

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

**December 14, 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 Judie Childress, Tim Norris, Harley Veldhuizen and Eric Anderson.

**PLEDGE:** Supervisor Steel asked Trustee Childress 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 November 9, 2021 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Childress made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

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

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out a few big bills for paving, engineering and PSI (steam cleaner). A motion to pay the Road 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, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Town/Cemetery: A motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Childress. 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.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have been grading gravel, tree trimming and pothole filling. He ordered a new plow truck with expected delivery of March 2023. He plans to sell the 2002 plow truck and purchase a 2012 plow truck from Sugar Grove Township.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that it's a slow time and they are working on new construction data. His office participated in a December instructional session. They are going to work on farm assessments in order to improve the ability to keep/have exemptions. Training Class schedules have opened for 2022.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report. There were 138 wreaths placed at the Cemetery by the Venture Crew, and Wreaths Across America. Weiland is raising their rates, and discussion ensued about the Cemetery possibly raising the rates also.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Anderson asked when the new "No Parking" Ordinance, in Mill Creek, will go into effect. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece shared that there is no date, yet.

Trustee Anderson reported that he is continuing to work with the SSA in Mill Creek, to confirm which services are provided by the SSA and which services are provided by the Township. He also shared his concern about internet vulnerability.

**SUPERVISOR:** LEVY ORDINANCES-TOWN & ROAD DISTRICT: CONFIRMATION: Both hearings were held just prior to this regular board meeting.

Supervisor Steel reported that the Township has a new Payroll Accountant-Dollar and Sense, out of Batavia. The first payroll with them will be January 3, 2022.

**ADOPT CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED MEETING DATES:** Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to approve the Calendar of Scheduled Meeting Dates, Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**ADOPT TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Trustee Norris made a motion to approve the Township Holiday Schedule, Trustee Anderson seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021/22-3:** Providing for & Requiring the Submission of a Public Question to Allow for Enhanced Township Authority for the Disposal of Garbage, Refuse & Recycling to be Submitted to the Voters of the Township at the Primary Election to be held on June 28, 2022: Supervisor Steel and Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the Resolution. Discussion ensued.

After discussion, Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2021/22-3. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Norris seconded. Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Trustee Training-January 13, 2022 (Free): Clerk Hodge asked the Board if they wanted to sign up for this training.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None at this time.

**TRAINING SESSION:** State of Illinois Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: The Board participated in the training.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

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