

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

January 11, 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 Harley Veldhuizen and Judie Childress. Also present was Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge. Trustees Eric Anderson and Tim Norris were absent.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed three sets of minutes:

December 14, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

December 14, 2021 Town Levy Hearing

December 14, 2021 Road District Levy Hearing

A motion to approve all three sets of minutes as presented was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Childress. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills

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

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

ROAD COMMISSIONER: No report.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they continue to enter data. They have signed up for classes in April.

TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Steel read the Cemetery Sexton's report that outlined rate changes. The rate change approval will be placed on the February Agenda.

SUPERVISOR: ASSESSOR'S 2022-2023 BUDGET: The budget will be submitted by the end of the month.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DISCUSSION & MOTION: Supervisor Steel reviewed Township General Assistance-Emergency or Flat. Blackberry's GA is Flat and currently, \$300.00 per month, is allowed, however, the Supervisor may raise the allowance. Supervisor Steel would like to raise the allowance to \$324.00 per month, and the Board agreed.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENT OF DATE OF AUDIT FROM LAST YEAR-RESOLUTION 2021/22-4: Supervisor Steel reported that after working with the new Auditors, this adjustment was necessary. Trustee Childress made a motion to pass Resolution 2021/22-4, Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge for a roll call vote: Veldhuizen-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE AUDIT ENDING DATE FOR AUDIT GOING FORWARD-RESOLUTION 2021/22-5: Supervisor Steel reported that after working with the new Auditors, this adjustment was necessary. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to pass Resolution 2021/22-5, Trustee Childress seconded. Supervisor Steel asked Clerk Hodge for a roll call vote: Veldhuizen-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Supervisor Steel led the discussion about closing the Township to the public in response to the recent spike in Covid-19 cases. The Board agreed to close the meeting room to the public until further notice and close the office to the public too. The Board will revisit this decision next month.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Hodge reminded the Board of the Education Events for 2022.

Trustee Veldhuizen would like the Board to consider having the Township building be a designated emergency location. Supervisor Steel suggested that this could be placed on the Annual Town Meeting Agenda, in April.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Childress. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

