

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

**September 12, 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 and Eric Anderson. Trustee Harley Veldhuizen was absent. Also present was Highway Commissioner Rod Feece and Clerk Lisa Hodge.

**PLEDGE:** Supervisor Steel asked Trustee Anderson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Butch Brundige thanked Assessor Riley Kavanaugh and her office for their assistance and helping with his taxes.

**MINUTES:** The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Anderson so moved, Trustee Childress seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER:** Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that they have finished the third mowing and have been working on some patching projects. The truck that was ordered in 2021 has arrived at Bonnell.

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece also reported on the meeting that he had with Supervisor Steel and the Crown TIF representatives. He stressed that the Road District is not in favor of a TIF. He also shared comments from the TIF representatives. It has been almost one month since that meeting and there has been no follow-up from either of the 2 Crown TIF representatives. Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Steel acknowledged Mr. Ray Fugiel who asked to share his experience from attending a TIF seminar.

**ASSESSOR:** Assessor Riley Kavanaugh was not able to attend the meeting, because she was attending an Education Seminar, however, she had provided a written report.

Supervisor Steel read the prepared report: The filing date was Tuesday, September 5, 2023 and they assisted 251 taxpayers with assessment concerns during the 30 Appeal period. As of Sept. 12, 2023, they have a total of 46 Boards of Review.

With 15 of 46 BOR, 3 withdrew their formal appeal. With the total of 45 residential, 1 commercial, they will have 16 in-person Zoom hearings and 30 will be non-appearance.

**TRUSTEES:** Nothing at this time.

**CEMETERY:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report to Supervisor Steel with a summary of the past month. There were 2 burials in August. Supervisor Steel shared that part of the Cemetery road has been paved.

**SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Steel reported that the Insurance packet has arrived, and they plan to meet with the Insurance Representative on Sept. 25.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING A NEW PARK IN ELBURN:** Supervisor Steel shared that the Township has been approached by the Village of Elburn and asked to consider participating in another park project. Discussion ensued. The Board had many questions and Supervisor Steel suggested that Mr. Nevenhoven be asked to attend the October Board Meeting. She will reach out to him.

Supervisor Steel attended the Kane County Planning Commission Meeting and shared her notes with the Board on topics such as Producers Analysis, USDA Grant Program, KDOT, and The Health Department.

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

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed the bills and pointed out 1 large bill, for Preform-stripping. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Earle, seconded by Trustee Anderson. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Earle-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Town/Cemetery: Supervisor Steel reviewed the bills and pointed out 1 large bill for the paving in the Cemetery. Clerk Hodge called for a roll call vote to authorize the expenditures: Earle-yes, Anderson-yes, Childress-yes, Steel-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Assessor's Office will have new Office hours, from 8-4.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Steel shared that the Township Officials of Kane County are planning a dinner in October.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Ray Fugiel commented on the TIF seminar.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Childress, seconded by Trustee Earle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

