

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

April 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Clerk Lisa Hodge with 15 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 11, 2023, however, possibly starting at different times. The statute doesn't allow the Annual Town Meeting to start before 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE 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, that are present, 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 Ms. Judie Childress. Clerk Hodge asked for any other nominations, after hearing none, she closed the nominations. It was moved by Mr. Harley Veldhuizen, seconded by Ms. Esther Steel 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 Town Meeting, with 12 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 THE 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: Copies of the minutes of the last Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2022 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. Ms. Judie Childress so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eric Anderson. Moderator Frasz called for a voice vote. The citizens of Blackberry Township that were present, approved the minutes of the 2022 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 invited those that had not picked up a copy, to do so and shared that the report will be on file.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Esther Steel reviewed the State of the Township and highlighted the following: the Ride in Kane Program, the new and updated Township website, an upcoming Senior gift card program, the Deputy Sheriffs are visiting the Township meetings again and the group planting at the Cemetery.

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 shared that they have acquired a new batwing mower, and a used small dumptruck. The paving program of 2022 was also reviewed. LaFarge donated gravel making that donation, three years in a row.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Uwe Rotter reviewed the handout that was available for the citizens upon arrival at the meeting. There were no new subdivisions started. Blackberry Township has 7,024 parcels, with 194 parcels being commercial.

Assessor Rotter shared that this will be his last Annual Town Meeting as he plans to resign on June 30, 2023.

CEMETERY SEXTON'S REPORT: Sexton Jeanne Chybik reviewed the Burial Activity/Management Report. The Elburn Venture Crew offers a Wreath Program thru Wreaths Across America, at the Cemetery. She is hoping to have the main road blacktopped.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: SET DATE AND TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: 2nd Tuesday of April (no earlier than 6:00 p.m.): April 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Moderator Frasz asked for a motion to accept the date & time of the next Annual Town Meeting to be April 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Harley Veldhuizen so moved, Ms. Esther Steel seconded. Moderator Frasz called for a voice vote and the motion carried with 0 opposing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Moderator Frasz asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Esther Steel so moved, Mr. Bill Earle seconded. Moderator Frasz asked for a voice vote to adjourn. The motion carried with 0 opposing. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa L. Hodge, Blackberry Township Clerk



Drew Frasz, Moderator

