

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

August 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were Judie Childress, Harley Veldhuizen, Eric Anderson 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, Anderson-here, Childress-here, Steel-here.

Clerk Hodge explained to the Board that their packets contain two sets of Bank Statements for the month of July. First Midwest Bank from July 1-10, 2022, and Old National Bank from July 11-30, 2022, because of the conversion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 12, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Norris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

PRESENTATION: **Audit:** Macade Thorpe, from Lauterbach & Amen, reviewed the Audit for the Board. Mr. Thorpe reported that Blackberry Township received a favorable status. The Firm will file the Audit with the Comptroller.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they mowed one more time, they have been spraying gravel roads and patching some areas.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that Blackberry Twp. will be published in the Elburn Herald in the August 11, 2022, edition. September 12, 2022 will be the last day to appeal. His office sent an email blast to over 700 users about the publishing/appeal timeline. Next year will be a Quad year. They replaced one computer.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Childress introduced the new 708 Inc. Board Member, from Blackberry Township, Carrie Seida. Ms. Seida's appointment will be placed on next month's agenda.

Trustee Anderson reported that he continues to research website options with Vision Friendly. There is a \$5,546 onetime fee to make a new website and the Township could add/edit the site with no cost. There would be a Hosting Fee of \$29.95. The Assessor's site would stay the same and will have a link.

Trustee Anderson investigated the Township's email concerns, regarding Microsoft 365 licensing options. The September 13, 2022 Agenda will have an action item for approval of cost.

Trustee Norris submitted his resignation letter to the Board, effective September 30, 2022. The Board accepted his letter with regrets.

Trustee Veldhuizen reported that he was contacted by the Village President of Campton Hills who shared the Village's concern that they need a Highway Department, since the Campton Hills Township Highway Department cannot currently work for the Village.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. Pace submitted an invoice for May 2022 Ride in Kane.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel reviewed the vote totals of the garbage referendum: 934 yes, 486 no.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2022/23-1: Intergovernmental Agreement w/Aurora Twp. Re: General Assistance: Supervisor Steel reviewed the Resolution with the Board. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to pass Resolution 2022/23-1. Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item: LRS Agreement: Supervisor Steel reviewed the LRS Contract with the Board. Discussion ensued. After the Board discussed the Contract, Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve and sign the LRS Contract. Trustee Anderson so moved; Trustee Norris seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge do conduct a roll call vote. Clerk Hodge called the roll call: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried 5-yes, 0 nay, 0 absent.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

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

Town/Cemetery: A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge to add in the minutes that she protests the invoice from RAV, because the invoice charges for creating the invoice.

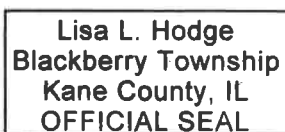
OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Childress asked if LRS will provide Ag dumpsters specific for manure. Highway Commissioner Feece will investigate this concern.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ray Fugiel asked the Board about who is responsible for Blackberry Township's Domaine name.

EXECUTIVE 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 8:40 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa L. Hodge".

Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk