

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

**February 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were John Van Bogaert, Harley Veldhuizen, Tim Norris and Ed Stuehm. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

**PLEDGE:** Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**MINUTES:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the January 12, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Norris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS:** The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out one large bill for salt. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Norris. 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: Supervisor Steel noted the Town funds will show the approved transfer of 400K to the Road District. A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Stuehm. 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 reported that they have been plowing. Salt has been received. He also explained that prior to the March meeting, there will be an Amended Budget/Appropriation Ordinance hearing to pass the amended Road District budget. Discussion ensued. In the near future he plans to surplus equipment and purchase a used truck.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reviewed the revised 2021/2022 Assessor's budget. They are working to update the website to be more interactive and should be easier for taxpayers to navigate.

The cost of IT services was discussed and it's possible to enter into a maintenance plan versus a charge for each time of service.

Assessor Rotter is still working on the reimbursement from the County. He updated the Board on the 3 Antenna being built on Seavey Road.

**TRUSTEES:** Nothing at this time.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Steel led the discussion about how beneficial it would be to pay the Insurance invoices online. The Board agreed to allow the three insurance invoices to be paid online.

The new Auditor search continues. Supervisor Steel has reached out to Sikich and another firm recommended by Sugar Grove Twp. but neither firm returned an audit estimate by this month's meeting. When they do, she will send the estimates to the Board for their review.

Supervisor Steel and Ms. Chybik confirm that Ride in Kane still hasn't invoiced the Township.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:** None at this time.

**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 Stuehm, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

