

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

September 14, 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 Harley Veldhuizen, Eric Anderson, Tim Norris and John Van Bogaert. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Hodge.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led 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 November meeting.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Anderson 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 gravel. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. 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 Anderson, seconded by Trustee Van Bogaert. 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 reported that they have been laying down gravel on the shoulders, mowing, and striping has been done in south Mill Creek. He updated the Board on the garbage referendum and hopefully it will be ready for review in October. KDOT responded with some "No Parking" Ordinances.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that the Appeal Period closed on August 16, 2021. There were 27 cases total, and they have been writing briefs for the upcoming Board of Review cases.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Anderson shared that he posted a grid on the Mill Creek website as to what entity is responsible for what service(s).

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board. She attended a Ride in Kane Zoom meeting. Kane County is taking over and may restructure the program. The next meeting will be Dec. 7, 2021 and hopefully they will know if the Grant came through.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel shared her disappointment that the Audit has not been completed. The Actuary report is still incomplete.

Mr. Brian Mock from Corkill Insurance will present some insurance options at the October 14, 2021 meeting.

The 708 Inc. Board will meet at the Blackberry Town Hall on October 14, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Hodge reviewed the TOI Conference dates of November 15-17, 2021. Supervisor Steel added that there is a link to assist residents with stolen identity issues-MSIC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Heidi Urbelis, a resident from Mill Creek and on the SSA Board, inquired about the potholes in the City Square and who is responsible to fix them. Highway Commissioner responded that it is the SSA who is responsible. They agreed to meet after the Board meeting and discuss some of the SSA responsibilities.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Van Bogaert, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Hodge

Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

