

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 14, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Bloom Township Board of Trustees was held at the Bloom Township Center, 425 S. Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, Illinois at 6:06 p.m. on January 14, 2020. Said meeting was called pursuant to written order to the Supervisor and the Board more than 48 hours to the time given as aforesaid being on file in the office of the Town Clerk, pursuant to the Authority of 60 ILCS 1/30-15 et seq. of the Revised Statutes of the State of Illinois.

Supervisor Thomas J. Somer requested Clerk Lisa M. Aprati to call the roll to open the meeting.

The meeting continued with the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Present was:

Laretta Adams	Trustee
Michael Noonan	Trustee
Carla Matthews	Trustee
Kevin Watson	Trustee
Thomas J. Somer	Supervisor

Absent was Assessor Nora Martinez-Gomez.

Also present was Administrator Dan Sanaghan, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director George Sylvester and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

The minutes of December 10, 2019, board meeting was presented to the board.  
Trustee Watson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Trustee Adams.  
Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence from Township Officials of Cook County.

Correspondence from Thomas Cellini Huntington's Foundation.

Certificate of Appreciation for providing Christmas Donations to the Children of Ford Heights.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating Tina Johnson contacted him, stating Tracy Sylvester done a wonderful job with her Medicare Plan D application. Ms. Johnson stated because of Tracy's help Ms. Johnson will save over \$1,000.00 in the Medicare Supplement plan and medication.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE STAMP ATTESTATION:**

Clerk Aprati authorized her signature attestation stamp to be published on checks for bills of January 14, 2020.

**BILLS:**

Supervisor Somer presented the followings bills for January 14, 2020.

Road and Bridge	\$ 30,466.38
Town Fund	\$191,364.92
General Assistance	\$ 60,506.67

Trustee Adams made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Matthews.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:**

Supervisor Somer stated the General Assistance report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DONATION REQUEST FROM FIRST LOOK FOR CHARITY:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating First Look for Charity is a private event on the first day of the Chicago Auto Show. A donation has not been made to First Look for Charity for the past several years.

Trustee Adams made a motion to donate \$200.00 to First Look for Charity seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM CRISIS CENTER ANNUAL GALA AN EVENING IN PARIS:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the last donation was made in May 2019.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$125.00 seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM LARC:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made in September 2019.

Donation request died due to lack of a motion.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation has not been made in the past.

Donation request died due to lack of a motion.

**ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01: AMENDING SECTION 700, OF THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP HANDBOOK AND ADOPTING A REVISED "SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating Illinois Legislature recently required all local government units to adopt Sexual Harassment Policy that is also applicable to the conduct of all elected officials. In addition, all Township employees must participate in a Sexual Harassment training.

Trustee Noonan made a suggestion that the phone number or email address of the Ethics Officer, Rev. David Simonetti to be included in the ordinance.

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01 subject to the change Trustee Noonan suggested..

Trustee Matthews made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01 seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

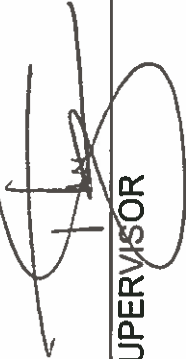
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Administrator Dan Sanaghan distributed a draft of the revised Bloom Township Employee Handbook that will be adopted at a later date. Administrator Sanaghan stated the handbook would include the revised Sexual Harassment Policy.



Commissioner Stanfa apologized to the board members explaining the board members were to receive an invitation regarding the ground breaking for the new garage. The person that was to send the email to the elected officials did not send the email. The actual structure of the building will begin March 01, 2020.

With nothing further, to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Matthews. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 ~~P-PM~~.

  
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SUPERVISOR

  
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CLERK

LMA/jr

