

**Minutes of Blackberry Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
43W390 Main Street Road, Elburn, IL 60119**

April 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m., immediately following the Budget hearings. Trustees present were Harley Veldhuizen, Tim Norris, Ed Stuehm and John Van Bogaert. Also present were Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

PLEDGE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Annual Town Meeting held earlier, just prior to the Budget hearings.

CLERK: Roll call: Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-here, Norris-here, Stuehm-here, Van Bogaert-here, Steel-here.

Statement of Economic Interest-deadline May 1: Clerk Hodge reminded the Board of the May 1, 2021 filing deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 9, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Stuehm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Amended Road District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance hearing. Trustee Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the Amended Road District Budget/Appropriation Ordinance hearing. Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: A motion to pay the Road bills was made Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Town/Cemetery: A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Stuehm, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece was unable to attend the meeting, however, he had reports available for the public at the Annual Town Meeting held earlier.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that the Book is very close to being submitted to the County, hopefully by April 30, 2021. New construction permits were down. A new router was put in to upgrade the IT firewall.

TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report handout and the 1st Quarter activity.

Supervisor Steel reported that a Salesperson contacted her and Jeanne about placing cameras in the cemetery above the headstones, for family to view the headstones 24/7. The Board discussed the proposal and decided not to purchase these cameras.

SUPERVISOR: Pass Resolution 2021/22-1: Motorcycle Awareness Month: Supervisor Steel reviewed the resolution that had been given to the Board prior to the meeting. Trustee Stuehm made a motion to pass the resolution, Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IMRF Resolution 2017/18-1: Renew/Recertify every 2 years: Tabled.

Supervisor Steel reviewed the Rent relief program, offered by Kane County. After discussion, the Board suggested that the program should be added to the Township's website. She will ask Vision Friendly to add the link to the Township's website. And also add the FEMA information.

Supervisor Steel reported that Mack & Assoc. would rather not audit the Township this year, but would for only one year more, as they have downsized and are getting away from doing audits for Townships. She will reach out to another Audit firm.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to enter into Executive (closed) Session to discuss personnel and review closed session minutes. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Norris seconded. Clerk Hodge took roll call: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The meeting entered into Executive (closed) Session at 7:35 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

After a motion by Trustee Veldhuizen and a second by Trustee Norris, the Board approved the Ex. (closed) Session minutes from April 9, 2019, Oct. 13, 2020 and Nov. 10, 2020 as to form & content only, and to keep them closed, and to keep all the other Ex. (closed) Session minutes closed. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

