

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

October 10, 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, Eric Anderson and Harley Veldhuizen. Also present were Highway Commissioner Rod Feece, Assessor Riley Kavanaugh 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.

Supervisor Steel moved up the discussion regarding the new park in Elburn. This would allow the public to ask questions during Public Comment.

Mr. Nevenhoven participated in the discussion with the Board. He reported that the Loan announcement is in December and if approved, construction would start in Spring 2024. Discussion ensued. He will send a cost breakdown to Supervisor Steel so the Board can have it for discussion next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Childress so moved, Trustee Earle seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have finished patching. Creekside Compost is paving part of their company road. He attended the Mill Creek Cares meeting and parking seems to be an issue.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Riley Kavanaugh reported that they have 52 total appeals. The appeal dates are November 1-6, which will be conducted via Zoom. The Township will be switching email to Microsoft soon with the help of Trustee Anderson.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Veldhuizen shared that the Elburn Christmas Stroll is December 2. Trustee Anderson shared that the email switch over date will be after October 16. Trustee Childress shared the 708 Inc. Board reports from the October 5 meeting. The reports have been posted on the bulletin board and on the Township's website.

CEMETERY: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Cemetery report with the Board. There were two new Ride in Kane riders.

SUPERVISOR: Green Road Cemetery-Discussion: Supervisor Steel and Highway Commissioner Rod Feece provided a brief history of the Green Road Cemetery.

Supervisor Steel shared that a resident of Blackberry Township had requested to be buried in the Green Road Cemetery. She strongly recommended that no burials occur there and to possibly get it registered as a historical site. Discussion ensued. After discussion, the Board agreed with Supervisor Steel's recommendation.

Ride in Kane Issue for 1 Rider: Supervisor Steel shared that after input from Jeanne Chybik, this issue is no longer an issue.

Supervisor Steel was pleased to share with the Board that there will be a reduction of 12% in the health insurance, which allows the Township to provide the employees with vision insurance.

BILLS: The Board reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the bills and pointed out 2 large bills for asphalt and the actual paving. 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 unanimously.

Town/Cemetery: Supervisor Steel reviewed the bills. 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 unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: The TOKC is having a dinner on October 25 at the Lincoln Inn.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ray Fugiel shared some helpful winterizing tips.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

