

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 6:08 p.m. on September 13, 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:

Don Garcia	Trustee
Cheryl Franklin	Trustee
Luciano Panici Jr.	Trustee
Jacqueline Stewart	Trustee
Thomas J. Somer	Supervisor

Also present was Administrator Leticia Johnson, Assessor Nora Gomez, Attorney Terry Casey, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director Jesus Rodriguez, Food Pantry Director Susana Long and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

The minutes of August 23, 2022 board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Panici seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

Trustee Garcia	Aye
Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Panici	Aye
Trustee Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you letter from Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

Thank you letter from New Star.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills September 13, 2022.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for September 13, 2022.

Road and Bridge	\$ 23,330.95
Town Fund	\$178,649.40
General Assistance	\$ 30,497.10

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

Roll call votes:

Trustee Franklin	Aye
Trustee Garcia	Aye
Trustee Panici	Aye
Trustee Stewart	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

Trustee Panici voted aye to approve the bills with the exceptional of Law Offices of Dennis G. Gianopoulos, P.C. due to his employment with the law firm.

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the General Assistance Department report was placed in their board packets for informational purposed.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Senior Department report was placed in their board packets for informational purposed.

NEW BUSINESS:
DONATION REQUEST FROM EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES WINE, SPIRITS & BEER TASTING FUNDRAISER:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made to Exceptional Children Charities August 15, 2022 for \$150.00. Donation requested died due to lack of action.

DONATION REQUEST FROM SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY IN AMERICA GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS & WISCONSIN: 96TH ANNUAL COLUMBUS BANQUET 2022 SONS OF ITALY

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the donation request from the Sons & Daughters of Italy is from the regional lodge and not from the local lodge. Donation request died due to lack of action.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Somer explained Administrator Johnson distributed the Skyline Pool Facility Assessment Report Cost Options from ESI Consultants. Supervisor Somer reviewed the assessment report stating to build a new facility the cost will be \$4.2 million, upgrade and repair existing facility cost will be \$1.9 million or to demolish cost will be \$475,000.00. Supervisor Somer stated no decision would be made at this time. Further discussion will be in the coming months.

Administrator Johnson explained she has a meeting with contactors regarding the ramp and snow removal programs. The website will be redesigned. The Township will be participating in the Chicago Heights Mexican Independence parade on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

A security and safety training will be scheduled in October for all Township employees.

Highway Commissioner Stanfa stated the Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Administrator Johnson and himself have a meeting regarding the gutter cleaning program.

Highway Commissioner Stanfa stated his crew did cleanup on a vacant home located on 193rd Street and Holbrook Road in the unincorporated area of the Township. Highway Commissioner Stanfa questioned Supervisor Somer regarding the property. Discussion ensued.

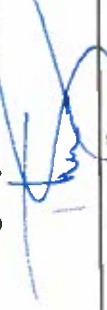
Supervisor Somer stated a proclamation would be prepared for a Homewood resident that turned 108 years old.

Food Pantry Director Long distributed a flyer regarding the Holiday Basket 2022. Sign up begins Monday, October 03, 2022 and baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 17, 2022.

Maintenance Director Rodriguez stated he applied for an energy efficiency program for the bus garage.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



SUPERVISOR



CLERK
CM/jr