

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JUNE 23, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Bloom Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:16 p.m. on June 23, 2020. Said meeting was called pursuant to written order to the Supervisor and the Board more than 48 hours to the time given as previously mentioned 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.

The Bloom Township Board of Trustees meeting was conducted remotely by telephone conference pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Covid-19 Executive Order #8 dated March 9, 2020 and extension thereof set forth in Executive Order 2020-39. Meeting was broadcast at the Township Center with an opportunity made available for public attendance and/or participation subject to social distancing regulations.

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:

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

In addition, was Administrator Dan Sanaghan, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Disabled Services/Food Pantry Director Leticia Johnson, Maintenance Director George Sylvester and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Absent was Assessor Nora Martinez-Gomez.

The minutes of May 19, 2020, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Watson seconded by Trustee Matthews.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you card from Wayne & Elaine Spies regarding the Food Pantry.

Thank you letter from The Cancer Support Center for the donation.

Thank you card from Victoria Morey regarding the Transportation Department.

Thank you letter from Miriam Meade regarding the Food Pantry.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

Supervisor Somer stated he is at the Bloom Township building with Administrator Dan Sanaghan and Maintenance Director George Sylvester... There was no public attendance at the meeting.

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

Clerk Aprati authorized her signature attestation stamp to be published on checks for bills dated June 15, 2020 and June 23, 2020.

**BILLS:**

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to approve bills dated June 15, 2020 and June 23, 2020..

Road and Bridge	\$ 34,415.64
Town Fund	\$180,538.79
General Assistance	\$ 48,996.90

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

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**DISABLED SERVICES REPORT:**

Supervisor Somer stated the Disabled Services report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.  
Supervisor Somer stated he was dismayed to read the Ford Community Service disbanded the ramp program. Supervisor Somer explained the Township has to consider reaching out to groups similar to Ford Community Service that have charitable arm to help. There are 10 residents on the waiting list.

**FOOD PANTRY INC. REPORT**

Supervisor Somer stated the Food Pantry report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

The Food Pantry has been receiving several donations in kind of food and money.  
Trustee Noonan is working on a big fundraiser

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08: ADOPT GENERAL TOWN AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE BUDGETS:**

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-08 General Town and General Assistance budgets.

Trustee Matthews made a motion seconded by Trustee Adams.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09: ADOPT GENERAL ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET:**

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-09 General Road District budget.

Trustee Matthews made a motion seconded by Trustee Noonan.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-10: RE-CERTIFYING TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTICIPATION IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND MEMBER #3146:**

Supervisor Somer explained Resolution 2020-11 is a resolution that has to be passed by the board members every other year in accordance with IMRF.

Trustee Watson made a motion seconded by Trustee Matthews.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11: A RESOLUTION TO ENGAGE IN AN AGREEMENT WITH BKD LLP FOR SERVICES RELATED TO FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021:**

Supervisor Somer explained BKD has done the annual audit for the past three years. BKD has agreed to keep the price for the audit the same as for the past three years. Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11. Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Matthews. Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO: 2020-12: APPROVING A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> (CELEBRATED AS "JUNETEENTH") AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY OF THE TOWN OF BLOOM, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Supervisor Somer explained he took great pride in preparing the ordinance for the Township and followed some of Chicago's ordinance, which was very well written. Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-12. Trustee Watson made a motion seconded by Trustee Noonan, Trustee Adams and Trustee Matthews.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.



Supervisor Somer stated at the end of the year when the holiday schedule is adopted it will be discussed if the employees will get the day off for the following year. Currently the employees have thirteen paid holidays.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Stanfa stated the paving on the east side of Halsted Street in the Holbrook area has been completed. Supervisor Somer questioned Commissioner Stanfa what streets were paved in the Holbrook area. Commissioner Stanfa explained the paving was completed on Alice St., 196<sup>th</sup>, 195<sup>th</sup> and 194<sup>th</sup> Street also Halsted Street to Chicago Heights-Glenwood Road.

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


Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.



Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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SUPERVISOR

  
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CLERK

LMA/jr