

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

July 13, 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 Harley Veldhuizen and John Van Bogaert. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge. Trustee Tim Norris was absent.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Judie Childress provided an overview of the June 3, 2021, 708 Inc. Board meeting. The next meeting will be in October. She also reported that the Villages of Sugar Grove and Elburn are in boundary discussions.

Mr. Dave Becker shared his concern over the parking issues in Mill Creek. There are cars parked on both sides of many streets, and an emergency vehicle cannot fit down the middle of the streets. Ms. Nancy Meyer, as President of the Mill Creek Homeowner's Association, shared her concerns as well.

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece shared his experience with working with KDOT and having an engineering point of view. Discussion followed.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

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

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

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have mowed for the third time. Paving has been done on Norris Road, and in south Mill Creek and in other areas. He is meeting with the Attorney on the garbage pick-up referendum, the next day. Highway Commissioner Feece also reported that there is an Intergovernmental Agreement between Blackberry Township Road District and Batavia Township Road District and that they work together on some projects.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter promoted the Taxpayer Workshop dates. He reported that the Appeal Period will be July 15-August 16 and his office will send an email blast with that information.

Assessor Rotter shared that the Supervisor of Assessments will publish all 16 Townships at once.

While waiting to be published, his office updated their tool sets. They are out in the field with the summer help. Post cards are mailed out to taxpayers to let them know that his crew will be in the area.

Assessor Rotter hopes the Appeal process will be conducted with a combination of in-person meetings and through emails.

TRUSTEES: Nothing, at this time.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board. There was mouse damage at the maintenance shed in the Cemetery. Ms. Chybik reported that the Ride in Kane report needs to be adjusted.

SUPERVISOR: Discussion & Vote to Appoint Trustee John Van Bogaert to 708 Inc. Board for 4-year term: Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to appoint Trustee Van Bogaert, Supervisor Steel seconded. The motion carried by voice vote.

Hall Rental Agreement: Supervisor Steel led the discussion. After discussion, Supervisor Steel agreed to clean-up the draft and email the Board the revised version.

Supervisor Steel reported that the Township had a false unemployment claim on a Road District employee. The 6-month CD came due. Since interest rates are so poor, she shifted some funds to the Money Market and the rest to an 18-month CD.

The Audit is complete, and it went well. A movie is being filmed in her neighborhood and there have been several issues.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing, at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing, at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing, at this time.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: Nothing, at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Van Bogaert, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Hodge

Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

