

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

June 14, 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, Tim Norris and Eric Anderson. Also present were Assessor Uwe Rotter, Highway Commissioner Rod Feece and Clerk Lisa Hodge. Trustee Harley Veldhuizen was absent.

PLEDGE: Supervisor Steel shared that the Pledge had been recited at the Budget Hearings held just prior to this meeting.

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

Clerk Hodge reminded the Board about registering for the November Conference. Clerk Hodge updated the Board on First Midwest Bank's conversion date of July 11, 2022, to Old National Bank.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Lisa Hamer inquired about the garbage referendum.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the May 10, 2022 regular monthly meeting. Trustee Norris 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 have mowed for the second time. They have been hauling gravel and spread chloride for dust control.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that they have inputted all data of new assessments. The Book was turned in to County just that day, June 14. Hopefully in 4-6 weeks, Blackberry Township will get published. The Supervisor of Assessments decides the publishing dates for all the 16 Townships in Kane County. They have been out in the field, as weather permits.

TRUSTEES: Trustees Childress, Supervisor Steel and Clerk Hodge planted some plants at the Cemetery. Trustees Childress shared that Iris Meisters donated some irises.

Trustee Childress reported that she continues to tweak reports but is constrained by QuickBooks programs. Trustee Childress shared that "Ride in Kane" received a Grant. Sexton Jeanne Chybik added that PACE is using some of that Grant to subsidize some programs.

As Trustee Childress sits on the 708 Inc. Board, she shared the latest report and offered that the money is well spent.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. She attended the "Ride in Kane" meeting virtually. The mower was worked on and hopefully will last another 2 years.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel reported that the Audit went well. The Auditors recommend that the Township adopt certain policies. The “boiler plate” policies were sent to the Attorney for review.

Supervisor Steel reported that as per the Board’s direction from last month, one check was held back waiting for more clarification from one of the Assessor’s contractors. The Contractor provided a written explanation, and each board member received a copy. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Steel felt strongly that the explanation was disrespectful to the Board and not sufficient. She had prepared a response, read it for the record and asked Clerk Hodge to include her response with the minutes. Trustees Childress and Norris signed her response also.

BILLS: The Trustees reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed some of the larger bills: mower, chloride, WBK for engineering and KDOT for inspection of bridges: 50% by KDOT, 50% by the Township. A motion to pay the Road 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, Steel-yes. The motion carried.

Highway Commissioner Feece thanked Ray Fugiel and Bob Johnson for helping promote the garbage referendum.

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

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deputy Sheriff Kramer reported on activities in the area: vandalism, speeding, ATV riding, and plastic BB guns.

Mr. Ray Fugiel shared that he pays \$88/quarter now with LRS. He also shared that farmers in DeKalb have concerns about fuel rationing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Norris, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

