

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 24, 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 6:13 p.m. on May 24, 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:

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

Also present was Assessor Nora Gomez, Attorney, Terry Casey, Food Pantry Director Susana Long, General Assistance Director Keith Lott, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director Jesus Rodriguez, Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

The minutes of May 10, 2022, board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Panici seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills May 24, 2022.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for May 24, 2022.

Road and Bridge	\$ 17,639.44
Town Fund	\$126,355.82
General Assistance	\$ 4,922.26

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

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Leticia Johnson addressed the board members regarding the Chicago Heights Memorial Day Parade, Juneteenth Festival on June 19, 2022, The Wall That Heals on July 7, 2022 to July 10, 2022, Construction of the Skylight begins tomorrow, May 25th and Disabled Services.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera reviewed the Transportation Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM GLENWOOD ACADEMY 51ST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Township donated \$100.00 in May 2021. Trustee Garcia made a motion to donate \$100.00 seconded by Trustee Panici.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST FROM INGALLS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION 49TH ANNUAL BENEFIT

GALA:

Donation request died due to lack of action.

DONATION REQUEST FROM PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION 29TH ANNUAL SCHARSHIP CLASSIC:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Township donated \$250.00 in 2021. Trustee Panici made a motion to donate \$250.00 for a Hole Sponsor seconded by Trustee Garcia. Supervisor Somer stated the Hole Sponsor for 2022 is \$300.00 and requested Trustee Panici to amend his motion from \$250.00 to \$300.00 for a Hole Sponsor.

Trustee Panici made a motion to amend donation to \$300.00 seconded Trustee Garcia.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT 206 EDUCATION FOUNDATION 30TH ANNUAL WILLIAM MCCORMICK MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating in the past the Township has donated \$250.00 for a Hole Sponsor.

Trustee Franklin made a motion to donate \$250.00 for a Hole Sponsor seconded by Trustee Stewart.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVE POSTING OF THE 2022-2023 ESTIMATED TOWNSHIP BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 01, 2022 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2023:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members explaining the estimated 2022-2023 budgets must be posted for thirty days prior to the estimate budgets being adopted.

Supervisor Somer stated there are a few changes in the estimated budgets from last year's budget. Supervisor Somer highlighted the roof replacement, HVAC replacement, Senior Citizens Gas Relief Program, Health Insurance and Liability Insurance increase.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve posting of the 2022-2023 estimated budgets seconded by Trustee Panici.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVE TIME AND DATE OF ESTIMATED TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARINGS AND REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BUDGET HEARINGS:

Died due to lack of action

OTHER BUSINESS:

Highway Commissioner Stanfa stated his staff has moved into the new Highway Department building.

Food Pantry Director Susana Long stated the Glenwood and Matteson Post Office donated food to the Food Pantry.

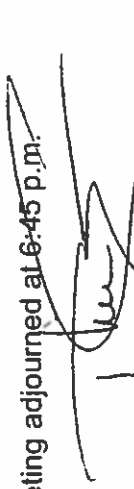
Senior Department Office Manager Katie Kelly stated banners and signs are displayed around the area regarding The Wall That Heals. Office Manager Kelly has received several calls from individuals that are interested in being a volunteer. Discussion ensued.

General Assistance Director Keith Lott explained the General Assistance office assisted residents of Glenwood that were involved in a house fire, Village of Sauk Village will host a Community Health Fair in June which is open to all southland communities and the General Assistance office will host a TCOI on July 14, 2022.

Supervisor Somer reminded everyone Bloom Township, City of Chicago Heights and School District 170 will host a Town Meeting with Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle on Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Chicago Heights Middle School.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



SUPERVISOR


CLERK
CMI/jr