

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

April 12, 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, Tim Norris, Eric Anderson and Judie Childress. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel waived the Pledge of Allegiance as it was recited at the Annual Town Meeting held just prior to the Regular Meeting.

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

Statement of Economic Interest-deadline May 2: Clerk Hodge provided an update of the new form and reminded the Board to submit their Statement of Economic Interest by the deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Nancy Myer thanked the Board for their “No Parking” sign ordinance and noticed some signs were being put in. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece shared that it is now the Sheriff’s responsibility to enforce the ordinance.

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

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out two large bills: one for engineering, however, the Road District will be reimbursed, and one for tires. 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 Childress, seconded by Trustee Anderson. 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 hauling gravel from LaFarge, who had donated some gravel. The plows have been removed from the trucks and they have received the last delivery of salt. Going forward, H.C. Feece will focus on the garbage referendum and getting the word out.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they have received the farm cards from County. They have entered “sales received” from County which is useful when and if the homeowner appeals later in the year.

Assessor Rotter will be out of the office for the next two weeks. One Deputy Assessor resigned.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Anderson shared that he has reviewed the last fiscal year of invoices from Vision Friendly for future website updates and internet options. The Township Officials of Kane County will be sending out a questionnaire asking for 3 top topics.

Trustee Childress will work on the 3-year lookback.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board. She reported that Larry Bower cleaned up the left-over wreaths and mulched around the trees.

Supervisor Steel donated some plants to the Cemetery.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel reported that both Town and Road District Budget and Appropriation hearings, held earlier that evening, postponed both Ordinances. They will be re-posted and published again for June 14, 2022, hearings.

The Audit is scheduled for May 31-June 3, 2022. The Annual Town Meeting was held earlier that evening.

HSA Discussion: After speaking with the Township Attorney and the Insurance Broker, Supervisor Steel will explore other options for the Township regarding the handling of this program.

Regarding the Township paying bills in advance, Supervisor Steel reiterated that the Township will not pay for work not done. The Contractor working with the Assessor's Office will need to submit invoices each month, for work done, as per the new contract.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeanne Chybik reported that Kane County has been taken over the Ride in Kane program and we don't have any invoices for a couple months in 2021. Supervisor Steel shared that the Township has been asking for the invoices for months.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel: Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Trustee Anderson so moved, Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried. The meeting entered Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Norris. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Lisa L. Hodge
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Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk