

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 11, 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 6:03 p.m. on February 11, 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, Disabled Services/Food Pantry Director Leticia Johnson, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director George Sylvester, Senior Director Sheryl Ford and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

The minutes of January 14, 2020, board meeting were presented to the board. Trustee Watson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Trustee Matthews.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Invitation from African American Contractors Association regarding their 27th Annual Membership/Awards Reception. Supervisor Somer stated if any elected officials are interested in attending, please contact Disabled/Food Pantry Director Leticia and she will make the arrangements

Correspondence from Meals on Wheels Foundation regarding the March 20, 2020 Annual March.

Correspondence from Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) regarding Cook County Township Day, June 20, 2020.

Correspondence from Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) regarding 2020 Township Government Education Network.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE STAMP ATTESTATION:

Clerk Aprati authorized her signature attestation stamp to be published on checks for bills of January 28, 2020 and February 11, 2020.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the followings bills for January 28, 2020 and February 11, 2020.

Road and Bridge	\$ 29,788.57
Town Fund	\$145,357.38
General Assistance	\$ 53,441.48

Trustee Noonan made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Adams.
Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a leak has occurred in the roof. Supervisor Somer explained the roof was repaired twenty years ago and within time, the roof will have to be repaired again.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISABLED SERVICES REPORT:

Director Leticia R. Johnson reviewed the Disabled Services Report.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT:

Director Leticia R. Johnson reviewed the Food Pantry report.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:

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

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Senior Director Sheryl Ford reviewed the Senior Department report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VERITAS IV:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating Marian High School is a private school. Donation request died due to lack of a motion.

DONATION REQUEST FROM SOUTH SUBURBAN COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE 53RD ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating according to his note, the Township did not donate to South Suburban Council on Alcoholism in 2019 or 2018. Supervisor Somer stated the Township has made a donation in the past and requested Administrator Sanaghan to check the amount that was donated in the past. Supervisor Somer recommended donating the same amount that was donated in the past. Consensus reached. Donation request died due to lack of a motion.

DONATION REQUEST FROM UNION STREET GALLERY ANNUAL DERBY DAY FUNDRAISER:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating according to his note, the Township did not donate to Union Street Gallery in 2019 or 2018. Supervisor stated the Township has made a donation in the past and requested Administrator Sanaghan to check the amount that was donated in the past. Supervisor Somer recommended donating the same amount as in the past. Consensus reached. Donation request died due to lack of a motion.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 2020 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Internal Revenue Service issued 2020 standard mileage reimbursement. The standard mileage reimbursement for 2020 is 57.5 cents effective January 01, 2020. Trustee Matthews made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-02 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:

Leticia announced effective January 2020 a birthday luncheon is held every month for employees. Leticia invited elected officials celebrating their birthdays in the month of February to the luncheon on February 27, 2020.

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating Administrator and Maintenance Director Sylvester is waiting for the pool erosion report from the ESI.

With nothing further, to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Adams. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.


SUPERVISOR


CLERK

LMA/jr