

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

October 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: At the Blackberry Tow Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. Trustees present were Harley Veldhuizen, Judie Childress and Eric Anderson. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel waived reciting the Pledge of Allegiance since it was recited at the 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting held at the Town Hall earlier in the evening.

CLERK: Roll Call: Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-here, Anderson-here, Childress-here, Steel-here.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular monthly meeting and minutes of the September 22, 2022 Special Meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have been finishing fall projects and mowed one more time. They have been testing the trucks to get ready for fall. He plans to order salt soon.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they have 16 cases for the Board of Review with 11 cases being non-appearance and 5 are appearance cases. His office continues to prepare briefs for the upcoming Board of Review cases. His office has also responded to a few FOIA requests. His office has been working with the State Archives, and they have identified some documents for legal destruction.

Trustee Anderson shared that the Supervisor of Assessments for Kane County, Mark Armstrong, was the guest speaker at the September Township Officials of Kane County meeting and presented a very good presentation.

TRUSTEE: Trustee Anderson shared that Mill Creek started a new organization called “Mill Creek Cares”. He suggested that the Board try to attend the meetings if our schedules allow.

Trustees Anderson continues to work with Vision Friendly regarding the new and updated website. Trustee Childress reminded the Board that Blackberry Township needs another person on the 708 Board.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. Blackberry Township added 2 new riders to the Ride in Kane program. Ms. Chybik responded to a few calls from citizens regarding the LRS contract. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece thanked Ms. Chybik for taking over and responding to the calls and emails from citizens regarding LRS.

SUPERVISOR: Approve Ordinance 2022/23-4 Regarding Rules on Regulation for Refuse Pick-up: Supervisor Steel asked Highway Commissioner Feece to review the Ordinance with Board. Highway

Commissioner Feece reported that the contract with LRS was finalized and signed with Kane County earlier in the day. The Intergovernmental Agreement Ordinance 2022/23-4 establishes rules for refuse pick-up. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022/23-4. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Childress seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge to do a roll call: Veldhuizen-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried with 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

Supervisor Steel reported that she and Assessor Rotter and Highway Commissioner Feece met with Brian Mock, from Corkill Insurance, to review the Township's coverage. Their decision was to stay with the current policy.

Supervisor Steel shared that Assessor Rotter has an updated map of Blackberry Township and asked the Board if they would like to order the same for the Town Hall side.

An email to Supervisor Steel from an organization that helps with low-income housing was asking if the Township website could add their organization's information. Trustee Anderson cautioned doing that until he or someone else could vet the organization.

The Elburn Chamber of Commerce has a new President, Penny Bergstrom, and she has asked the Township Officials to attend the last two lunch meetings of the year. Supervisor Steel thanked Trustee Veldhuizen for attending many meetings and representing the Township. December 3, 2022 is the Christmas Stroll.

TOIRMA'S Annual Report is available for the Board to review. The Township Officials of Kane County will have a dinner meeting on October 26, at the Lincoln Inn.

Appoint Trustee to Fill Vacancy: Supervisor Steel shared that this will be tabled until the November 8, 2022 meeting.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Feece noted one large bill for engineering. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

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

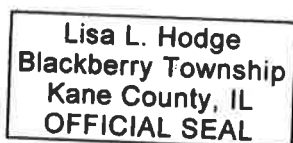
OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Hodge

Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk