

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

June 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present John Van Bogaert, Ed Stuehm, Tim Norris and Harley Veldhuizen. Also present were Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge. The Governor allowed Illinois to enter into Phase 3, which allowed the Board to assemble, with 6' of social distancing and wearing of masks.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Steel shared that some of her neighbors were there in the gallery, hoping to speak with the Deputy Sheriff tonight, because of some issues in their neighborhood. Since the Deputy Sheriff wasn't in attendance, at the time, she hoped to meet with him and the neighbors at another time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Trustee Stuehm seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Trustee Norris made a motion to pay the Road bills and Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Town/Cemetery: Supervisor Steel noted that the bill for Application 5 for the remodel was not provided to the Township in a timely manner therefore it is not included in the Town bills. She asked that the motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills include the paying of Application 5. Trustee Van Bogaert so moved, Trustee Stuehm seconded. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: No report, as Highway Commissioner Rod Feece was on vacation.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that the Book was returned to County and Blackberry Township should be published in two weeks. They have been out in the field measuring new construction. The conference room chairs have arrived and the tables are being made by folks in the Iowa Prison System, at a lower cost.

TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: Associate Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report.

SUPERVISOR: Discussion & Vote on Elburn Station Park: Supervisor Steel noted that discussion was held during the Town Budget/Appropriation hearing held prior to this regular monthly meeting. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Steel asked for a motion "to decline to give Elburn Station additional funds over the agreed upon amount". Trustee Norris so moved, Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge to call for a roll call vote: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Steel reported that some riders are returning to Ride in Kane as some places are reopening. The Audit is ongoing.

Regarding COVID 19-The Township Offices are open but asking folks to wear masks. There has been a request to borrow the tables and chairs from the Town Hall. After discussion, the Board agreed that no tables, chairs or medical equipment will be loaned out until further notice. Further, the room will not be "rented" until further notice as well.

Annual Town Meeting: The Agenda for July 14, 2020 will include the vote, by the Board, to hold the ATM on August 11, 2020. The Governor signed HB 2096 too late for our June 9, 2020 Agenda posting requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.

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 Stuehm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

