

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MARCH 10, 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 6:04 p.m. on March 10, 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 requesting Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz to call the roll to open the meeting.

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

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

Also present was Disabled Services/Food Pantry Director Leticia Johnson, Highway Commissioner Joseph Patrick Stanfa and Maintenance Director George Sylvester.

Absent were Assessor Nora Martinez-Gomez and Clerk Lisa M. Aprati.

The minutes of February 11, 2020, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Noonan seconded by Trustee Adams.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Save the Date card from Thomas Cellini Huntington's Foundation 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling, April 25, 2020.

Thank you letter from First Look for Charity Chicago Auto Show 2020 for the donation.

Thank you letter from Crisis Center for South Suburbia for the donation. .

Correspondence from Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) Trustees Division regarding the 2020 Spring Meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

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

Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz authorized Clerk Lisa M. Aprati's signature attestation stamp for checks from February 25, 2020 to March 10,2020.

**BILLS:**

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for February 25, 2020 & March 10, 2020:

Road and Bridge	\$ 27,057.32
Town Fund	\$185,967.15
General Assistance	\$ 49,615.98

Trustee Matthews made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Watson.  
Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

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

**DISABLED SERVICES REPORT:**

Disabled Services Director Leticia Johnson reviewed the Disabled Services report.

**FOOD PANTRY REPORT:**

Food Pantry Director Leticia Johnson reviewed the Food Pantry report.

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:**

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

**SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DONATION REQUEST FROM CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT BASEBALL SPONSORSHIP:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board of members stating the first donation request is from Chicago Heights Park District Baseball Sponsorship. The Township donated \$250.00 in July 2019 for the Back to School event and \$200.00 in August 2019 for Small Fry Basketball. Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$250.00 for a sponsorship banner seconded by Trustee Matthews.  
Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. PADDY'S DAY BASH:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating last year \$150.00 was donated to the Exceptional Children's Charities.  
Trustee Matthews made a motion to donate \$150.00 for a sponsorship seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM LARC ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER AD BOOK SPONSORSHIP:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating \$100.00 was donated in June 2019 and \$150.00 was donated in September 2019.  
Trustee Matthews made a motion to donate \$125.00 for a full-page ad seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM UNION EVANGELISTIC BAPTIST CHURCH SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY BANQUET AND RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS SOUVENIR BOOKET:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the last donation request is from the Union Evangelistic Baptist Church. Supervisor Somer stated in March 2019 the Township donated \$100.00 for a full-page ad anniversary souvenir booklet.  
Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$100.00 for a full-page ad seconded by Trustee Matthews.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-03: AMENDING THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL HANDBOOK POLICY REGULATING ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating it has become very difficult to hire bus drivers because it is a part-time position and health insurance is not offered. Supervisor Somer explained Resolution 2020-03 is to change the Township health insurance policy. Tier One is employees who work thirty hours or more per week. The Township could establish a second tier for employee who work 20-29 hours per week. Seasonal employees would not be eligible.

Discussion ensued

Trustee Noonan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-03 subject to the change of the percentage paid by the Township seconded by Trustee Watson.  
Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Highway Commissioner addressed the board members stating Topic Day in Springfield may be canceled.


Trustee Matthews stated she wanted to thank Leticia Johnson and the staff that organized the birthday luncheon for the employees that celebrated a birthday last month.

Trustee Watson stated the Age Options Breakfast was very informative and organized.

With nothing further, to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Watson made a motion seconded by Trustee Matthews.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
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SUPERVISOR

  
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DEPUTY CLERK  
LMA/jr