

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

September 13, 2022

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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 9, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Norris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have graded the gravel roads and spread dust control. They mowed one more time. In Mill Creek, they have done some patching.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that the 30-day appeal period closed on September 12, 2022. The office experienced low call volume. They will start the work on the Board of Reviews. Assessor Rotter reviewed the handout of the 2022 Sales Analysis.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Norris expressed his thanks to the Board and said that it has been a pleasure to serve on this Board.

Trustee Anderson reviewed the technology handout regarding the Township website, 365 and the costs, email updating at a later date. Discussion ensued. After discussion, Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve updating the Township website. The action item was moved up on the Agenda: Discuss/Approve Website/Email Costs: Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Norris seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge to call the roll: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Childress inquired about the new employees in the Assessor's office. Assessor Rotter reported that they are working out great.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. Wreaths Across America hope to start delivery on December 17, 2022. Ms. Chybik attended the Ride in Kane Zoom meeting today and reported that Kane County is adding trips, as the sponsor.

SUPERVISOR: Appoint Ms. Carrie Seida to the 708 Inc. Board: 4 Year Term: Supervisor Steel asked

for a motion to appoint Ms. Seida, Trustee Childress so moved and Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Steel reviewed the Special Use Request from Kane County, for a solar farm. The Board had received a copy before. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Steel updated the Board that they are continuing to work on the garbage contract.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that there are 2 large bills: truck payment and blacktopping. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Town/Cemetery: A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried, with Supervisor Steel and Trustee Childress reminding the Board that they do not appreciate the RAV invoice, that charges to create the invoice.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Presentation/Recognition for Trustee Tim Norris: Supervisor Steel presented Trustee Norris a plaque recognizing his 19 years of service to the Blackberry Township Board. She personally thanked Tim for his advice and dedication to Township government and that he will be missed. The Board responded with applause.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ray Fugiel inquired about the public in chairs getting a copy of the handouts that the Board is discussing. He also inquired about where the solar farm would be located.

Trustee Veldhuizen reported that he received a call from a citizen sharing the information that the 4 houses on and near the corner of Route 47 and Main Street Road have been torn down but the trees are staying for now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

