes/corrections.

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2024.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 12/06/24 in the amount of \$216,305.45 and for 12/20/24 in the amount of \$188,931.12.
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of December 2024.

Motioned by Trustee Thomas, supported by Treasurer Preston

Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Thomas, Boulter, Ambs, Jancek, Preston

Nays - None

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Excuse the absence of Trustee Scott Pack
2. MTA Conference
3. Accelerate Jackson County – Formerly the Enterprise Group
4. A 5th lane is to be added to Airport Road from County Farm Rd. to I-94
5. Railroad track update – Blackman and Michigan Ave.
6. Midbrook Manufacturing & Fabrication groundbreaking, Jackson Technology Park North
7. Purchase Agreement, Jackson Technology Park North

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. 2025 Summer Tax Levy Resolutions and Collection Agreements
2. Tax summary comparison 2023-2024
3. Increase in resident usage of credit card to pay taxes

4. Counterfeit/Counting machine purchased to prevent fraud and ensure accuracy in counting cash

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. McGill Road Landfill
 - a. EGLE permitting document attached.
 - b. County purchasing State owned portion for \$1.00
2. East Jackson May Election
 - a. Bond Proposal on Ballot
3. Election Audit
 - a. Precinct #5

PUBLIC SAFETY

**PURCHASE (3)
DODGE
DURANGO AWD
VEHICLES**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase (3) 2025 Dodge Durango AWD vehicles from LaFontaine CDJR-Lansing not to exceed \$137,274.00, from account #205-901-970.000.

*Roll Call: Ayes - Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Boulter
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**PURCHASE (1)
LIFEPAK AED**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase (1) LIFEPAK AED from Stryker not to exceed \$3,034.75, from account #205-901-970.000

*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Boulter
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**PURCHASE (1)
FIR K33 – FLIR
K33 CAMERA**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase (1) FIR K33 – FLIR K33 camera from Allied Fire Sales & Services LLC, not to exceed \$3,635.00, from account #205-901-970.000

*Roll Call: Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**PURCHASE (25)
GPS TRACKERS
FROM
TRACKHAWK**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase (25) GPS Trackers, including equipment and software from Trackhawk, not to exceed \$4,021.06, from account #205-901-970.000

*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Boulter, Elwell, Preston, Thomas
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**SELL K9 PYRO
TO OFFICER
PATRICK
BOULTER**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize the Charter Township of Blackman to sell K9 Pyro to Officer Patrick Boulter for \$1.00

Unanimously approved by voice vote

**PURCHASE K9
DOG FROM
NORTHERN
MICHIGAN K9**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to purchase K9 dog, to include training and motel for new K9 Handler from Northern Michigan K9, not to exceed \$15,000.00 from account #205-901-970.000

*Roll Call: Ayes - Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**RESOLUTION
#01-2025-0121**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #01-2025-0121; a resolution to Honor and Commend Public Safety Officer Thomas Brower of the Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety on the occasion of his retirement.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

**RESOLUTION
#02-2025-0121**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #02-2025-0121; a resolution to Honor and Commend Public Safety Officer Thomas Bertram of the Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety on the occasion of his retirement.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

**SCOTT
GRAJEWSKI
LETTER OF
RETIREMENT**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Supervisor Jancek to accept the letter of retirement from Public Safety Director Scott Grajewski.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

**AUTHORIZE
ADMIN. CMTE.
REC. PS
DIRECTOR**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the Administrative Committee to begin the process of recommendation to the Township Board of Public Safety Director, from internal candidates, if possible.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

PLANNING COMMISSION

**CASE #1585:
COND. USE**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Case #1585 – Conditional Use Permit; Limited Vehicle Sales at 3515 Wayland Dr., Jackson, MI, Parcel 000-08-29-130-003-00 and 000-08-29-130-001-02, Zoned L-1 (Light Industrial), requested by Carlos Love, Penske Truck Leasing Co. Conditions: Limiting 10 commercial vehicles for sale on site

*Roll Call: Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell
Nays - None Motion Approved*

**CASE #1586:
COND. USE**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve Case #1586 – Conditional Use Permit; Daycare Facility at 559 Murphy St., Jackson, MI, Parcel 000-08-22-304-009-02, Zoned RU-1 (Urban Residential), requested by K&L Hunt Investments. Conditions: Hours of operation, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Boulter, Elwell, Preston, Thomas
Nays - None Motion Approved*

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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PARKS & RECREATION

1. \$25,000.00 Donation from Consumers Energy Foundation
2. Provided a Certificate of Insurance for use of property on park trail.
3. Park Cameras – continued work on set up
4. Supervisor Jancek met with media to promote parks

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- PURCHASE TI SAMSUNG SE5 PETE JANCEK** Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the purchase of township issued Samsung SE5 tablet by Technology Committee Member, Pete Jancek, at market value., in the amount of \$25.00
Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Boulter, Preston
Nays - None Motion Approved
- PURCHASE (15) MDCs FOR PATROL VEHICLES** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the quote to purchase (15) replacement MDC's in patrol vehicles from VC3 in the amount of \$83,338.10
Roll Call: Ayes - Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek
Nays - None Motion Approved
- PURCHASE NETWORK SECURITY/FIREWALL** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the quote to purchase (1) SonicWall TZ670 Network Security/Firewall Appliance from VC3 in the amount of \$6,714.38
Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs
Nays - None Motion Approved
- APPROVE GRANTS** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve the grants submitted by Deputy Director Boulter
Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Thomas, Boulter, Ambs, Jancek, Preston
Nays - None Motion Approved

- Comcast – Working on phone issues
- Website – Meeting with Roger from Frog Productions to discuss new website design.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. Collapsed trunk line sewer at WWTP
2. Lead water service line testing
3. County Farm Rd. lift station pump failure

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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NEW BUSINESS

- ANNUAL DISSEMINATION AGENT AGREEMENT** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the supervisor to sign the Agreement to Provide for Preparation of an Annual Information Statement and to Act as Dissemination Agent with Bendzinski & Co. Municipal Finance Advisors for the purpose of preparing an annual information statement and submitting same to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, year ending December 31, 2028
Roll Call: Ayes - Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Boulter
Nays - None Motion Approved
- JACKSON CHALLENGE 2025 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve the Invoice 2025 Investment, dated 1/10/25; 2025 Investment in the Jackson Challenge 2025 Capital Campaign in the amount of \$15,000.00
Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Thomas, Ambs,
Nays - Elwell, Boulter Motion Approved

**RESOLUTION
#03-2025-0121
BOARD & COMM.
COMPENSATION**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Resolution #03-2025-0121; a Resolution to approve the Compensation for Board and Committee Meetings of Board Members and Citizens
Roll Call: *Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell*
Nays – None **Motion Approved**

**RESOLUTION
#04-2025-0121
OPPOSITION OF
ROAD DIET PLAN**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve Resolution #04-2025-0121; a Resolution to State Opposition to the Road Diet Plan for Parnall Rd. between Lansing Avenue and US-127
Roll Call: *Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Boulter, Elwell, Preston, Thomas*
Nays – None **Motion Approved**

**RESOLUTION
#05-2025-0121
AMEND 2025
PUBLIC SAFETY
BUDGET**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Resolution #05-2025-0121; a Resolution to Amend the 2025 Public Safety Budget.
Roll Call: *Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Boulter, Preston*
Nays – None **Motion Approved**

BILLS

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 01/06/25 in the amount of \$325,406.72 and Board Invoice Report dated 01/22/25 in the amount of \$634,055.76

Roll Call: *Ayes - Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Ambs, Jancek*
Nays - Elwell **Motion Approved**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Tina Beagle, resident**
 - a. Pedestrian safety along roadways. Son was struck and killed by a motor vehicle while walking. Advocating safer sidewalks on Parnall Rd. and more frequent mowing.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Public Safety Building Presentation
 - a. Conceptual Elevation and Floor Plan drawings
2. Road Diet Plan on Parnall Rd. between Lansing Avenue and US-127

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.



David Elwell, Township Clerk