

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

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

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed three sets of minutes: the December 8, 2020 regular monthly meeting, the December 8, 2020 Town Levy Hearing minutes, the December 8, 2020 Road District Levy Hearing minutes.

Trustee Stuehm made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes, Trustee Van Bogaert seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the Road bills and pointed out 2 large bills: Westside Tractor-the grader was in need of maintenance, and Batavia Township Road District-the leaf pickup program. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Norris-yes, Stuehm-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 Stuehm. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Norris-yes, Stuehm-yes, Van Bogaert-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that in December, they dealt with three snow events. Salt has been ordered and they have been trimming trees.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that it has been relatively slow and the two Deputy Assessors have been working from home. He received the final decisions from Kane County and there were no surprises and they have entered those decisions into the data base. He has been working on the budget for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Steel invited Deputy Sheriff Kramer to speak as he just arrived to the meeting.

Deputy Sheriff Kramer reported that Mill Creek held a Virtual Town Hall in December.

TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report.

Ordinance 2007/08-5: Approval of Amended version (page 6, section 5): Ms. Chybik asked the Board if they had any questions about the Amended Ordinance. There were no questions. Trustee Norris made a motion to pass the Amended Ordinance 2007/08-5, Trustee Stuehm seconded. The motion carried.

SUPERVISOR: Assessor's 2021-2022 Budget: Supervisor Steel noted that the Assessor's 2021-2022 budget was provided to the Board.

Discussion of Nepotism Ordinance/Policy: Supervisor Steel reviewed the Nepotism Ordinance that was provided to the Board. This will be for the Township and the Assessor's office and the Highway Dept. may use this or offer their own Ordinance. Supervisor Steel asked for the Board's input. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Steel noted that the Township still hasn't received any invoices from Ride in Kane. Ms. Chybik has reached out to RIK, but they haven't responded.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Van Bogaert provided an update on the former baseball field, which is under new ownership.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Stuehm. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

