

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

**March 14, 2023**

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

**PLEDGE:** Supervisor Steel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Clerk Hodge reminded the Board of filling out their Statement of Economic Interest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nothing at this time.

**MINUTES:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the February 14, 2023 regular monthly meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that his crew have responded to a couple snow events. They plan to remove the plows soon. He will order more salt to take advantage of the cost.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that his Chief Deputy Assessor resigned and he is looking to hire a new Chief Deputy. They are still waiting for farm values and multiplier from Kane County. All PTAB meetings will take place in Springfield.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Anderson updated the Board on the website and believes it will go live before April 11 ATM. Trustee Earle was interviewed by a Kaneland High School Senior for one of the seven Township Officials of Illinois Scholarships.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the report with the Board. Ms. Chybik also reviewed the Ride in Kane report.

**SUPERVISOR:** Distribution of 2023/24 Budget & Appropriation Ordinances: Supervisor Steel reviewed the Town B & A Ordinance and Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the Road District B & A Ordinance.

**Approve Annual Town Meeting Agenda:** A motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Agenda was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Childress. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Action Item: Motion to Adjust Funds to Accommodate for Over Budget Items: Supervisor Steel reviewed the budget items that need to be adjusted. Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve the adjusted items. Trustee Earle so moved, Trustee Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Health Ins. for Employees on Medicare-Action Item: Supervisor Steel tabled this conversation for another time.

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

Road: A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Earle. 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.

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:** Jeanne Chybik spoke with the Elburn Post Master about some delayed and or lost mail. He suggested that all mail should be taken inside to mail.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Steel has been asked to mediate a meeting between Sugar Grove Village President Jen Konen and citizens of unincorporated Blackberry Township that would be affected by the Crown development.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Ray Fugiel thanked Highway Commissioner Rod Feece and his crew for tree trimming.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Nothing at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Childress. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

