

**Minutes of Blackberry Township**  
**43W390 Main Street Road, Elburn, IL 60119**  
**Annual Town Meeting**

**April 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Clerk Lisa Hodge with 24 citizens present. Clerk Hodge welcomed those that were present and explained that throughout the State of Illinois, all Townships were having their Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2022, however, possibly starting at different times. The statute doesn't allow the Annual Town Meeting to start before 6:00 p.m.

**PEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Clerk Hodge led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF TOWN MEETING MODERATOR:** Clerk Hodge explained to those assembled about her duty to call to order the Annual Town Meeting. The Clerk is then charged with asking the citizens of Blackberry Township to elect a Moderator who will be responsible for overseeing the rest of the meeting.

Clerk Hodge asked for nominations for a Moderator. Mr. Drew Frasz was nominated by Ms. Esther Steel, seconded by Mr. Rod Feece. Clerk Hodge asked for any other nominations, after hearing none, she closed the nominations. It was moved by Mr. Tim Norris, seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson to close the nominations. Clerk Hodge called for a voice vote to close the nominations; the motion to close passed with 0 opposing. Clerk Hodge called for a vote by a show of hands to elect Mr. Drew Frasz to be Moderator of the Annual Meeting, with 16 yea, 0 nay, the citizens present elected Mr. Drew Frasz to be Moderator.

**SWEAR IN MODERATOR:** Clerk Hodge then swore in Mr. Drew Frasz as Moderator.

**SET MODERATOR'S SALARY:** Mr. Frasz asked that the Moderator's salary be waived.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Copies of the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting on April 13, 2021, were supplied to each citizen upon arrival at the meeting. After allowing a few minutes to review the minutes, Moderator Frasz asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Harley Veldhuizen so moved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Esther Steel. Moderator Frasz called for a voice vote. The citizens of Blackberry Township that were present, approved the minutes of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, by a voice vote with 0 opposing.

**SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The Supervisor's Financial Statement was made available for each citizen upon arrival at the meeting. Moderator Frasz accepted the financial statement and noted that it will be on file.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Esther Steel reviewed the State of the Township. The Township received less monies in property tax than was asked for in the levy. The board will be working on two projects: updating the website and updating the personnel handbook.

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Copies of the Road District Financial Statement, the Year End Report and the Equipment Inventory were available for the citizens upon arrival at the meeting. Highway Commissioner Rod Feece reviewed each report and reviewed which roads had been paved. LaFarge donated twenty thousand dollars work of gravel. One truck was added to the fleet and 2 two pick-up trucks were sold.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Uwe Rotter reviewed the handout that was available for the citizens upon arrival at the meeting. Blackberry Township has 7,054 parcels. Elburn Station is the fastest growing area.

**CEMETERY SEXTON'S REPORT:** Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Burial Activity/Management Report. There were 18 burials: standard and cremations. The Elburn Venture Crew worked with Wreaths Across America and placed preordered wreaths at Veteran's gravesites. Rates were raised at the beginning of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of April (no earlier than 6:00 p.m.): April 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Moderator Franz asked for a motion to accept the date & time of the next Annual Town Meeting to be April 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m. Ms. Esther Steel so moved, and Mr. Harley Veldhuizen seconded. Moderator Frasz called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

Highway Commissioner Rod Feece updated the group about the garbage referendum on the ballot in Blackberry Township for a single waste hauler. The contract would be for 5 years, starting on November 1, 2022, if it passes.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Mr. Bob Raimondi spoke about the proposed gas station at the intersection of Main Street Road and Rt. 47. He is concerned about the re-zoning.

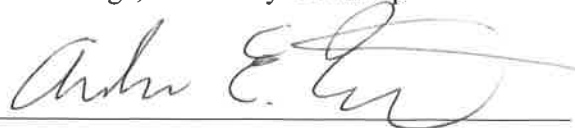
Moderator Frasz, who is a member of the Kane County Board, was able to review the process at Kane County and the meeting with the owners of the property at Main Street Road and Rt. 47. Kane County found many issues that caused the County to deny permits.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, Moderator Frasz asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Uwe Rotter so moved, and Mr. Tim Norris seconded. Moderator Frasz asked for a voice vote to adjourn. The motion carried with 0 opposing. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk



Drew Frasz, Moderator

