

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

**August 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At the Blackberry Township Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees present were Eric Anderson, Harley Veldhuizen, John Van Bogaert and Tim Norris. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

**PLEDGE:** Supervisor Steel asked Trustee Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLERK:** Roll Call: Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-here, Norris-here, Anderson-here, Van Bogaert-here, Steel-here.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**PRESENTATION:** Supervisor Steel reported that the Audit presentation will be rescheduled for the September meeting. The Actuary report has been taking more time than the Auditor had first thought.

**MINUTES:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**BILLS:** The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out one large bill for Sicalco-chloride. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-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 Anderson. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece updated the Board on the garbage pick-up referendum. He has been working with KDOT on the parking issues in Mill Creek. The paving on Oakland and Terrace will be finished soon.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that the Appeal period will end on August 16. His office was busy on the first couple days, then it was rather quiet after that. They have been fielding more calls from Lawyers that taxpayers have contacted to help in the appeal process. To date: only 2 cases will come before the Board of Review.

The Township Officials of Kane County is becoming active again, with a meeting on August 25. The guest speaker will be County Madame Chair Corrine Pierog.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Anderson shared that he has been researching the TOI website as well as Blackberry's website and he has some ideas for the Township.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Steel reviewed the final draft of the Hall Rental Agreement with the Board. Ms. Chybik sent the draft to the Board earlier. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to accept the Hall Rental Agreement, Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Steel discussed the Governor's recent Executive Order regarding Covid. The situation today may change tomorrow. They agreed that if the public comes into the Township building masked, then they would put on a mask.

Supervisor Steel reported that another movie is filming in the Township, in her area. Sexton Chybik and Trustee Norris will be participating in a Seminar on Cemetery Software, in October. The cost will be split between Blackberry and Sugar Grove Township.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nothing at this time.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION:** Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

