

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

**June 8, 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 and Tim Norris. 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, Van Bogaert-here, Steel-here.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nothing at this time.

**MINUTES:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the bills and pointed out two large bills: Prinsco-pipe/culvert and Traffic Control-Scott Road residents. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

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

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have been replacing culverts and working with KDOT regarding parking issues in Mill Creek. He has also spent time with Supervisor Steel and the Attorneys working on the garbage referendum, trying to include the Mill Creek subdivision that has it's own pick-up service through their SSA.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that since they returned the Book back to Kane County in April, they have learned of the 2.4% Township multiplier. He has included that information on the website. They have been preparing for the Appeal Process and spending time out in the field. One new summer part-time employee has been hired.

Assessor Rotter shared with the Board that he may retire sometime in the near future, and that he hoped to possibly hire someone to train to replace him. Discussion followed.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Norris reported that the 708 Inc. Board met via Zoom. He respectfully requested not to be re-appointed the 708 Inc. Board again, at the end of his term, and that a new person should be appointed.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board and reported that she renewed the Software contract and received \$200 rebate for referring Sugar Grove Township.

Ms. Chybik attended her first Zoom meeting for Ride in Kane and just that day she received the invoice for Ride in Kane from June 2000 thru March 2021. Supervisor Steel and Ms. Chybik had been requesting invoices for over a year. The Board agreed to pay the invoice even though the fiscal year had ended. Ms. Chybik reported that Kane County will take over AID probably by September 2021.

**SUPERVISOR:** IMRF RESOLUTION 2021/22-2: Supervisor Steel reviewed the Resolution with the Board. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to pass Resolution 2021/22-2, Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk to call the roll: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Supervisor Steel abstained. The motion carried.

**RESIGNATION LETTER:** Supervisor Steel read the resignation letter from Trustee Ed Stuehm that was effective as of May 31, 2021. Trustee Norris made a motion to accept Ed Stuehm's resignation letter, Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The Board instructed Clerk Hodge to place and "ad" in the Elburn Herald and on the Township's website, with a July 1, 2021 deadline to submit applications. The Board will plan to conduct interviews before the July 13, 2021 regular monthly meeting, if that works out for everyone.

Supervisor Steel reviewed the audit process with the new Audit firm and reported that she thought it went well. The Governor will open the State of Illinois on June 11, 2021.

The Township Room Rental Agreement form was presented to the Board and Supervisor Steel asked the Board for their input to include in the update.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time.

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Norris. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

