

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

**February 8, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At the Blackberry Town Hall, Clerk Lisa Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. because Supervisor Esther Steel was absent. Trustees present were Judie Childress, Harley Veldhuizen, Tim Norris and Eric Anderson. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece and Assessor Uwe Rotter.

**PLEDGE:** Clerk Hodge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLERK:** Clerk Hodge asked for a motion to provide the name of the person who would run the rest of the meeting. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece made a motion to appoint Trustee Harley Veldhuizen to chair the rest of the meeting. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Roll call: Clerk Hodge called the roll: Veldhuizen-here, Norris-here, Anderson-here, Childress-here.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**MINUTES:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes from the January 11, 2022 regular monthly meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**BILLS:** The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed some of the larger bills: engineering, which will be reimbursed, used truck payment and salt. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Childress. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Veldhuizen-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: Norris-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Veldhuizen-yes. The motion carried.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have been plowing a little. The garbage referendum paperwork has been filed by the Township Attorney. Attorney Williams reminded him that the Township must be careful about what is said or printed about the referendum.

Trustees Anderson and Childress asked about having a FAQ page on the Township website. Highway Commissioner Feece took possession of the new/used truck.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they have been working on the 2022/23 Book. The Board received his budget electronically by Jan. 31. He reviewed some reports provided by Kane County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Armstrong, from Illinois County and Township Officials Association Areas.

He also had a matrix of neighboring township's websites to compare to Blackberry's website.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Childress reported that she attended the 708 Inc. Board meeting and shared some of the information and data of client services provided.

Trustee Anderson inquired about the “No Parking” signage status. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece shared that the ground is frozen and the sign product is on backorder.

Trustee Anderson asked what can be done about folks parking in front of mailboxes and the Board agreed that it would be a USPS issue.

**CEMETERY:** Cemetery Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report.

**APPROVE RATE INCREASE:** The Board discussed the rate change. Trustee Norris made a motion to accept the rate increases, and Trustee Anderson seconded. Chair Veldhuizen asked for a voice vote. The motion carried unanimously.

**SUPERVISOR:** Chair Veldhuizen reviewed the report that Supervisor Steel had prepared. The Auditor filed the Financial Statements with the Comptroller.

Chair Veldhuizen asked for a moment of Silence for Jeanne’s husband, Frank Chybik, who recently passed.

The Board will be provided the draft versions of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the Town and the Road District at the March meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clerk Hodge reminded the Board of the Education Events being held throughout the State.

**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 Norris, seconded by Trustee Childress. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

