

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 08, 2022**

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 6:09 p.m. on March 08, 2022. 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 requesting Clerk Carla Matthews to call the roll to open the meeting. The meeting continued with the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present was:

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| Cheryl Franklin | Trustee |
| Don Garcia | Trustee |
| Michael Noonan | Trustee |
| Jacqueline Stewart | Trustee |
| Thomas J. Somer | Supervisor |

Absent was Assessor Nora Gomez.

Also present was Administrator/ Disabled Services Director Leticia Johnson, Attorney Terry Casey, Food Pantry Director Susana Long, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Department Jesus Rodriguez, Transportation Department Coordinator Gayle Planera and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Supervisor Somer requested a moment of silence for Ukraine and the surrounding areas during this difficult time.

The minutes of March 08, 2022, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Noonan seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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| Trustee Garcia | Aye |
| Trustee Franklin | Aye |
| Trustee Noonan | Aye |
| Trustee Stewart | Aye |
| Supervisor Somer | Aye |

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card from The Family of Steve Matthews

Thank you card from The Family of Frank Zuccarelli

Correspondence from TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) regarding Township Lobby Day on April 06, 2022 In Springfield.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills of February 22, 2022 and March 08, 2022.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for February 22, 2022 and March 08, 2022.

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| Road and Bridge | \$ 32,924.20 |
| Town Fund | \$204,809.53 |
| General Assistance | \$ 37,132.50 |

Trustee Noonan made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

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| Trustee Franklin | Aye |
| Trustee Garcia | Aye |
| Trustee Noonan | Aye |
| Trustee Stewart | Aye |
| Supervisor Somer | Aye |

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOOD PANTRY REPORT:

Food Pantry Director Susana Long reviewed the Food Pantry report.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the General Assistance report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Senior Department report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Transportation Department Coordinator Gayle Planera reviewed the Transportation Department report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION ECONOMIC FORECAST

BREAKFAST:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board stating a donation was made February 15, 2022 for \$250.00. Donation request died due to lack of motion.

APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR SUSAN POPE:

Supervisor Somer explained on March 04, 2022 Sue Pope celebrated 40 years of employment with Bloom Township, which is second to Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Supervisor Somer read the proclamation.

Supervisor Somer stated it is amazing between Jane Ruiz and Sue Pope it is near 90 years of services.

Trustee Franklin made a motion to approve proclamation seconded by Trustee Noonan.

Roll call votes:

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| Trustee Franklin | Aye |
| Trustee Garcia | Aye |
| Trustee Noonan | Aye |
| Trustee Stewart | Aye |
| Supervisor Somer | Aye |

Motion carried.

APPROVE POSTING OF APRIL 12, 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AGENDA.

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to approve posting of the April 12, 2022 Annual Town Meeting agenda.

Trustee Garcia made a motion seconded by Trustee Noonan.

Roll call votes:

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| Trustee Franklin | Aye |
| Trustee Garcia | Aye |
| Trustee Noonan | Aye |
| Trustee Stewart | Aye |
| Supervisor Somer | Aye |

Motion carried.

CHANGE TIME OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2022 TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APRIL 12, 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.:

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to change the regular board meeting on April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to immediately following the Annual Town meeting.

Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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| Trustee Franklin | Aye |
| Trustee Garcia | Aye |
| Trustee Noonan | Aye |
| Trustee Stewart | Aye |
| Supervisor Somer | Aye |

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the roof began to leak in the General Assistance office due to the melting snow. Administrator Johnson will call to check if a temporary patch can be done. The roof replacement will begin in April. When the roof replacement is completed, the HFAC system will be repaired. If any money is left then the interior needs will be addressed. Supervisor Somer stated he received the preliminary report of Skyline Pool, which did not include the engineers estimate cost of the repairs. Supervisor Somer continued to state due to the construction market and unavailable supplies the pool probably will not open this year. It will be difficult to schedule the contractors and get the materials needed to open the pool this year. Veteran's Park will open this year and Susan Long is accepting picnic reservations. Supervisor Somer and Apostle McCoy have been working on several grants for anti-violence youth related programs. Supervisor Somer explained he will meet with Bonita Parker ComEd External Affairs Manager to discuss infrastructure grants.

Administrator Johnson stated she will have The Wall That Heal Save the Date July 7, 2022 to July 10, 2022 cards made to distribute throughout the communities. The Wall That Heals will be displayed at Marian High School. Discussion ensued.

Highway Commissioner Stanfa stated the building occupancy permit was issued for the new building. An informal open house will be held with food and entertainment.

With nothing further, to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



SUPERVISOR



CLERK
CM/rjr