

Regular Board Meeting  
Blackman Charter Township  
April 15, 2024

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024, at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

**Members present:** Supervisor Jancek, Clerk Elwell, Treasurer Preston, and Trustees: Ambs, Pack, Thomas, and Williams.

**Members absent:**

**Public Attendance:**

Ray Snell	Doug and Lisa Bates	Jennifer Biddinger
Deborah Nagy	Nate Edwards	Tina Beagle
Keith Gillenwater		

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)**

1. **Nate Edwards, Resident**
  - a. Public Act 233 Zoning Authority Ballot Initiative – Discussion
2. **Keith Gillenwater, Enterprise Group**
  - a. Introduction
3. **Ray Snell, 9<sup>th</sup> District County Commissioner**
  - a. Parks Resolution – recognition of service, Nancy Seydell.
    - i. Naming a pavilion at Minard Mills Park in her honor.
  - b. Resolution - Public Act 233 Supporting Zoning Authority Ballot Initiative.
  - c. Resolution - Police Week – May 12-18 recognizing Public Safety Officers.
  - d. Update on ARPA funds.
    - i. 40 projects.
4. **Lisa Bates, Resident**
  - a. Trash dumping on Hillsdale St.
  - b. Loitering on Blackstone St.
    - i. Would like to see a gate or barrier installed to prevent loitering and dumping.
  - c. Trash dumping at Shahan Properties behind Hillsdale St.
5. **Jennifer Biddinger, Resident**
  - a. Road Paving – timeframe

**ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

1. No additions/deletions.

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, April 15, 2024.  
*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. No changes/corrections.

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Williams to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 18, 2024.  
*Unanimously approved by voice vote*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 03/01/24 in the amount of \$189,299.19 and for 03/15/24 in the amount of \$169,693.72 and for 03/29/2024 in the amount of \$174,803.12.

2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of March 2024.  
 Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Ambs  
**Roll Call:** *Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Williams, Ambs, Jancek, Preston*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**SUPERVISOR’S UPDATE**

1. County Range – Discussion  
 Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize Supervisor Jancek to write a formal acceptance letter to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office supporting the County Range.  
*Unanimously approved by voice vote*
2. Potential Antenna in Right of Way – Discussion
  - a. Counsel advised.
    - i. 2019 - Small version of the Metro Act. Will provide specifics.
    - ii. Revenue
3. Attended a gathering with the AG in attendance, at Andy’s Place - Discussion

**TREASURER’S UPDATE**

1. Audit – Rehmann May 23-25
  - a. Nannette working with Linda and Hal

**CLERK’S UPDATE**

1. Election update
  - a. May 7, 2024 Election – bond proposal for East Jackson Schools
  - b. Precinct 1
  - c. Election Inspector training has taken place.
  - d. 218 AV ballots sent
  - e. 94 ballots returned to date
2. Bond Cemetery
  - a. Parking – no existing parking space.
  - b. Quotes for parking area construction
3. Fifield Cemetery Clean Up – scheduled with Cub Scout Pack 339 on May 11, 2024, at 10:00am.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Case #89.2024 – Site Plan Review; 199kw Ground Mounted Solar Array, at 2400 N. Elm Ave., Zoned Light Industrial (L-1), requested by Stephen Patterson. Conditional Use approved with the condition that the fence in place must have fence slats for screening, 50’ North and 100’ South of the Solar Array being placed. – Site Plan approved.

**CASE #1573:** Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Williams to approve Case  
**COND. USE -** #1573 – Conditional Use Permit: New Cell Tower at 3600 Wayland Drive,  
**NEW CELL** Jackson, MI, Parcel 000-08-30-226-005-02, Zoned Highway Commercial (C-3),  
**TOWER 3600** requested by Tony Phillips.  
**WAYLAND DR.** **Roll Call:** *Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Williams*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

3. Special Events Permit Application – Discussion
  - a. Special Events Application Draft for review.
  - b. Boots & Bands has an event planned without permission nor approved application.
    - i. Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Case#1572 - Variance Request: Rear yard setback of 5’ at 1811 River St., Parcel 000-08-27-229-021-00, requested by Amy Gilpin – Request approved.

PARKS & RECREATION

**POLICY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS & SPONSORSHIPS** Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Supervisor Jancek to approve the Blackman Charter Township: Policy for Acceptance of Donations and Sponsorships.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Williams, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs, Elwell, Pack*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

2. 2024 -2028 Five Year Plan DRAFT – Review, send to Region 2 Planning Commission.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

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UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. City Sewer Rate Proposal - Discussion
  - a. Ensure the money collected by municipalities goes for treatment costs only.

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Upcoming Ordinance Review and Updates
  - a. Disorderly person – grass clippings
  - b. Cemetery
  - c. Fireworks
  - d. Blight

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION #05-2024-0415 SUPPORT BALLOT INITIATIVE** Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Ambs to approve Resolution #05-2024-0415; a resolution supporting ballot initiative to allow voters the option to restore local control for utility scale solar and wind developments.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Williams, Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**REMOVE CHARLES EVERIDGE** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to remove Charles Everidge from the Zoning Board of Appeals Committee and the Region 2 Planning Commission Representative for non-attendance.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Pack, Williams, Preston*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**REMOVE CHAD LINABURY** Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to remove Chad Linabury from the Board of Review per his request.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Preston, Williams, Thomas, Ambs, Pack, Elwell, Jancek*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**APPOINT CHRIS  
CRISENBERY**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to appoint Chris Crisenbery as the Hearings Officer for Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Pack, Elwell, Preston, Williams, Thomas, Jancek, Ambs*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**REAPPOINT  
MARK HARRIS**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Williams to reappoint Mark Harris to the Construction Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending 03/31/2027.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Williams, Ambs, Jancek, Preston*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**REAPPOINT STAN  
GODLEWSKI**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to reappoint Stan Godlewski to the Construction Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending 03/31/2026.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Ambs, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Williams*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**BILLS**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 4/04/24 in the amount of \$139,046.35 and Board Invoice Report dated 4/16/24 in the amount of \$1,745,551.74.  
*Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Ambs, Williams*  
*Nays - None Motion Approved*

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)**

1. **Nate Edwards, resident**
  - a. Ballot Initiative – AxMiTax to Amend the MI Constitution to eliminate property tax.
    - i. 184,000 MI residents lost their property through tax foreclosure.
    - ii. Restore the Right to own private property.
2. **Lisa Bates, resident**
  - a. Concerned about dilapidated buildings.
3. **Tina Beagle, resident**
  - a. Cleaning up garbage at Grand River.
  - b. Tree cutting by JCDOT.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Jancek thanks everyone in attendance. Appreciates the participation.

*The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.*



**David Elwell, Township Clerk**