

Minutes of Blackberry Township
43W390 Main Street Road, Elburn, IL 60119
Annual Town Meeting

August 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Clerk Lisa Hodge with 10 citizens present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Clerk Hodge led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF TOWN MEETING MODERATOR: Clerk Hodge explained to those assembled about her duty to call to order the Annual Town Meeting. The Clerk is then charged with asking the citizens of Blackberry Township to elect a Moderator who will be responsible for overseeing the rest of the meeting.

Clerk Hodge asked for nominations for a Moderator. Mr. Harley Veldhuizen was nominated by Mr. Rod Feece, seconded by Mr. Uwe Rotter. Clerk Hodge asked for any other nominations, after hearing none, she closed the nominations. It was moved by Ms. Esther Steel, seconded by Mr. Uwe Rotter to close the nominations. Clerk Hodge called for a voice vote to close the nominations; the motion to close passed with 0 opposing. Clerk Hodge called for a vote by a show of hands to elect Mr. Harley Veldhuizen to be Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting, with 6 yea, 0 nay. The citizens present elected Mr. Harley Veldhuizen to be Moderator.

SWEAR IN MODERATOR: Clerk Hodge then swore in Mr. Harley Veldhuizen as Moderator.

SET MODERATOR'S SALARY: Mr. Veldhuizen asked that the Moderator's salary be waived.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Copies of the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting on April 9, 2019 were supplied to each citizen upon arrival at the meeting. After allowing a few minutes to review the minutes, Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rod Feece so moved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Esther Steel. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote. The citizens of Blackberry Township approved the minutes of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, by a voice vote with 0 opposing.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Supervisor's Financial Statement was made available for each citizen upon arrival at the meeting. Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Statement as presented. Mrs. Barb Veldhuizen so moved, seconded by Mrs. Carole Rotter. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Esther Steel reported that the Town will transition surplus funds to the Road District, if the Town Board will approve such action of this Annual Town Meeting. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that the funds will help with paving. Supervisor Steel added that after the Township's 1/3 of the Elburn Station Park is paid for, the budget will get back in line where the Township should be.

Discussion among the citizens followed. Supervisor Steel added that TOI recommends the transition of funds be a "one time thing".

Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to transition surplus funds to the Road District, with the amount to be determined. Mr. John Van Bogaert so moved, seconded by Mr. Uwe Rotter. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that his Year End Report and Equipment Inventory list was available for the citizens upon arrival at the meeting. He reviewed his report. There will be two used trucks declared surplus in the future, but not tonight.

Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to accept the Highway Commissioner's report as presented. Ms. Esther Steel so moved, seconded by Mr. Tim Norris. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that Blackberry Township has over 7,000 parcels. The Elburn Station is a lot of ranch style homes. He reviewed the handout that was available to the public upon arrival at the meeting.

Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to accept the Assessor's report as presented. Mr. Ed Stuehm so moved, seconded by Ms. Esther Steel. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

CEMETERY SEXTON'S REPORT: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report. Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to accept the Cemetery report as presented. Mr. Tim Norris so moved, seconded by Ms. Steel. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Steel shared that the remodel is complete and everyone is happy.

NEW BUSINESS: SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of April, no earlier than 6:00 p.m.: April 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to accept the date & time of the next Annual Town Meeting to be April 13, 2021. Mr. Rod Feece so moved, seconded by Mr. John Van Bogaert. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Moderator Veldhuizen asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ed Stuehm so moved, seconded by Mr. Uwe Rotter. Moderator Veldhuizen called for a voice vote to adjourn. The motion carried with 0 opposing. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk



Harley Veldhuizen, Moderator