

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

November 9, 2021

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

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Judie Childress provided a report on the 708 Inc. Board meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Baron spoke about the level of noise, overnight, coming from the idling diesel engines at the Elburn Train Station.

PRESENTATION: Lauterbach & Amen: Ms. Jennifer Martinson, from Lauterbach & Amen reviewed the Audit.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the October 12, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Norris 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: A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Town/Cemetery: A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Norris. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried,

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have added the “wings” and salt spreaders to the trucks. He attended the meeting about the intersection of Route 47 and Main Street Road. The meeting provided updates on the closing and detours of the roads during construction.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they have completed all outstanding field checks. His employees are taking their vacations while the office is slow.

TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reported on the CIMS session she attended. 55 folks from 9 States were in attendance. The session reviewed the software programs.

Ms. Chybik was contacted by the Venture Crew in Elburn, about a wreath purchase program, to have the Venture Crew place wreaths on graves at the Cemetery. After discussion, the Board gave approval for the program, and also to have the Township website have a temporary tab for an order form. Ride in Kane July 2021 invoice was just received from AID.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel updated the Board on the conversation she and Trustee Veldhuizen had with First Midwest about the continued level of fees.

The Township's current payroll account, Mr. Greenen, will not be providing payroll services as of January 1, 2022.

Starting December 2021, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance policy will be Blue Choice. Supervisor Steel will poll the Board to get dates to conduct interviews for the Trustee vacancy.

LEVY ORDINANCES: Town & Road District: Discussion & Review: The Board had the "Draft" Levy Ordinances for the Township and the Road District, in their packets, and Supervisor Steel reviewed the process.

ACTION ITEM: Insurance Premium: Motion to Approve from Flat Fee to Percentage: Supervisor Steel reviewed the new Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Policy. She asked for a motion to approve from Flat Fee to Percentage. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Anderson seconded. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

PASS ORDINANCE 2021/22-3: NO PARKING: (Specific streets in Mill Creek): Highway Commissioner Rod Feece presented and reviewed the "No Parking" Ordinance 2021/22-3. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to pass Ordinance 2021/22-3. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Anderson seconded. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Calendar of Scheduled Meeting Dates & Township Holiday Schedule: Review: Clerk Hodge asked the Board to review the two schedules for any errors.

"Virtual" TOI Conference: Clerk Hodge reminded the Board of the upcoming Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Nancy Myer asked where the "No Parking" Ordinance goes after BB Twp. passes it.

Ms. Judie Childress reported on a big hole on Seavey Road.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

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