

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

October 12, 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, John Van Bogaert and Tim Norris. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge. Trustee Eric Anderson was absent.

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: Ms. Judie Childres thanked the Township for having the meeting minutes posted on the website.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Brian Mock from Corkill Insurance presented Insurance options for the Board to consider. Discussion ensued. The deadline to decide is November 1, 2021. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to have Supervisor Steel handle the decision before the deadline. Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a voice vote. Supervisor Steel will work with Mr. Mock to ensure that the employees' Doctors are in the network.

MINUTES: The Trustee reviewed the minutes of the September 14, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Norris 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: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out some large bills for striping, the truck loan and asphalt. A motion to pay the 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, 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, Norris-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have been getting the trucks tested and completed the last mowing. The salt supply is well stocked. The "No Parking" Ordinance is still being worked on, however, it should be ready for the November meeting. He presented a list of the streets in Mill Creek that will be covered in the Ordinance.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that there were 9 Board of Review cases and the Board of Review confirmed all 9 cases. There were 18 non-appearance cases that will be pending until next year.

Weather permitting, they have been going out to new construction as the deadline is Nov. 1, 2021 on new construction.

TRUSTEES: Trustee John Van Bogaert presented his resignation from the Board as of the end of the meeting. The Board thanked him for his time on the Board, and accepted his resignation, with regrets.

Supervisor Steel shared that Trustee Eric Anderson met with the Mill Creek SSA and Drew Frasz. Trustee Anderson felt that it was a good meeting and they invited him to sit on the SSA Board.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board and included the Year-to-Date activity and a Historical data spreadsheet.

Ms. Chybik shared a report that explained why granite memorials are delayed because of how India is dealing with Covid-19.

Next week she will attend the Cemetery Conference. Ride in Kane-waiting for July, August and September invoices.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel briefly reviewed the Insurance presentation. The 708 Inc. Board plans to meet at the Blackberry Town Hall on the 14th. Lauterbach & Amen will present the Audit at the November Board meeting.

County is just starting to work on approval for a private grass airstrip in Blackberry Township. The Sheriff's Department will be conducting drills and the Elburn Fire Department will be conducting burns on the old Meredith Farm.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

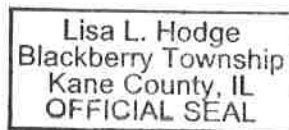
NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to enter into Executive (Closed) Session to review Exec. Session Minutes. Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to enter into Exec. (Closed) Session: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried and the meeting entered Exec. (Closed) Session at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:10 p.m. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to release the Exec. (Closed) Session minutes from September 5, 2019, April 9, 2019, February 11, 2020, March 10, 2020, September 8, 2020, the April 13, 2021 re: the Review of Exec. Session minutes. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Van Bogaert, seconded by Trustee Norris. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa L. Hodge".

Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk