

**2020 Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Blackcreek Township, Mercer County, OH
(ORC 5705.31)**

The Board of Trustees of Blackcreek Township, Mercer County met in special session on January 20 with the following members present: Grant Minnich, Ben Sutter, John Schumm. Also present was Curtis Hamrick, Fiscal Officer.

Mr. Minnich moved the adoption of. **Resolution # 1-20.** Whereas, the following items need to be established as part of the reorganization of the board for the year 2020. Mr. Sutter seconded the adoption and the adoption passed by a 3-0 vote.

- Grant Minnich made a nomination for John Schumm as Chair of the Board. Second by Ben Sutter. Voice Vote was in favor.
- Ben Sutter made a nomination for Grant Minnich as Vice Chair of the Board. Second by John Schumm. Voice Vote was in favor.
- Trustees and Fiscal Officer of Blackcreek Township are entitled to the maximum annual compensation permitted per the Ohio Revised Code. Trustees and Fiscal Officer will be paid on a salary basis. ORC 2000-043; ORC 505.24 & 507.09
- Salaries and benefits will be paid out of the following accounts:
Trustees – 100% General Fund Fiscal Officer – 100% - General Fund
- If the Trustees or Fiscal Officer have individual or family plan group health care coverage, the township will reimburse them for their premiums up to \$4,000 instead of providing coverage through the township, provided it is allowed by law. ORC 505.60, 505.61, 505.603 & 9.933
- Life Insurance is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 for elected officials. ORC 505.602
- Mileage outside of the Township is \$.40 per mile.
- The People’s Bank Co. is the depository for the Township checking account.
- Township owned equipment can only be used for official township business.
- Trustees and Fiscal Officer may obligate up to \$2,500 without prior board approval.
- Regular Meetings will be held the second to last Monday of the month starting @ 7:00 p.m. at the Township House (1515 Manley Road, Rockford, OH 45882).
- The Township will pay convention and training expenses of Trustees and Fiscal Officer.
- The following rates will be set for contracted services:
Tractor \$75/hr. (including labor)
Labor \$20/hr.
- The Township will pay Willshire Township-Van Wert County \$150 per year for the maintenance of Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Pay rate may be adjusted + or – in December to allow for variances in the mowing season.

- Any new driveways or driveway improvements require Trustee approval. Land owner is responsible for to furnish a minimum of 8" tile; a larger tile may be required if trustees deem it necessary. No single wall plastic field tile may be used. Driveways installed without trustee approval and/or not meeting trustee guidelines must be removed at land owner expense.
- If land owner wants a new overflow pipe under the road where none currently exists, it will be the responsibility of the land owner to pay for the pipe, stone, and digging.
- The township will replace or install catch basins (box and lid only) if approved by trustees.
- The following rates will be charged for plots in township owned cemeteries:

Township Resident:	\$75.00
Mercer County Resident:	\$100.00
Non-Resident:	\$500.00

- Trustees will inspect roads as required.
- The zoning board will be paid \$20 per meeting.
- The Board of Trustees will meet with the zoning board and the zoning appeals board in February and August.
- The fee for residents to request a meeting of the zoning appeals board is \$100.
- A citizens complaint form has been adopted by trustees.
- A road crossing permit will be required before a township road can be cut for any purpose.
- The fee for a road crossing permit will be \$250.
- Minutes from regular monthly meetings will be made available on the official township website (<http://www.blackcreektownship-mercercounty.org>)

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF BLACKCREEK TOWNSHIP
TRUSTEES, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO

John Schumm, Chairman

Grant Minnich, Vice – Chairman

Ben Sutter, Trustee

Curtis Hamrick, Fiscal Officer