

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

July 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 Judie Childress, Harley Veldhuizen and Tim Norris. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge. Trustee Eric Anderson was absent.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Lissa Hamer inquired about disconnect fees regarding the approved garbage referendum. She also shared some approval ratings of LRS from a few communities. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece shared that he understood citizens would not be charged any disconnect fees.

Ray Fugiel commented that he has LRS and is pleased with his service and is hopeful that the roads will be saved.

Ms. Nancy Myer thanked the Board for the “No Parking” signs.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed three sets of Minutes: June 14, 2022 Town Budget Hearing minutes, June 14, 2022 Road District Budget Hearing minutes and the June 14, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting minutes. Trustee Childress made a motion to approve the three sets of minutes. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that the garbage referendum was discussed during Public Comment. He also declared surplus equipment. His crew have been replacing culverts and patching.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they are waiting to be published. They continue to do field checks. His office has become aware of misinformation on the Mill Creek social media, that everyone has a finished basement.

There is a process that his crew goes through before, during and after field checks. He reviewed that process for the Board. He will start to faze out the older computers with new ones. He hired a new fulltime employee.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Norris shared that he plans to resign as of September 30, 2022. Trustee Childress shared that farmers with Agriculture dumpsters are concerned about the new garbage contract.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. Venture Crew 413 has selected a date for “Wreaths Across America”. Start date is Dec. 17, 2022. If the Board had no objection,

she would allow them to place wreaths in the Cemetery, again, through this program.

SUPERVISOR: Discussion & Vote to Re-appoint Lois Mack to 708 Inc. Board for 4 Year Term: Trustee Veldhuizen made a motion to re-appoint Lois Mack. Trustee Norris seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discuss SB 3789-Efficiency Act: Supervisor Steel read the Act and discussion ensued.

Discussion & Vote to Approve Policies on Capital Planning: Supervisor Steel reviewed each of the policies that are recommended by the Auditors.

- Outstanding Check Policy-February
- Fund Balances-Road will be 3 months
- Capital Planning-no change
- Investment Management-no change

Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve the 4 policies, as edited. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved; Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Township changed water supplier and is using a lot less.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece pointed out one large bill: engineering on a bridge. 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, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Town/Cemetery: Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to pay the Town/Cemetery bills. Trustee Veldhuizen so moved; Trustee Norris seconded. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Veldhuizen-yes, Norris-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ray Fugiel inquired how many years Trustee Norris had been on the Board. He encouraged the Board to buy computers now, because of the chip shortage. And he cautioned the Board about SB 3789.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Childress. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

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