

Minutes of Blackberry Township
43W390 Main Street Road, Elburn, IL 60119
Annul Town Meeting

April 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Clerk Lisa Hodge with 11 citizens present. Blackberry Township received approval from the Kane County Health Department to hold the Annual Town Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Clerk Hodge led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF TOWN MEETING MODERATOR: Clerk Hodge explained to those assembled about her duty to call to order the Annual Town Meeting. The Clerk is then charged with asking the citizens of Blackberry Township to elect a Moderator who will be responsible for overseeing the rest of the meeting.

Clerk Hodge asked for nominations for a Moderator. Mr. Ed Stuehm was nominated by Ms. Esther Steel, seconded by Mr. Tim Norris. Clerk Hodge asked for any other nominations, after hearing none, she closed the nominations. It was moved by Mr. Tim Norris, seconded by Mr. Harley Veldhuizen to close the nominations. Clerk Hodge called for a voice vote to close the nominations; the motion to close passed with 0 opposing. Clerk Hodge called for a vote by a show of hands to elect Mr. Ed Stuehm to be Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting, with 10 yea, 0 nay. The citizens present elected Mr. Ed Stuehm to be Moderator.

SWEAR IN MODERATOR: Clerk Hodge then swore in Mr. Ed Stuehm as Moderator.

SET MODEATOR'S SALARY: Mr. Stuehm asked that the Moderator's salary be waived.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Copies of the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting on August 11, 2020, were supplied to each citizen upon arrival at the meeting. After allowing a few minutes to review the minutes, Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Harley Veldhuizen so moved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Esther Steel. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote. The citizens of Blackberry Township that were present, approved the minutes of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, by a voice vote with 0 opposing.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The Supervisor's Financial Statement was made available for each citizen upon arrival at the meeting. Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Statement as presented. Mr. Harley Veldhuizen so moved, seconded by Mr. Tim Norris. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Esther Steel reported that the Township is in good position, financially wise. Moderator Stuehm asked if there were any questions for Supervisor Steel and there were no questions asked. Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to accept the Supervisor's report. Mr. Tim Norris so moved, and Mr. John Van Bogaert seconded. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece was unable to attend the meeting but had provided the Financial Report, the Road Report and the Equipment Inventory List as of April 2021. All reports were available for the citizens upon arrival at the meeting.

Clerk Hodge provided a brief review of each report and explained that Highway Commissioner Rod Feece declared surplus equipment that was listed on the agenda as:

2003 International 7400 Truck with snowplow, wing & salt spreader

2008 Ford F-250 with Western snowplow

1998 John Deere 5310 Tractor

Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to accept the Highway Commissioner's report. Ms. Esther Steel so moved, and Mr. Harley Veldhuizen seconded. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that the parcel count is down due to consolidation. New construction showed there were 61 permits issued. He reviewed the handout that was available to the public upon arrival at the meeting. He also provided the dates of his office's free Property Tax Workshops.

Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to accept the Assessor's report. Mr. John Van Bogaert so moved and Ms. Esther Steel seconded. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

CEMETERY SEXTON'S REPORT: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery reports that included the Year-to-Date Sales and burials. An IPAD was purchased to help in locating graves.

Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to accept the Cemetery report. Mr. Tim Norris so moved, and Mr. Harley Veldhuizen seconded. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of April (no earlier than 6:00 p.m.): April 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to accept the date & time of the next Annual Town Meeting to be April 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. John Van Bogaert so moved, and Mr. Tim Norris seconded. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Moderator Stuehm asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harley Veldhuizen so moved, and Mr. Tim Norris seconded. Moderator Stuehm called for a voice vote to adjourn. The motion carried with 0 opposing. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk



Ed Stuehm, Moderator

