

**BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, April 20, 2026
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Agenda Items Only: two-minute limit)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to approve agenda
2. Motion to allow Trustee Boulter to abstain from voting on the proposed Longevity Pay for the Chief and Deputy Chief positions

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Approval of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2026
2. Approval of the minutes for the Closed Session held on Monday, March 16, 2026

PRESENTATIONS – (fifteen-minute limit)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 03/13/26 in the amount of \$187,708.67 and for 03/27/26 in the amount of \$205,498.80
2. Approve \$150,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of March 2026
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of March 2026

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Summary of Accounts

CLERK'S UPDATE

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Minutes from Public Safety Committee meeting Monday, April 13, 2026
2. Authorize a pay scale change for PSO Patrick Rose from PSO 1, Step 2 to PSO 1, top pay. PSO Rose was hired by the Department with 10 years of prior service with the City of Jackson Police Department and was in good standing with that Department; however, he was hired by Blackman slightly before the approval of the lateral transfer options within the Public Safety Department. Because of this, PSO Rose is making significantly less than several PSO's hired after him, with far less experience. This wage scale change rectifies that issue. PSO Rose is the last and only PSO that is affected by the pay scale change.
3. Authorize the Longevity Pay for Chief McIntosh, Deputy Chief Stowe, and Deputy Chief Boulter that is in accordance with the Longevity Pay established by the POAM and COAM collective bargaining agreements and is consistent and in-line with rest of the Full Time Employees for Blackman Charter Township.
4. Authorize the amendment of Blackman Charter Township Ordinance 29-2 to read as follows: ***The offices of Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Director of Public Safety are hereby vacated and shall be replaced by a Chief of Public Safety***
5. Authorize the amendment of Blackman Charter Township Ordinance 29-6 to read as follows: ***There shall be no distinction between public safety officers assigned to perform duties commonly performed by a police department and members of the Department assigned to perform work commonly performed by a fire department. Every public safety officer shall***

perform either police work or fire work as such duties shall from time to time be assigned to them by supervisory personnel, including deputy chiefs. Wherever any duties shall be imposed upon a police officer or a fireman by any statute of the State of Michigan, or by ordinances of the Charter Township of Blackman, such duties shall be imposed.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Minutes from Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, April 07, 2026 - Draft
2. Approve Case#1605 – Conditional Use: Proposed new 195' mono pole cell tower for Verizon; located at Cooper Rd., Jackson, MI 49201; Parcel 000-08-02-451-001-00, Zoned AG-1 (Agricultural). Requested by North Star Towers; Presented by Hayley Law Firm (Wallace Hayley)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Minutes from Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Thursday, April 09, 2026 - Draft
2. Purchase eight (8) picnic tables from Barco, in the amount of \$8,666.45, using the Sourcewell gov. discount
3. Appoint Dawn Warfield to the Parks & Recreation Committee

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. Appoint Township Supervisor, Pete Jancek, to the Sanitary Sewer Advisory Board
2. Appoint Township Engineer, Jack Ripstra, to the Sanitary Sewer Advisory Board

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Minutes from Ordinance Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 05, 2026 - Draft
2. Minutes from Ordinance Committee Meeting Thursday, April 16, 2026 - Draft
3. Keeping of chickens in residential districts - Discussion

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize Treasurer Preston to sign the Facilities Agreement with Jackson Northwest Little League for use of fields at Rod Mills Park
2. Authorize Supervisor Jancek to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with JCDOT; granting permission to enforce the Township Zoning Ordinance provision regarding illegal signs in the right-of-way of County roads within the Township
3. Approve Resolution #3-2026-0420; a resolution to approve the request from Northwest Band Boosters, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses from the Charitable Gaming Division of the State of Michigan; Bureau of State Lottery

BILLS

1. Approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 04/06/26 in the amount of \$378,790.66 and Board Invoice Report dated 04/21/26 in the amount of \$1,701,183.84

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE

1. Byron Schroeder - *AE Design Solutions*

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Any Topic: three-minute limit)

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
March 16, 2026

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

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

Members absent:

Public Attendance:

Ray Snell

Bradley Vancalbergh

Byron Schroeder

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Agenda Items Only: two-minute limit)

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Additions: item #3 Approval of the minutes for the Closed Session held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 under Minutes Approval.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2026 with the addition of item #3.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

Motioned by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Treasurer Preston to allow Trustee Boulter and Clerk Elwell to abstain from voting on Collective Bargaining Agreements due to a conflict of both Boulter and Elwell being eligible for potential "vision care" listed in both CBAs.

Roll Call: Ayes - Pack, Thomas, Ambs, Jancek, Preston

Nays - None

Abstain - Elwell, Boulter

Motion Approved

Motioned by Supervisor Jancek supported by Trustee Thomas allow Trustee Boulter to abstain from voting on the proposed "new corrective wage scale and schedule for the Chief and Deputy Chief positions", due to a conflict of interest.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Boulter

Motion Approved

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Changes/corrections.

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Study Session held on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Closed Session held on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Trustee Thomas to go into closed session to consult with township attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

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

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Thomas to return to open session

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

Open Closed Session: 6:06 p.m.

Close Closed Session: 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Supervisor Jancek to follow the advice of the township attorney as discussed in closed session.

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

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Ray Snell, 9th District County Commissioner**
 - a. Elected Chair of Jackson Co. Fair board
 - b. County meetings; first public comment will be agenda items only
 - c. County fund and budget summaries
 - d. Purchase new John Deere mowers
 - e. Parks Projects; Keeley Park kayak launch, Swains Lake Park improvements, Sparks Park playground. Federal Grant funding to pay for all park improvements

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 02/13/26 in the amount of \$166,700.78 and for 02/27/26 in the amount of \$248,351.26
2. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of February 2026.
Motioned by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston
Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Elwell, Jancek, Pack, Boulter, Preston
Nays - None Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Inspected all township owned properties, no wind damage after storm

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Summary of Accounts
2. Tax settlement with county is complete.
3. Expression of thanks and gratitude to Deputy Treasurer, Hal for his dedication and hard work.

CLERK'S UPDATE

Motioned by Clerk Elwell, supported by Supervisor Jancek to approve the Early Voting postcard notice and postage quote from Spectrum Printing in the amount of \$6,917.98

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2026
2. Meeting Minutes - March 09, 2026

**RESOLUTION
#02-2026-0316**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Resolution #02-2026-0316, a Resolution establishing employee and volunteer recognition as a component of compensation and authorizing related expenditures.

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

**PURCHASE PS
VEHICLES (2)
DURANGO GT's &
(3) DURANGO
PURSUITS**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2026 Dodge Durango GT's and three (3) 2026 Dodge Durango Pursuits from Lafontaine Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep of Lansing for \$209,396.00. This is a budgeted purchase to replace several vehicles that will reach their end of life and are slated for decommission in 2026.

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

**VECTOR
SOLUTIONS
SCHEDULING
SOFTWARE**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Supervisor Jancek to authorize the purchase and implementation of Vector Solutions Scheduling Software for the Public Safety Department in the amount of \$5,909.00. This software will streamline scheduling, overtime management, and payroll preparation, which up to this point have been handled through email and Microsoft Excel, making the process time- and labor-intensive

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

**WATSON DIESEL
QUOTE FOR
TOWER 1**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Director of Public Safety to proceed with the maintenance quote from Watson Diesel to erase the DEF system in Tower 1 for \$7,500.00.

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

**CHANGE JOB
TITLES**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Supervisor Jancek to authorize the change in official job titles from Director of Public Safety and Deputy Director(s) of Public Safety to Chief of Public Safety and Deputy Chief(s) of Public Safety, effective immediately. These title changes align with the titles currently used by consolidated public safety departments throughout the state.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

**RETIRED PSO
JAN GANZEL TO
PURCHASE
SERVICE
WEAPONS**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the approval of retired PSO Jan Ganzel to purchase his service weapons from Blackman Charter Township for a total of \$485.00. Ganzel will be purchasing his issued Glock 45 MOS for \$265.00 and his issued Glock 43x for \$220.00. These prices reflect fair market value quotes provided by The Gun Vault, LLC., Jackson, Michigan.

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

**APPROVE
COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING
AGREEMENT**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Treasurer Preston to authorize the approval and signing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Blackman Charter Township and the Blackman-Leoni Officer's Association for the term of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2030.

Roll Call: Ayes - Jancek, Ambs, Pack, Preston, Thomas

Nays - None

Abstain - Boulter, Elwell **Motion Approved**

**APPROVE
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AGREEMENT**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the approval and signing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Blackman Charter Township and the Blackman-Leoni Command Officer's Association for the term of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2030.

Roll Call: Ayes - Thomas, Ambs, Jancek, Pack, Preston

Nays - None

Abstain - Elwell, Boulter **Motion Approved**

**APPROVE NEW
CORRECTIVE
WAGE SCALE
FOR CHIEF AND
DEPUTY CHIEF**

Motion by Trustee Ambs, supported by Clerk Elwell to authorize and approve the new corrective wage scale and schedule for the Chief and Deputy Chief positions. This wage scale and schedule would eliminate the Township Wage Matrix as it pertains to those positions and transition them to a corrective and positional structure that aligns with the Blackman-Leoni Officers and Command Officers bargaining agreements for the term of April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2030.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Boulter **Motion Approved**

3. Chief McIntosh gave an update on grant process and application for congressional directed spending program. Grant funds, if awarded, would be applied to the MDIS system, fitness center, and furnishings for the Public Safety Building.
4. Treasurer Preston thanked Chief McIntosh for his work on the Public Safety contract negotiations.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Minutes from Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, March 03, 2026 Draft

**APPROVE
CASE#1604
ZONGING
CHANGE**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Supervisor Jancek to approve Case#1604 Requested Zoning Change: From I-2 Heavy Industrial to I-1 Light Industrial at 2903 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI 49202; Parcel 000-08-32-402-002-01, Zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial). Requested by Bradley Vancalbergh

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

2. Case#111.26 - Site Plan Review: JSP Addition at 4335 County Farm Rd., Jackson, MI 49201; Parcel 000-08-30-101-001-02, Zoned I-1 (Light Industrial). Requested by Mark Santi; Approved with three contingencies:
 - a. Letter from Drain Commissioner approving, with any conditions
 - b. Letter from licensed fire protection design firm approving plan
 - c. Protective fencing around the future storm water retention basin
3. Discussion:
 - a. Zoning Ordinance language and formatting
 - b. Master Plan 5-year update

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.

David Elwell, Township Clerk

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end of Feb.

Summary of your accounts

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Page		Beginning value	Deposits	Withdrawals	Dividends, interest & income	Change in value	Ending value
Trust & business accounts							
BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP							
3	AMERIPRISE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT - <i>Cemetery</i>	\$31,194.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11.89	\$444.60	\$31,651.36
5	AMERIPRISE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT <i>water</i>	\$650,703.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,436.49	\$2,352.00	\$654,491.55
	Ⓢ Available cash: \$0.03						
3	AMERIPRISE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT <i>Pipe</i>	\$222,224.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$625.95	\$0.00	\$222,850.70
10	AMERIPRISE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT <i>Senior</i>	\$2,834,680.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,817.65	\$18,110.00	\$2,856,608.34
	Ⓢ Available cash: \$101,971.81						
16	AMERIPRISE BROKERAGE ACCOUNT <i>Gen.</i>	\$666,317.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,876.84	\$0.00	\$668,193.99
	Ⓢ Available cash: \$4.30						
Total personal investment accounts		\$4,405,120.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,768.82	\$20,906.60	\$4,433,795.94
Total of all accounts		\$4,405,120.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,768.82	\$20,906.60	\$4,433,795.94

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3/31/2026

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BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP						
4	\$31,651.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.88	-\$517.80	\$31,144.44
6	\$654,491.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,287.45	-\$8,280.00	\$647,499.00
	Ⓢ Available cash: \$0.03					
9	\$222,850.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$561.01	\$0.00	\$223,411.71
11	\$2,856,608.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,470.20	-\$41,213.35	\$2,826,865.19
	Ⓢ Available cash: \$0.26					
16	\$668,193.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,682.11	\$0.00	\$669,876.10
	Ⓢ Available cash: \$4.30					
Total personal investment accounts						
	\$4,433,795.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,011.65	-\$50,011.15	\$4,398,796.44
Total of all accounts						
	\$4,433,795.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,011.65	-\$50,011.15	\$4,398,796.44



Summary Statement

March 31, 2026

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**Blackman Charter Township
1990 West Parnall Road
Jackson, MI 49201-8612**

Michigan CLASS

Michigan CLASS

	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Income Earned	Income Earned YTD	Average Daily Balance	Month End Balance	Average Monthly Yield: 3.7443%
SANTRY SEWG DISP SYS	1,140,320.79	0.00	0.00	3,630.72	10,642.32	1,142,240.13	1,143,951.51	
GENERAL FUND	5,548,626.40	0.00	0.00	17,666.42	47,774.68	5,557,965.58	5,566,292.82	
WATER	1,969,798.74	0.00	0.00	6,271.69	18,383.58	1,973,114.21	1,976,070.43	
TOTAL	8,658,745.93	0.00	0.00	27,568.83	76,800.58	8,673,319.92	8,686,314.76	



BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2026, COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: 4/13/2026

TIME: 4:000 PM

CALLED TO ORDER BY: MIKE AMBS (CHAIR)

MEMBERS PRESENT: MIKE AMBS (CHAIR), SCOTT PACK, MIKE THOMAS

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

MEETING FACILITATOR & RECORDER: CHIEF DARIN MCINTOSH

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Mike Ambs made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Scott Pack.

Roll Call: Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Motion Carried, Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 9TH COMMITTEE MEETING

- Mike Ambs made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9th Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Motion Carried, 3/9 meeting minutes approved.

AGENDA ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

1: Chief McIntosh initiated a discussion about the payscale increase for PSO Patrick Rose, who was hired prior to the approval to offer lateral transfer options to PSO Hires who had Police, Fire, or EMS experience prior to being hired. Because of this, PSO Rose is currently making significantly less than candidates hired after him, with far less experience. PSO Rose is the ONLY current Blackman employee who is affected by the current lateral transfer system. Mike Thomas made a motion to move PSO Patrick Rose to top pay of the PSO I payscale. This motion was supported by Mike Ambs.

Roll Call: Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

2: After discussion, Mike Ambs made a motion to approve the Longevity Pay for Chief McIntosh, Deputy Chief Stowe, and Deputy Chief Boulter that is in accordance with the Longevity Pay established by the POAM and COAM collective bargaining agreements and is consistent and in-line with rest of the Full Time Employees for Blackman Charter Township. Scott Pack supported this motion.

Roll Call: Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

3: After discussion, Mike Ambs made a motion to approve the resolution honoring the career of Public Safety Officer Jan Ganzel, who retired from Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety on March 6th, 2026 after 20 years of service. This motion was supported by Scott Pack.

Roll Call: Ayes – 3, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

After a general department update discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED TIME: 4:14 PM

ADJOURNMENT MOTION BY: SCOTT PACK SUPPORTED BY: MIKE THOMAS



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MINUTES
BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
1990 W. PARNALL RD.
Tuesday April 07, 2026
6:00PM

The Blackman Charter Township Planning Commission Convened at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 07, 2026 at the Blackman Township Office.

Members Present: Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm
Members Absent: Grabert

Sign-in list of names present: In file

AGENDA CHANGE:

Add the following two items to agenda.

- Discussion about Data Centers
- Zoning Ordinance Discussion

Motion by: **Decker**, supported by: **Schroeder** to add items to agenda

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

-Ayes: Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm

-Nays: None

MINUTES APPROVAL: March 03, 2026

Motion by: **Preston**, supported by: **Frohm** to approve Minutes for Planning Commission meeting held 03/03/2026 as written.

Roll Call: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

-Ayes: Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm

-Nays: None

CASE #1605 – Conditional Use

Conditional use for proposed cell tower

Address: None

Parcel #000-08-02-451-001-00

Zoning: Agricultural (AG-1)

Requested by: North Star Towers

Presented by: Hayley Law Firm (Wallace Hayley)

-Installation of a new 195' mono pole cell tower for Verizon

Public Comment (approve): None

Public Comment (disapprove): None

Planning Commission Discussion: General operational questions for applicant.

Motion by: **Schroeder** Seconded by **Frohm** to recommend approval of Case #1605 to the Board of Trustees.

Roll Calls: Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

-Ayes: Preston, Schroeder, Decker, Frohm

-Nays: None

OTHER MATTERS REVIEWED:

Data Center Discussion:

- Request by township to discuss data center moratorium.
- Decker discussed letter sent by Jackson County Planning Commission about data centers.
- Discussion about adding data centers to zoning ordinance once updated ordinance is adopted.
- Planning Commission is not in favor of recommending to the Board of Trustees a moratorium on data center.

Zoning Ordinance Discussion:

- Send final draft to Phil Preston to forward to Attorney and Board of Trustees for review/questions/

Master Plan Update:

- Nothing for meeting

Jimmies Towing Rezone Discussion:

Comments:

Mark Johnston representing Jimmies Towing was present.

- The facility is looking at expanding its short-term storage area to the south of existing facility.
- Property for expansion is zoned Agricultural.
- Requesting recommendation from PC on how to proceed with project.
- Clearing of property, new fence along property line installed and drainage swale have been completed.
- Jackson County Drain Commissioner has reviewed the changes.
- Property Line was determined by Surveyor.

Greg Jones, 210 Woodland Ave (neighbor)

- Concerned about possible contamination
- Facility used as Junk Yard
- Discussed various ordinances that did not pertain to Planning Commission.
- Property Line Concerns
- Visual concerns for vehicle storage
- Time frame of storage

Lauren Smith, No Address Given (neighbor)

- Time frame of storage
- Fluid removal procedure
- Clarification on what Conditional Use and Rezoning

Planning Commission

Topic was discussed with public and recommendation was given as follows:

- Rezone property to Highway Commercial (C-3)
- Apply for a Conditional Use permit

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

TRUSTEE REPORT:

-None

ZBA REPORT:

-None

OPEN DISCUSSION:

-None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by: **Decker**, supported by: **Schroeder**, adjourned at 7:52 pm
Minutes prepared by: Byron Schroeder, Secretary

Minutes Approved:

Byron P. Schroeder, Secretary

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Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

4/9/2026 5:30 PM Township office.

Attendees: Shelly Sercombe, Kay Brown, Dave Elwell, Phil Preston
Absent: Phil Szkutowicz

Call to Order 5:30

Public Comments (2 minutes): none

1. Approve minutes from 1/15/2026 Parks Meeting. *Approved*
2. **Review picnic table types for pavilion:** Barco provided quotes on three tables using different materials: wood tops, composite, and metal, Committee selected composite (longest warranty), with a fit for the area of the pavilion- 8 tables recommended. Barco is a Sourcewell (gov discount) registered supplier. We have a likely sponsor for this order. Quoted cost of \$8,666. Slight changes may be made at order time.
3. **Rod Mills drainage plan for consideration & approval.** Committee approved pursuing getting quotes for French drain at Rod Mills park to drain the south end of the park into the woods. Jack Ripstra will seek quotes for the work... was estimated at \$11,000.
4. **Field requests and status...** Working towards more fields. Fields are scarce with multiple organizations requesting field time. Phil & Dave to explore any options of property already owned. Rod mills drainage may provide usable field space.
5. **Budget Status:** funds available, allocated, and desired projects being worked on **are attached.** Drinking fountain is being changed to just hose hook up by committee decision because most people are bringing their own water bottles.

Committee Discussion

- Grill for the new pavilion.
 - o We have one grill and will put this on a concrete pad after current construction is completed.
- Need rules for the pickleball courts.
 - o Phil will send out rules from Cascades for review by the committee.
- Improve the rope between the parking lot and soccer field. Rope or rocks?
- Complex is under camera use.

Reported by Phil Preston. /s/

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1-Apr-26

Park Budget Summary.

funds for 2026

\$300,000

funds allocated

finish electrical	17,800.00
finish concrete	21,278.00
finish P Ball courts	47,593.00
maintenance / miscellaneous	56,000.00
total allocated	142,671.00

\$300,000

-142,671.00

\$157,329.00

Desired remaining projects

Picnic tables	10,000.00	request to AM 1
20,000 concrete	20,000.00	walkways & around bathroom
drinking fountain	10,000.00	change to just hose hookup.
french drain Rod M.	15,000.00	
Basket ball hoop repair	400.00	
diamond dust	500.00	
Playground mulch	500.00	
	56,400.00	

\$157,329 minus 56,400 \$100,929.00 Estimated at end of the year.

Other?

B & H field improvements	~\$100,000
back trail	~\$100,000



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Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes. *Draft* **3/5/2026 5:00 PM Township office.**

Ordinance Committee attendees:

Shelly Sercombe, Michelle Boulter, Phil Preston, Cameron Baxter

Excused: Mike Thomas

Guest: Chris Boulter- Public Safety, Dave Elwell, citizen representative.

Call to Order 5 PM.

Public Comments: participation by Dave in discussions.

1. Agenda *approved*.
1. *Approve* minutes from 1/15/2026 Ordinance Committee meeting..

2. **Review the Parks Ordinance** resulted in removal of reference to dangerous weapons as given the circumstances, a ball bat could be a dangerous weapon. Public Safety would determine as needed.
Reference to Township Standards was removed. The paragraph already called for Township approval.
Committee Votes unanimously to submit to the next Board meeting.

3. **Discussion on chickens** in the township was fruitful and will have further work at the next Ordinance Committee meeting. This will be added to the Police ordinance. *Focus* was on lot size, number allowed adjusted for lot size, not allowing in rental property, disposal of waste, setbacks and coop construction.

4. **UPDATES:**
Status of Public Safety building and pickle ball courts comments.
Zoning Ordinance update is coming to final phases and will then go thru multiple steps for adoption, including public forum, Region II and the Township Board.

Public comments. (3 minutes) *none.*
Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm.
Reported by Phil Preston

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Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes. *Draft*

4/16/2026 5:30 PM Township office.

Ordinance Committee attendees:

Shelly Sercombe, Michelle Boulter, Phil Preston, Cameron Baxter

Mike Thomas

Guest: Chris Boulter- Public Safety, .

Call to Order 5:30 PM.

Public Comments: none. .

Agenda approved.

Approve minutes from 3/5/2026 Ordinance Committee meeting..

1. Discussion on chickens.

Attached are the consensus recommendations for chickens in Blackman, to be provided for comments at the next board meeting.

2. UPDATES:

Status of Public Safety building and pickle ball courts comments.

Public comments. (3 minutes) *none.*

Meeting adjourned 6:35 pm.

Reported by Phil Preston

KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

Blackman Charter Township allows the keeping of chickens as an accessory use, on a non-commercial basis, in residential districts RS-1 (Suburban Residential) and RU-1 (Urban Residential) of at least 1 ACRE. The requirements established by the Township Board of Trustees are intended to mitigate any potential adverse effects of this activity on neighboring residents. The following information is a summary of the minimum requirements to keep chickens.

A Township resident occupying a single-family home may keep chickens subject to the following conditions:

- Up to 6 (Six) hen chickens are permitted. ROOSTERS ARE PROHIBITED.
- Chickens are for personal use only. Commercial sales are prohibited.
- Chickens are not allowed in lessee or rental properties.
- When not accompanied by caregiver, Chickens must be kept in a completely enclosed coop and attached pen in the back (rear) yard.
- The coop/pen must be setback at least 10 feet from all property lines and 30 feet from any adjacent home.
- The coop/pen must have a minimum isolation distance of 50 feet from residential wells.
- Collectively, coop/pen cannot exceed 90 square feet in area and 7 feet in height.
- The coop/pen must be of a uniform look and well maintained condition.
- The coop/pen must be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions, free from predators or rodents.
- Chicken waste must maintain all distances of this document. Composting is allowed if covered but must not be used until fully composted.
- During daylight hours, chickens may roam within the rear yard of property when supervised and enclosed by at least a 4-foot high fence.
- Feed and other items must be secured from access by rats, mice, and other rodents.
- Meat chickens / slaughter of chickens is not allowed.

- Township ordinances pertaining to noise, odors, dust, fumes, sanitation, health and similar nuisances must be met.

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**Blackman Charter Township
And
Jackson Northwest Little League**

Facilities Agreement

This agreement will begin on April 12, 2026 between Blackman Charter Township, 1990 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, MI 49201 and Jackson Northwest Little League, PO Box 6323, Jackson, MI 49204.

Blackman Charter Township is the owner of Rod Mills Park. Jackson Northwest Little League (JNWLL) has permission to use the above listed parks as written in this agreement for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per year, which the Township will match for care and maintenance of the fields.

This agreement shall be a term of one year from the date listed above. This agreement shall thereafter be automatically renewed annually for successive one-year periods, unless either Blackman Charter Township or JNWLL has notified the other in writing at least ninety days prior to the end of the initial term or any renewal hereof that the agreement shall terminate at the end of the then current term. If such notice is properly and timely given, this agreement will terminate at the end of the then current term, and no further automatic renewal shall occur thereafter.

Jackson Northwest Little League

JNWLL shall provide the following to Blackman Charter Township 3 weeks prior to the start of the season.

1. Proof of insurance and indemnification
2. Proposed field improvement plans upcoming year (if applicable).
3. List of current officers and directors with addresses, phone numbers, and emails. Blackman Charter Township must be notified of any changes immediately.

JNWLL shall have permission to use youth baseball/softball fields located at Rod Mills Park from April 1 thru June 30 (Monday-Friday) (4pm-8pm). If Blackman Charter Township decides to limit the use of any baseball and/or softball fields that JNWLL used the previous year, Blackman Charter Township will inform JNWLL by the 10th of January for the upcoming season, JNWLL will provide Blackman Charter Township with their proposed dates, times, and field usage by March 30th for the upcoming season to allow for the coordination of the JNWLL and Blackman Charter Township's use of the Township fields.

JNWLL understands and agrees that at times weather and/or field conditions may result in Blackman Charter Township denying the use of certain fields on dates for which approval has been granted. JNWLL understands and agrees that the Township has the authority to deny use of said facilities.

JNWLL will be responsible for the following tasks between April 1 - June 30.

1. Line and drag fields as required.
2. Maintain trash around youth fields (put in provided dumpsters).

3. Request field improvements in writing to the Township Board.
4. Maintain sheds and storage buildings owned/provided by JNWLL.
5. Provide sand, soil, and seed to be used in leveling or backfilling low areas when necessary, within the limits of the recreational baseball/softball fields.

Blackman Charter Township

Blackman Charter Township will be responsible for the following tasks between April 1-June 30.

1. Maintain all dugouts, fences, bleachers and gates to make sure they are in a safe and secure condition.
2. Maintain all turf areas on the fields to include weekly mowing and weed control within the infield areas.
3. Provide sand, soil, and seed to be used in leveling or backfilling low areas when necessary within the limits of the park.
4. Maintain trash pickups for the Season of the Park.
5. Maintain restroom facilities, including routine cleaning and stocking of paper products, for the Season of the Park.
6. Maintain structural integrity of pavilions.
7. Maintain entry drive and gravel parking lot.

Insurance and Indemnification

JNWLL shall at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain in effect general public liability insurance covering Blackman Charter Township at the Facilities against claims for personal injury, death or damage to property. Blackman Charter Township shall be named as additional insured on such policy and shall be entitled to thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation or changes of any kind.

JNWLL shall indemnify and save harmless Blackman Charter Township and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all suits, actions, or claims of any character, type, or description, including all expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees, brought or made for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or persons or property, arising out of, or occasioned by, the act or failure to act of JNWLL or its agents, volunteers, or employees in the use of the Facilities arising out of obligations of JNWLL as set forth in this Agreement.

Blackman Charter Township shall indemnify and save harmless JNWLL and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all suits, actions, or claims of any character, type, or description, including all expenses of litigation, court costs and attorney's fees, brought or made for or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or persons or property, arising out of, or occasioned by, the act or failure to act of Blackman Charter Township or its agents, volunteers, or employees in the use of the Facilities arising out of obligations of Blackman Charter Township as set forth in the Agreement.

Termination of Agreement

This agreement may be terminated at any time for cause, provided Blackman Charter Township complies with the following termination procedure: If any obligations under this agreement are not met

by JNWLL, Blackman Charter Township shall provide written notice to JNWLL which describes the obligation that is not being met. JNWLL shall have 15 days from the receipt of the written notice to meet their obligation as described in the notice. If there is a disagreement between Blackman Charter Township and the JNWLL with regard to whether JNWLL has met or is meeting their obligations under this agreement, JNWLL shall have the right to appeal the Blackman Charter Township's decision to the Blackman Charter Township's Board.

JACKSON NORTHWEST LITTLE LEAGUE

Chris McClintic

Date: 3/20/26

Blackman Charter Township

Date:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between the **County of Jackson**, a Michigan county, on behalf of the **Jackson County Department of Transportation**, of 2400 Elm Rd., Jackson, MI 49201 (“the County”), and **Blackman Charter Township**, a Michigan township, of 1990 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, MI 49201 (“the Township”) by which the County grants permission to the Township to enforce the Township’s Zoning Ordinance provision regarding illegal signs in the right-of-way of County roads within the Township.

WHEREAS, the County has jurisdiction over all County road rights-of-way, and any work to be performed in the County road rights-of-way by another entity generally requires a permit issued by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Zoning Ordinance prohibits certain signs placed in, upon, or over any public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to enforce its Zoning Ordinance provisions regarding illegal signs in the County road rights-of-way, and instead of seeking a permit for each separate enforcement action, the Township has requested that the County issue blanket permission to do so; and

WHEREAS, the County is willing to grant the Township blanket permission to enforce its Zoning Ordinance within the rights-of-way of all County roads within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree:

1. Permission to Perform Work in the Rights-of-Way. The County grants to the Township blanket permission to perform work in the County road rights-of-way in the Township, specifically involving the enforcement of the sign provisions of the Township’s Zoning Ordinance, in particular the removal of non-conforming or illegal signs, whenever and wherever it needs to do so, without obtaining a permit.

2. Non-Interference with Traffic. Any work performed by the Township in the County road rights-of-way under this Agreement shall not interfere with or otherwise obstruct vehicular traffic on any County road, or with any work performed in the right-of-way by the County or other entity operating under a permit. The Township is not authorized to close any lane of travel in a County road right-of-way.

3. Release of Liability. The Township assumes all liability for any work it performs in a County road right-of-way under this Agreement, and holds harmless the County, its elected and appointed officials, employees and agents from any claims of

personal injury or property damage that result from the Township's work in the County road rights-of-way under this Agreement.

4. Term and Termination of Agreement. This Agreement commences upon its execution by both parties and continues until it is terminated. Either party may terminate this Agreement in its discretion at any time upon written notice to the other party.

5. Nondiscrimination. The parties, as required by law, shall not discriminate against a person to be served or an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position, height, weight, or marital status. Breach of this section shall be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement.

6. Amendments. This Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of both parties.

7. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior agreements, whether oral or written.

8. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

10. Certification Of Authority To Sign Agreement. The people signing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto certify by their signatures that they are duly authorized to sign on behalf of the parties and that this Agreement has been authorized by the parties.

COUNTY OF JACKSON

BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

By: _____
James E. Shotwell, Jr., Chairperson
County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Pete Jancek, Township Supervisor

Dated: _____

Dated: _____



Charitable Gaming Division
 Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48909
 OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:
 101 E. Hillsdale, Lansing MI 48933
 (517) 335-5780
 www.michigan.gov/cg

Resolution #3-2026-0420

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES
 (Required by MCL.432.103a(i)(ii))

At a Regular meeting of the Blackman Charter Township
REGULAR OR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD

called to order by Supervisor Jancek on 04/20/2026
DATE

at 6:00 pm a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:
TIME

Moved by _____ and supported by _____

that the request from Northwest Band Boosters of Rives Junction, MI
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CITY

county of Jackson, asking that they be recognized as a
COUNTY NAME

nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable

gaming licenses, be considered for approval.
APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

APPROVAL

DISAPPROVAL

Yeas: _____

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Absent: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and

adopted by the Blackman Charter Township at a Regular
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD REGULAR OR SPECIAL

meeting held on April 20, 2026.
DATE

SIGNED: _____
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE CLERK

David K. Elwell, Blackman Charter Township Clerk

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

1990 W. Parnall Rd., Jackson, MI 49201

ADDRESS

COMPLETION: Required.
 PENALTY: Possible denial of application.
 BSL-CG-1153(R4/24)