

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 23,, 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 6:01 p.m. on August 23, 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
Luciano Panici Jr.	Trustee
Cheryl Franklin	Trustee
Thomas J. Somer	Supervisor

Absent was Assessor Nora Gomez and Trustee Jacqueline Stewart.

Also present was Attorney, Terry Casey, Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa, Maintenance Director Jesus Rodriguez, Senior Department Office Manager Katie Kelly, Food Pantry Director Susana Long, Youth Department Director Sonia Perez and Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz.

The minutes of July 26, 2022 board meeting was presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Garcia seconded by Trustee Panici.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence from TOI regarding the 2022 Annual Educational Conference.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

AUTHORIZATION FOR CLERK'S SIGNATURE ATTESTATION:

Clerk Matthews authorized her signature attestation to be published on the checks for bills August 09, 2022 and August 23, 2022.

BILLS:

Supervisor Somer presented the following bills for August 09 , 2022 and August 23, 2022.

Road and Bridge	\$ 21,534.67
Town Fund	\$198,091.91
General Assistance	\$ 30,231.42

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	Absent
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

FOOD PANTRY REPORT:

Food Pantry Director Susana Long reviewed the Food Pantry report.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:

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

Supervisor Somer stated General Assistance Director Keith Lott and Administrative Assistant Anabel Bravo are completing an application for a grant through Illinois Housing Development Authority. The grant can be up to \$900,000.00. The grant will be for the ramp program also for individuals to rehab their homes such as the roof and HVAC.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH 19TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND APPRECIATION DINNER:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made to Greater Faith Baptist Church in December 2021 for \$500.00.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to donate \$150.00 seconded by Trustee Panici.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST FROM LARC ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made to LARC in December 2020 for \$100.00.

Trustee Garcia made a motion to donate \$250.00 seconded by Trustee Panici.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST FROM PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION REACH FOR THE STARS SCHOLARSHIP GALA:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a donation was made to Prairie State College Foundation in June 2022 for \$300.00.
Donation request died due to lack of action.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Somer explained every Tuesday morning a Department Head meeting is being held to discuss different issues. The Department Heads will evaluate their staff members after which a meeting will be held with the Department Head, staff member, Administrator Johnson and Supervisor Somer.

Supervisor Somer stated Administrator Johnson is also researching for a grant for the HVAC system for the Township building.

Administrator Johnson announced the multipurpose room will be closed the first two weeks in October for the completion of the skylight project.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



SUPERVISOR



CLERK
C/M/JR