Regular Board Meeting
Blackman Charter Township
August 17, 2026

The Blackman Charter Township Board convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026 at the Township Hall, 1990 West Parnall Road, Jackson, Michigan.

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

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| Ray Snell | Bob Neustifter | Mina Policht |
| Nate Edwards | Kieth Steller | Brian Powers |
| Pat Way | Jessica Steller | |

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Excuse absence

   Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Pack to excuse the absence of Trustee Ambs

   ***Unanimously approved by voice vote***

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - (two-minute limit)

1. **Keith Steller**, *resident*
   a. Data Centers

AGENDA APPROVAL

1. Additions

   Motion by Trustee Thomas, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve the Board of Trustee agenda for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2026, as amended, to add item #5 under New Business. Discussion: review fireworks application
   ***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Jancek, Preston*
   *Nays - None* ***Motion Approved***

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Changes/corrections.

   Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Pack to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2026 with the addition of the Second Read document; and to approve the Board of Trustee minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, August 06, 2026
   ***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack, Boulter*
   *Nays - None* ***Motion Approved***

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Ray Snell**, *9th District County Commissioner*
   a. November ballot proposal; 911 fee increase from $1.50 to $3.00
   b. Axon program for police reporting

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of payroll for the dates 07/03/26 in the amount of $174,366.63 and for 07/17/26 in the amount of $193,778.86 and for the dates 07/31/26 in the amount of $218,225.02
2. Approve $300,000.00 transfer of funds from General Fund to Public Safety Fund for the month of July 2026
3. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of July 2026.

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Motioned by Treasurer Preston, supported by Trustee Boulter
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, Boulter*
*Nays - None* ***Motion Approved***

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

1. Eric White, Township attorney report on Wayne St.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

1. Summary of Accounts
2. Tax Collection going well
3. Audit Report

CLERK'S UPDATE

1. August 04, 2026 Primary Election Update
2. Data Centers

PUBLIC SAFETY

**APPROVE WORK PROPOSAL QUOTE FROM HASTINGS AIR AND ENERGY**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve work proposal quote, QUO-43488-D7M9C7, from Hastings Air Energy Control, Inc., the proposal includes the design, manufacture and installation of a vehicle exhaust extraction system for eight (8) apparatus connections, in the amount of $109,650.00
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Pack*
*Nays - None* ***Motion Approved***

**APPROVE DISPOSAL OF 2015 TAHOE AT AUCTION**

Motion by Supervisor Jancek, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve the disposal of township vehicle; 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN # 1GNSK2EC4FR637065, disposal may include sealed bids, public auction, and/or negotiated sale
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Jancek, Boulter, Pack, Elwell, Preston, Thomas*
*Nays - None* ***Motion Approved***

PLANNING COMMISSION

**APPROVE CASE#1611 CONDITIONAL USE**

Motion by Treasurer Preston, supported by Clerk Elwell to approve Case#1611 Conditional Use: at 1995 Chanter Rd.; Parcel 000-08-23-426-001-03, Zoned C-2 (General Commercial). Requested by Harvest Solar – Evann Rohloff
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Thomas, Elwell, Jancek, Boulter, Preston*
*Nays - Pack* ***Motion Approved***

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Meeting on Thursday, August 27th to generate ideas for future plans; conduct survey; grants
2. Pavilion rental disputes; reservation slip will be posted at pavilions

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

1. Sewer contract; adjust sewer rates

ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. Ordinance 57.1.2026 official document that was approved for the Second Reading

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NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION #10-2026-0817 AMEND 2026 PUBLIC SAFETY FUND BUDGET**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Boulter to approve Resolution #10-2026-0817; a Resolution to amend the 2026 Public Safety Fund Budget
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Pack, Elwell, Jancek*
*Nays – None* ***Motion Approved***

**RESOLUTION #11-2026-0817 AMEND 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve Resolution #11-2026-0817; a Resolution to amend the 2026 General Fund Budget
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Pack, Elwell, Preston, Boulter, Thomas, Jancek*
*Nays – None* ***Motion Approved***

**APPROVE POSTING FOR POSITION IN BUILDING/ZONING**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve posting for a position in the Building/Zoning department. Discussion
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Elwell, Pack, Thomas, Boulter, Jancek, Preston*
*Nays – None* ***Motion Approved***

**APPROVE HIRING CASANDRA DEMPSEY AS ADMIN. ASSIST.**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Treasurer Preston to approve hiring Casandra Dempsey as a part-time administrative assistant, pending pre-hire screening.
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Preston, Pack,Boulter*
*Nays – None* ***Motion Approved***

**REVIEW & AUTHORIZE FIREWORKS APPLICATION**

Motion by Clerk Elwell, supported by Trustee Thomas to authorize the Administrative Committee, in conjunction with the Public Safety Chief, to review a display fireworks application for approximately September 12, by the Jackson County Airport, and authorize if appropriate and all required conditions are met. Discussion
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Jancek, Preston, Pack, Thomas, Elwell, 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 08/05/26 in the amount of $108,691.14 and Board Invoice Report dated 08/18/26 in the amount of $734,037.36
***Roll Call***: *Ayes - Boulter, Preston, Thomas, Jancek, Elwell, Pack*
*Nays - None* ***Motion Approved***

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE

1. Progress Report from Byron Schroeder
    a. 70% of trusses were up on Friday; finishing today
    b. On schedule; interior framing; parallel generators instead of diesel; transfer switch
    c. Sidewalk at pickleball courts

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute limit)

1. **Robert Neustifter**, *resident*
    a. Homeless encampment, Ordinance
2. **Mina Policht**, *resident*
    a. Opposes homeless encampment on Wayne St.
3. **Kathy King**, *resident*
    a. Opposes homeless encampment on Wayne St.

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4. **Kathy Chase**, *resident*
    a. Opposes homeless encampment on Wayne St.
5. **Connie Granger**, *resident*
    a. Opposes homeless encampment on Wayne St.
6. **Bryan Powers**,
    a. Requests to be placed on agenda next month to put together a plan for the building/zoning department
7. **Jessica Steller**, *resident*
    a. Clinton Way building project
8. **Keith Steller**, *resident*
    a. Clinton Way building project

OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Schedule a meeting to discuss Building/Zoning and Ordinance enforcement

***The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.***

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**David Elwell, Township Clerk**

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