

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
August 24, 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 6:06 p.m. on August 24, 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, Deputy Assessor Miriam Slaughter, Food Pantry Director Susana Perez, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, General Assistance Director Keith Lott, Maintenance Director George Sylvester and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Absent was Assessor Nora Gomez.

The minutes of August 10, 2021, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Franklin seconded by Trustee Garcia.



Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Thank you letter from The Cancer Support Center.

Thank you letter from Chicago Heights Park District.

Correspondence from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Invitation from Access Family Health Society, Back to School Health Fair.

Correspondence from The Lansing Journal.

Supervisor Somer stated the Butterfield Creek restoration project began on Monday.

Supervisor Somer also stated he is waiting for a report from the engineers regarding Skyline Pool.

**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 27, 2021 and August 10, 2021.

**BILLS:**

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for August 24, 2021:

Road and Bridge	\$ 8,593.69
Town Fund	\$64,703.23
General Assistance	\$10,091.50

Trustee Garcia 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:**

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Supervisor Somer stated the Assessor's report was placed in the board packets for informational purposes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DONATION REQUEST FROM ALICIA'S HOUSE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF OUTING, DINNER & SILENT AUCTION:**

Supervisor Somer stated Alicia's House is a food pantry in South Chicago Heights. Alicia's House serves residents in the south areas of Bloom Township including Will County. Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$250.00 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 CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT TRUNK OR TREAT.**

Supervisor Somer stated the Township made a donation recently to the Chicago Heights Park District for their back to school event. Denied due to lack of action.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM FLESH BECOMING WORD CHURCH BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT.**

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating he is not familiar Flesh Becoming Word Church. Trustee Franklin stated the event past and she is familiar with Flesh Becoming Word Church. Denied due to lack of action.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH PASTOR WALTER L. MOSBY, III 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY APPRECIATION DINNER:**

Supervisor Somer stated Pastor Mosby is very active in the community.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$150.00 for a full-page ad seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 1198 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:**

Supervisor Somer stated he has been talking to several members of the American Legion Squadron trying to get the moving wall to the Bloom Township area next year for Memorial Day or Veteran's Day.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$200.00 seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**DONATION REQUEST FROM THOMAS CELLINI HUNTINGTON'S FOUNDATION MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING:**

Supervisor Somer stated the final donation request is from Thomas Cellini Huntington's Foundation. The Township has been a sponsor for several years.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to donate \$200.00 seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Maintenance Director Sylvester addressed the board members stating the principal of School District #170 requested several picnic tables for the Chicago Heights Middle School. The principal would like to keep the picnic tables until October so the students can eat outdoors, weather permitting.

Supervisor Somer stated as long as the picnic tables are not needed at Veteran's Park and the tables are returned.

Administrator Johnson presented two samples for a new sign at Veteran's Park.

With nothing further, to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Noonan made a motion seconded by Trustee Franklin. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

  
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SUPERVISOR

  
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CLERK  
CJM/jr