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

April 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The Meeting was planned to be held on Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. however, there were complications. The Board was contacted and they decided to attend in person, with everyone socially distanced throughout the Town Hall.

Trustees present were Harley Veldhuizen, Tim Norris, John Van Bogaert and Ed Stuehm. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLERK: ROLL CALL: Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-here, Norris-here, Van Bogaert-here, Stuehm-here, Steel-here.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Trustee Stuehm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Trustees also reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2020 Emergency Meeting. Trustee Norris made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out one large bill-salt. A motion to pay the Road 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, Stuehm-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Town/Cemetery: Supervisor Steel pointed out the #4 Application bill for the remodel in the Town bills. A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Stuehm, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Stuehm-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they received about $20,000 worth of gravel from LaFarge, so he shouldn't have to buy more gravel.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that his two office employees are working from home. He's in the office a couple days of the week and working from home the other days.

Assessor Rotter reported that since Property Taxes are under the County purview, the State has no "say". The County cannot process the requests for the Senior freeze, the Veteran freeze or the Disabled freeze because of the social distance requirements. Property Taxes are still due until or unless the County changes the due date. The County will be mail out the Tax Bills soon and should arrive in early May.

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TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: The Cemetery Report was emailed to the Board.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel clarified that the Township is pulling from "Reserves" to pay for the Parks and the remodel, to explain the monthly financial printout.

The Town and Road District Budget & Appropriation Ordinance notices were published to have the hearings on May 12, 2020.

The Audit is starting to be done online and remotely. Some financial documents have been sent thru the secure portal.

MOTION TO PASS A CONTINUING ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE & MAY EXPEND FUNDS DURING THE 1st QTR. OF THE FY, BEFORE THE TOWNSHIP HAS ADOPTED THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET: Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to pass a continuing budget, Trustee Veldhuizen so moved and Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Stuehm-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.
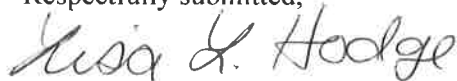
OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: 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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Hodge

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