

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

March 8, 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, 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: Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-here, Norris-here, Anderson-here, Childress-here, Steel-here.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Bob Raimondi provided comments about the proposed gas station at the intersection of Main Street and Route 47, on the southeast corner. Mr. Dave Becker inquired about the “No Parking” signs scheduled for parts of Mill Creek.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the February 8, 2022 regular monthly meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed some of the larger bills: salt and engineering. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Norris. 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 there was one snow event since last month’s meeting. They are getting the trucks ready for Spring. He asked LaFarge for their annual gravel donation.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they continue to enter changes. County has not sent the Book to them yet. He helped train the newly elected Assessor from Burlington Township, who entered office on January 1, 2022.

Assessor Rotter thanked Trustee Anderson for helping with IT security. Assessor Rotter shared that ComEd has a scheduled power outage, in the area, on March 11 from 9-3, so the Township building will be closed for that day.

TRUSTEES: Nothing at this time.

CEMETERY: Cemetery Sexton Jeanne Chybik reported that there were no burials in February. Ms. Chybik shared an article from the Elburn Herald about Geneva Cemetery increasing their rates. The Venture Crew from Elburn removed the wreaths that were placed in the Blackberry Township cemetery.

SUPERVISOR: DISTRIBUTION OF 2022/23 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES: Supervisor Steel provided the Board with copies of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for both the Township and the Road District.

APPROVAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA: Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve the agenda of the Annual Town Meeting. Trustee Norris so moved, Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Steel shared her goal for this next fiscal year: update website, newsletter, employee manual.

ACTION ITEM: MOTION TO ADJUST FUNDS TO ACCOMMODATE FOR OVER BUDGET ITEMS: Supervisor Steel reviewed the “Adjustment to the Budget” report. Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to adjust the funds outlined in the “adjustment” report. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Steel shared that she would like to re-hang the pictures that were removed from the meeting room, before the remodel.

OLD BUSINESS: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece shared that the Road District received the bridge reimbursement.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Bob Raimondi inquired when construction will start at the intersection of Main Street and Fabyan. Mr. Fugiel thanked Assessor Rotter because his taxes went down and he pointed out that the Township calendar with the 2022 meeting dates, on the website, has not been updated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Norris, Trustee Anderson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

