

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

December 13, 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 Bill Earle, Judie Childress, Harley Veldhuizen and Eric Anderson. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Esther Steel waived the Pledge of Allegiance as it was recited at the Town Levy Hearing held earlier that evening.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they are grading some roads and trimming trees in the right of way. There was one salt event.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they have received the “Final Adjustments” from Kane County early, as they usually arrive in January, from the Board of Review. His office received 2 FOIA requests, both were voluminous: one from a resident, one from commercial. He is working on the budget.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Anderson reported that the Mill Creek SSA Advisory Board position is a conflict of interest, as per the Kane County State’s Attorney, so he will not sit on the MC SSA Advisory Board. Trustee Anderson provided an update on the website.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. Wreaths Across America will place wreaths on all Veteran’s graves.

SUPERVISOR: Levy Ordinances-Town & Road District: Confirmation: Supervisor Steel confirmed that the Board passed the Town and Road District Levys earlier that evening.

Adopt Calendar of Scheduled Meeting Dates: Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to adopt the Calendar of Scheduled Meeting Dates, Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adopt Township Holiday Schedule: Trustee Earle made a motion to adopt the Township Holiday

Schedule, Trustee Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discuss and Adopt Resolution 2022/23-2: Appointing Legal Counsel for Blackberry Township: Supervisor Steel reviewed the Resolution. After discussion, Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to pass Resolution 2022/23-2. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved, Trustee Anderson seconded. Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-yes, Earle-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Appoint Elizabeth Kufer to the 708 Inc. Board: Trustee Childress made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Kufer to the 708 Inc. Board, Trustee Veldhuizen seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Supervisor Steel reported that the Insurance packet has been received and is impressive. It includes a signatory page for each employee.

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece hosted a luncheon for Kane County Highway Departments, and it was well attended.

BILLS: The Board reviewed the bills.

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

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece thanked Mr. Ray Fugiel for his help on the garbage referendum.

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, Earle-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Childress shared that the TOI Conference was worth the time. Trustee Anderson shared that there was a lot of information provided. Trustee Veldhuizen and Highway Commissioner Rod Feece both agreed that the Conference is always worth it. Supervisor Steel shared that it was great to be back in person, and appreciated the great information provided.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Fugiel had a couple questions regarding his new Kane County Board member, the cost of road salt and complimented the work of the “tree removal guy”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing 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 Veldhuizen,

seconded by Trustee Childress. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

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