

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 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 6:07 p.m. on February 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:

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

Also present was Administrator/ Disabled Services Director Leticia Johnson, Assessor Nora Gomez, Attorney Terry Casey, General Assistance Director Keith Lott, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Department Jesus Rodriguez and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Absent was Trustee Jacqueline Stewart

The minutes of January 25, 2022, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

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 08, 2022.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for February 08, 2022

Road and Bridge	\$152,635.07
Town Fund	\$112,933.70
General Assistance	\$ 21,197.42

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

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOOD PANTRY REPORT:

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

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM THE CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA: AN EVENING IN VENICE:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board stating a donation was made December 30, 2021 for \$150.00.

Donation request died due to lack of motion.

PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND MOTION TO APPROVE BLOOM TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating he has been in contact with Apostle McCoy and Prince Sar Amiel about a Farmer's Market at the Township. Prince is in agriculture, owner of a farm in Lynwood.

Apostle McCoy introduced Prince Sar Amiel.

Prince Sar Amiel explained the Farmer's Market would be open to anyone who wants to be a vendor with fresh fruit, vegetable, arts or crafts. The Food Pantry will receive 20% of proceeds.

The Farmer's Market will begin June 2022 and end September 2022, the hours will be Sundays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to approve the Bloom Township Market.

Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-02: APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP CELL TOWER LEASE WITH CCTMO, LLC:

Supervisor Somer stated the resolution is an agreement for an increase for the cell tower at Skyline Pool.

Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Somer acknowledged Assessor Nora Gomez stating she will begin her new term and looks forward to working with her another four years.

Supervisor Somer introduced Vincent Sherrod stating the Township will sponsor a rodeo in the future. Mr. Sherrod has a concept to build an equestrian in Bloom Township.

Mr. Sherrod explained the property for the equestrian would be located off Route 394 and Glenwood-Dyer Road in Glenwood. The equestrian will have show jumping, barrels, steer wrestling and many other rodeo events.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

SUPERVISOR



CLERK
CM/jr