

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

January 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: At the Blackberry Town Hall, Supervisor Esther Steel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Trustees present were Bill Earle, Judie Childress, Harley Veldhuizen and Eric Anderson. 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nothing at this time.

MINUTES: The Trustees reviewed three sets of minutes: Dec. 12, 2023 Regular Monthly Minutes, Dec. 12, 2023 Town Levy Hearing Minutes, Dec. 12, 2023 Road District Levy Hearing Minutes. Supervisor Steel asked for a motion to approve all three sets of minutes. Trustee Childress so moved, Trustee Anderson seconded. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that the new truck arrived. He ordered more salt today and they plowed today also. He has been working with TOIRMA about storm damage and the Township's building roof was replaced as well as the Hughes Road salt shed and the storage shed in Mill Creek.

ASSESSOR: Assessor Riley Kavanaugh presented the Assessor's Budget and the Year End Report and reviewed both documents with the Board.

TRUSTEES: Trustee Veldhuizen reported that some batteries are not insured in Ohio and other States. Trustee Earle shared his experience working with "Wreaths Across America" in December. Trustee Childress reported that the 708 Inc. Board will meet in February. She also thanked Deputy Assessor Vicky Vandiver for the Holiday party in December.

CEMETERY: The Cemetery report was included in the Board packet.

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Steel reported that the Township has new computers for the Road District, Supervisor and Cemetery. The new accounts are set up with Old Second. A training session is planned for next Friday.

Supervisor Steel briefed the Board on the migrant bus issue, noting that Townships have no authority over this issue.

BILLS: The Board reviewed the bills.

Road: Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reported that the Board will see the re-issue of the fraudulent check. A motion to pay the Road bills was made by Trustee Veldhuizen, seconded by Trustee Anderson. 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.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Veldhuizen shared that the Elburn American Legion is getting a new AED and the Elburn Fire Dept. will offer a refresher course of CPR.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ray Fugiel commented that he wasn't aware of the new Township meeting start time of 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Anderson, seconded by Trustee Veldhuizen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk

