

Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
May 18, 2026

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

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

Members absent: Supervisor Jancek, Trustee Ambs

Public Attendance:

Bill Regnier
Kevin Regnier

Brad Regnier
A. Deshoyer

Jody Regnier
Keith Steller

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Boulter to appoint Clerk Elwell as the temporary chairman

Unanimously approved by voice vote

2. Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Thomas to excuse the absence of Supervisor Jancek and Trustee Ambs

Unanimously approved by voice vote

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Additions
 - a. Trustee Boulter to abstain from voting

Motioned by Trustee Pack, supported by Treasurer Preston to allow Trustee Boulter to abstain from voting on items #3 and #4 under New Business (MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement and Deferred Retirement Option Program through MERS) due to a potential conflict of interest.

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

Nays - None

Abstain - Boulter

Motion Approved

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2026

Unanimously approved by voice vote

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. No Changes/corrections

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2026

Unanimously approved by voice vote

PRESENTATIONS (fifteen-minute limit)

1. Drive Jackson presented by Ryan Tarrant, President and CEO of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce/Experience Jackson, and Alexie Milukhin, Community Growth Academy Fellow

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 04/10/26 in the amount of \$173,689.88 and for 04/24/26 in the amount of \$227,684.82
2. Approve \$150,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of April 2026
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of April 2026.

Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Summary of Accounts
2. Working with attorney to remove old unpaid taxes. Deputy Treasurer Hal Levy doing a wonderful job.

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. Fifield Cemetery Clean Up - May 9th, removing old decorations and debris with assistance from Cub Scout Pack 339; special 'Thank You' to the Little House Bakery for the donation of donuts.
2. County of Jackson, Road Sign Policy - change of policy to authorize any township to remove signs from the right-of-way with the exception of political signs.
3. Election Inspector training
4. Leroy Street conditions and repairs near the road diet
5. FOIA request for records on Data Centers

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRST READ

PROPOSED ORD.

AMENDMENT TO

CHAPTER 29

SECTION 2 AND 6

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve a First Reading of the proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 29, section 2 and Chapter 29, section 6; a title change from Director to Chief.

Unanimously approved by voice vote

TRANSFER PSO ISSUED GLOCK 45MOS & GLOCK 43X FROM B-L DPS TO JAMES PRUS

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize the transfer of Sergeant James Prus's issued Glock 45MOS and Glock 43X from Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety to James L. Prus upon his retirement on May 29th, 2026

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

PROMOTION WILLIAM REGNIER TO SERGEANT

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Boulter to authorize the promotion of William Regnier to the rank of Sergeant, effective immediately

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

RESOLUTION #05-2026-0518 HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT JAMES PRUS

Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve Resolution #05-2026-0518; a Resolution Honoring the Career of Sergeant James L. Prus

Unanimously approved by voice vote

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Meeting on May 19, 2026. Item on the agenda; to rezone at Jimmies Towing
2. Meeting minutes from May 5, 2026 to be included at next month's board meeting
3. Site plan approved for the Public Safety facility

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Jackson United Lacrosse Team: season is ending; currently using Rod Mills Park field; the program is fundraising to improve field conditions at the Township Park (the former B&H facility) for their future use; the Township will retain control of the field and will enter into a legal agreement for use similar to the soccer program and baseball program
2. Pickleball court work has resumed; upcoming projects are grass seeding and concrete work

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

2026 CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR IT SERVICES WITH VC3 Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Supervisor and Deputy Chief Boulter to sign the VC3 2026 Contract Renewal for IT and cybersecurity services at the quoted monthly amount of \$4,050.00 with an additional one-time payment of \$2,950.50. This is a 60-month/5-year contract

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

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Updating Ordinance to allow chickens in residential zones - discussion
 - a. Met with the township attorney to draft an ordinance
 - b. A first read at the next township board meeting
2. Discussion by Treasurer on having Deputy Chief Stowe give presentation/overview on pros and cons of marijuana based on Leoni Township data. No motion nor board action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE AWARDING ROD MILLS PARK DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Thomas to approve awarding of the Rod Mills Park Drainage Improvement contract to the lowest bidder, John R. Tylutki Excavating in the amount of \$8,800.00
Roll Call: Ayes – Thomas, Elwell, Pack, Boulter, Preston,
Nays – None **Motion Approved**

RESOLUTION #04-2026-0518 AMEND 2026 PUBLIC SAFETY FUND BUDGET Motion by Trustee Pack, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve Resolution #04-2026-0518; a Resolution to Amend the 2026 Public Safety Fund Budget
Roll Call: Ayes – Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Pack, Elwell
Nays – None **Motion Approved**

MERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to authorize the Supervisor to sign the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement
Roll Call: Ayes – Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas
Nays – None
Abstain - Boulter **Motion Approved**

**RESOLUTION
#06-2026-0518
DEFERRED
RETIREMENT
OPTION
PROGRAM
THROUGH MERS**

Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to approve Resolution #06-2026-0518; a Resolution to adopt a Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) through the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS)

Roll Call: Ayes – Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Preston

Nays – None

Abstain - Boulter **Motion Approved**

**DISPOSAL OF
ELECTRONIC
SIGN PANELS**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to authorize the disposal of electronic sign panels by either sale or donation

Roll Call: Ayes – Thomas, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter

Nays – None

Motion Approved

BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve payment of bills on the Board Invoice Post Audit Report dated 05/06/26 in the amount of \$99,217.95 and Board Invoice Report dated 05/19/26 in the amount of \$857,784.81

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

Nays - None

Motion Approved

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE

1. Report list by Byron Schroeder: installation of construction site safety fence, temporary access drive installed for soccer, job site superintendent onsite full time w/job trailer, foundation started, interior floor cutting for plumbing and electrical, SESC plans submitted to JCDOT, Planning Commission approved site plan, cost savings still in progress, job site schedule to be coordinated and issued this week, bi-weekly meetings scheduled with general contractor, shop drawing approvals for multiple portions of the project

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

1. **Keith Steller**, *resident on Clinton Way*
 - a. Apology for interaction at last meeting, however is standing strong in his unhappiness with what the township is allowing with the housing development being built near his property and the discussions at this meeting.
 - b. Should have had discussions about marijuana ten years ago.
 - c. Does not support building storage units across from his property.

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. New legislation in Lansing; House bills that will affect Planning Commissions
2. Speed limit sign on 127, correcting speed limit

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

David Elwell, Township Clerk