

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MAY 18, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Bloom Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:25 p.m. on May 18, 2021. 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.

Supervisor Thomas J. Somer requested Clerk Carla Matthews to call the roll to open the meeting. The meeting continued with the roll call.  
Present was:

Laretta Adams	Trustee
Cheryl Franklin	Trustee
Michael Noonan	Trustee
Kevin Watson	Trustee
Thomas J. Somer	Supervisor

Also present was Assessor Nora Gomez, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director George Sylvester and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

The minutes of April 13, 2021 regular board of trustees meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Watson seconded by Trustee Franklin and Trustee Adams.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you card from the Family of Eva R. Planera.

Thank you card from Bloom Township Retired Senior Director Sheryl Ford.

Supervisor Somer acknowledged Mrs. Ford and requested her to stand. Supervisor Somer stated Mrs. Ford ran the best Senior Department in the State of Illinois for 30 years plus.

Thank you letter from Jones Center.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

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

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature to be published on the checks for bills dated April 27, 2021 and May 18, 2021.

**BILLS:**

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to approve bills dated April 27, 2021 and May 18, 2021.

Road and Bridge	\$227,068.62
Town Fund	\$116,379.80
General Assistance	\$ 36,051.11

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

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FOOD PANTRY 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 CANCER SUPPORT CENTER WALK OF HOPE:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made in September 2020 in the amount of \$100.00.

Trustee Adams made a motion to donate \$100.00 seconded by Trustee Watson.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM CRISIS CENTER OF SOUTH SUBURBIA:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made in January 2021 in the amount of \$100.00.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$100.00 seconded by Trustee Adams.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT 206 EDUCATON FOUNDATION  
29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WILLIAM MCCORMCK MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING:**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was not made in 2020 due to the Covid a golf outing was not held.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$250.00 seconded by Trustee Adams.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06: ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS OF  
COOK COUNTY CLERK KAREN YARBROUGH FOR THE APRIL 06, 2021  
CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CORPORATE OFFICES OF THE  
TOWN OF BLOOM AND DECLARING THE WINNERS OF THOSE CONTESTS  
ELECTED:**

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06.

Trustee Watson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-06 seconded by Trustee Adams.

Supervisor Somer stated the resolution declares the following individuals deemed elected for a four year term:

<u>Trustees:</u>	<u>Township Highway Commissioner</u>	<u>Township Clerk</u>
Cheryl Y. Franklin	Joseph Patrick Stanfa	Carla Matthews
Jacqueline Stewart	<u>Township Assessor</u>	<u>Township Supervisor</u>
Michael Noon	Nora Gomez	Thomas "TJ" Somer
Don Garcia		

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE:**

Supervisor Somer requested a motion for an adjournment sine die.

Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Watson.

Supervisor Somer stated before the roll call to adjourn he is going to give Trustee Adams and Trustee Watson an opportunity to say something. Supervisor Somer stated Trustee Adams and Trustee Watson have been very important members to the board and have been very supportive for years. Supervisor Somer stated from the bottom of his heart he wanted to thank Trustee Adams and Trustee Watson for their years of service on the board.

Supervisor Somer presented Trustee Adams and Trustee Watson with a retirement gift, a decanter and glasses with the engraving of the years of service.

Trustee Adams thanked everyone for their support over the years, stating it has been a tremendous journey. Trustee Adams stated she is truly grateful and honored for having the opportunity to serve as a board member.

Trustee Watson thanked everyone stating it has been a joyous ride since 2005. Trustee Watson stated it has been great for the past 16 years. Trustee Watson stated he hopes the newly elected trustees will continue to do great things for Bloom Township.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Adams	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Noonan	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP CENTER:**

Judge Luciano Panici administered the Oath of Office to Trustees Don Garcia, Cheryl Y. Franklin, Michael Noonan and Jacqueline Stewart.

Judge Tom Stanfa administered the Oath of Office to Highway Commissioner Joseph Patrick Stanfa.

Judge Luciano Panici administered the Oath of Office to Clerk Carla Matthews and Supervisor Thomas "TJ" Somer.

**ROLL CALL:**

Supervisor Somer requested Clerk Matthews to take a roll call.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Franklin	Present
Trustee Garcia	Present
Trustee Noonan	Present
Trustee Stewart	Present
Supervisor Somer	Present

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Trustee Michael Noonan stated he wanted to thank everyone for helping the board get elected in April and appreciate all the support. Trustee Noonan stated he is proud of the previous board and ask the new board to take care of the senior citizens, disabled residents, youth residents. Trustee Noonan stated he is proud of the Food Pantry that provides help to the residents that are in need. Trustee Noonan stated he is looking forward for a better future for all the residents of Bloom Township.

Trustee Cheryl Franklin stated it is amazing for her to stand in a place that she has been hearing about all her life. As a granddaughter of Rev. Willie Drake, he has been an advocate of Chicago Heights all of her life. Trustee Franklin thanked former Trustee Adams and Mayor Gonzalez for the opportunity to be part of this great organization. Trustee Franklin thanked everyone for their support. Trustee Franklin stated Keep Bloom Strong.

Supervisor Somer acknowledged Assessor Nora Gomez stating the Assessor does not get sworn in until January 2022.

Trustee Jacqueline Stewart stated she is a long time Steger resident and a previous board member of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library. Trustee Stewart thanked her family, the community members and her neighbor. Trustee Stewart she wanted to mention diversity because in 2009 she was the first African-American elected in Steger. Trustee Stewart thanked Mayor Matthews for approaching her with the opportunity to be a trustee.

Trustee Don Garcia thanked Mayor Gonzalez, TJ Somer and Mayor Matthews for the opportunity and believing in him. Trustee Garcia stated he has been involved in politics for over 30 years. Trustee Garcia thanked everyone stating it would not have happened without all their support. Trustee Garcia thanked his family.

Trustee Carla Matthews stated she has been a trustee since 2005 and decided to run for Clerk after Lisa Aprati resigned stating she wanted an opportunity for a change. Clerk Matthews thanked her husband, Mayor Matthews for all his help and thanked everyone for their support.

Highway Commissioner Joseph Patrick Stanfa thanked everyone for their votes stating the board ran as independents, Keep Bloom Strong. Which was only the second time a party ran independent. Highway Commissioner Stanfa acknowledge recently retired Accounts Payable employee Ann Scrementi for the great job she did over the years. Highway Commissioner thanked Mayor Gonzalez, Mayor Matthews and his family.

Assessor Nora Gomez thanked everyone for all their support and their help. Assessor Gomez stated it is a pleasure serving on the board.

Supervisor Somer presented the newly elected officials with a Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk Certificate of Election.

Supervisor Thomas "TJ". Somer thanked everyone for all they done and keeping Bloom Township a strong community. Supervisor Somer stated he wanted to reflect on Trustee Stewart word, diversity is something to be proud. Supervisor Somer stated this is the first Township election for his wife and thanked his wife for all her help.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

~~Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.~~

SUPERVISOR

CLERK

CM/jsr