

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 13, 2021**

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 July 13, 2021. 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:

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

Also present was Administrator/ Disabled Services Director Leticia Johnson, Attorney Terry Casey of Del Galdo Law Group, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director George Sylvester, Senior Director Tracy Sylvester, Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.
Absent was Assessor Nora Gomez.

The minutes of June 22, 2021, board meeting were presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Noonan.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you letter Cherry Page regarding the Lawn Service Program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills of July 13, 2021.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for July 13, 2021:

Road and Bridge	\$305,111.37
Town Fund	\$167,857.47
General Assistance	\$ 20,200.45

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

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOOD PANTRY REPORT:

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

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Somer stated the General Assistance report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Supervisor Somer stated the Senior Department report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera reviewed the Transportation Department report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S 37TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:

Supervisor Somer stated the Township made a donation last year to Exceptional Children in March 2020 for \$150.00.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$150.00 to Exceptional Children seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST FROM VILLAGE OF STEGER "125" YEAR ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC:

Supervisor Somer stated the Township made a donation in 2019 to the Village of Steger for \$250.00.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Village of Steger seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11: APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR MEDIA CONSULTING SERVICES WITH MICHAEL TAYLOR MEDIA SERVICES:

Supervisor Somer stated at the last board meeting there was brief discussion regarding an agreement with Taylor Media Services to be the Township's Media Consultant.

Supervisor Somer introduced Michael Taylor.

Michael Taylor distributed a copy of Community Relations Newsletter. Mr. Taylor stated Taylor Media Services is a fast growing media outlet with several publications including the South Suburban News. Mr. Taylor explained the media services he would provide to Bloom Township as the Media Consultant.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-11 seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating he was wants to address the homeless in the area and mostly the incredible violence that has occurred in our communities. Supervisor Somer stated there has to be a community dialogue with the twelve communities in Bloom Township. Supervisor Somer continued to state he has worked closing with Apostle McCoy and Apostle Franklin...

Supervisor Somer introduced Apostle McCoy.

Apostle McCoy explained he has worked with Supervisor Somer for many years. All communities must build a relationship and come together to fight against all crime within the communities.

Discussion ensued.

Supervisor Somer thanked everyone that attended the board meet to support Apostle McCoy and Apostle Franklin.

Senior Director Sylvester announced the Senior Picnic is August 5, 2021.

Trustee Franklin suggested the Township employees and family be compensation for working during the pandemic last year when most business were closed as a thank you for their service. Perhaps a trip to Great American or a baseball game.

Jeff Davis, President of Youth and Adult Center, 25 E. 16th Street, Chicago Heights addressed the board members stating he understand the issues of the residents. Mr. Davis explained the programs and services that are provided by the Youth and Adult Center.

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

Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



SUPERVISOR



CLERK

CM/jr