

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

**April 11, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 waived reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as it was recited at the Annual Town Meeting held just prior to the Regular Meeting.

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

Statement of Economic Interest-deadline May 1, 2023: Clerk Hodge reminded the Board of the May 1 deadline.

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

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

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:** Supervisor Steel reviewed the new Law and the requirements for the Town and the Road District.

The Supervisor is the Chair of the Town Decennial Committee. Supervisor Steel listed the other names of those on the Town Decennial Committee: Trustees Veldhuizen, Earle, Anderson, Childress and Mr. Lucas King, who was unable to attend. A handout from TOI was provided to each member that was present. The Town Decennial Committee will meet again in the fall of 2023.

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the Decennial Committee Road District requirements in counties with populations of more than 400,000, they must file separate reports. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, as Chair of the Road District Decennial Committee, listed the names of those on the Road District Decennial Committee: Trustees Veldhuizen, Earle, Anderson, Childress, Mr. Bob Johnson and Mr. Drew Frasz, who were present. A handout from TOI, regarding Road Districts, was provided to each member. The Road District Decennial Committee will meet again in the fall of 2023.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have been picking up garbage, which they do two times a year. They have been grading gravel roads. The blacktop bid came in 20% under the engineers estimate.

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece thanked Jeanne Chybik for all the help with paperwork for bridge reimbursements.

A community FYI, the tower on Seavey Road will go online very soon. He is hoping that LaFarge will donate gravel, as they have in the past.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reported that home improvements are in the system. He hopes to have the Book back to County by June 15, 2023.

**TRUSTEES:** Trustee Childress shared that she sent the 708 Inc. report to all the Trustees. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece thanked Trustee Anderson for helping set up the new website. Supervisor Steel and Clerk Hodge added their thanks as well.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board. There were no new riders for Ride in Kane. The Cemetery planting date is May 20, at 9:00 a.m. and volunteers are welcome.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Steel reminded the Board of finalizing the budgets in May. The hearings will be at 6:40, Town and 6:50, Road District.

Supervisor Steel thanked Trustee Anderson again for all the work on the website. She attended a zoom training meeting along with Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Uwe Rotter and Clerk Lisa Hodge, hosted by Vision Friendly. In the future, we will be able to post, edit and add items without additional charges.

Supervisor Steel will moderate a meeting on April 13, 2023 at the Blackberry Town Hall, hosted by the Village President of Sugar Grove, Jen Konen. Ms. Konen had asked for a meeting of Blackberry Township residents affected by Crown development.

**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 Anderson, 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.

Trustee Childress asked Clerk Hodge to double check the water bill.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Steel cautioned the Board about the new scam of voice copying.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Ray Fugiel cautioned everyone about using charging stations, which could be corrupt. He also shared his concern about Crown development.

Trustee Veldhuizen reviewed the Elburn Chamber's lunch on April 6.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel. Trustee Anderson so moved, Trustee Childress seconded. The meeting entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. by roll call: Veldhuizen-yes, Earle-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk