

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 September 14, 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:

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

Also present was Administrator/ Disabled Services Director Leticia Johnson, Attorney Terry Casey, Food Pantry Director Susana Perez, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director George Sylvester, Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Absent was Assessor Nora Gomez.

The minutes of August 24, 2021, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Noonan 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 card from the Family of Karen Vergara, sister of Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

Invitation from the Village of Steger Pictorial Presentation Celebrating the Village of Steger 125th Anniversary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills of September 14, 2021.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for September 14, 2021:

Road and Bridge	\$ 16,287.93
Town Fund	\$113,323.66
General Assistance	\$ 17,094.25

Trustee Noonan made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Garcia.
Trustee Franklin questioned if Rambo Landscaping is the lawn service for the senior residents.
Administrator Johnson stated Rambo Landscaping is one of the three lawn care services.

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:

Susana Long Food Pantry Director reviewed the Food Pantry report.

Supervisor Somer stated the XPO Trucking Company in Chicago Heights donated a large freezer to the Food Pantry.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

Supervisor Somer stated while traveling to Memphis, Tennessee on a Senior Department trip, Director Sylvester fell and broke her wrist.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Gayle Planera Transportation Coordinator review the Transportation Department report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM HAROLD COLBERT JONES MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER.

Supervisor Somer stated the Township made a donation in April 2021 for \$200.00.

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

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13: APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM ESI CONSULTANTS LTD FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY OF SKYLINE POOL AND FACILITY LOCATION AT 19101 S. HALSTED STREET GLENWOOD, IL.

Supervisor Somers stated Resolution No. 2021-13 is regarding the engineering study at Skyline Pool for a condition assessment. Supervisor Somer explained ESI Consultants would provide three services, Structural Assessment of the three pools, Geotechnical Investigation and Building and Pool Equipment Condition Assessment. Supervisor Somer requested a motion to approve the Geotechnical Investigation of Skyline Pool.

Trustee Noonan made a motion 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:

Supervisor Somer stated Maintenance Director Sylvester had a video presentation so the board members could see the project in process of the erosion at Veteran's Park.
Discussion ensued

Highway Commissioner Stanfa stated the dirt removed from the new site of the Highway Department Garage would be placed in the back area of the pool.

Supervisor Somer requested a motion to enter a Closed Session. The motion will be based on 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) regarding appointment employment, compensation of an employee and employment discussion.

6:25pm

Trustee Noonan made a motion to enter a closed session seconded by Trustee Stewart.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

6:33 p.m.
Trustee Noonan made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session seconded Trustee Garcia.
Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

6:33p.m.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Somer stated he spoke to Trustee Garcia prior to the board meeting regarding board members receiving laptops so they can receive all Township communicates.

Clerk Matthews stated she attended her first Clerk's Association meeting last month. It was stressed Townships communications are not to be used on personal cell phones or personal computers at any time. Personal cell phones and personal computers can be taken away from the individuals.

Supervisor Somer explained during a council meeting of the City of Champaign council members were using their cell phones to be communicating with each other regarding a report that was present. The reporter requested a FIOA for all communications of the council meeting. The council members had to release their cells phones.
Supervisor Somer requested Administrator Johnson to get prices for laptops and tablets.

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



SUPERVISOR


CLERK
CM/jr