REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 11, 2011

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 7:00 p.m. on October 11, 2011. 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.

The meeting was opened by Supervisor Thomas J. Somer requesting Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz to call the roll. The meeting continued with the roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present:

Thomas J. Somer	Supervisor
Jane Ruiz	Deputy Clerk
Carla Matthews	Trustee
Laretta Perez	Trustee
Robert Rossi	Trustee
Kevin Watson	Trustee
David Zerante	Attorney

Also present was Collector Kathryn Ellis.
Absent were Assessor Susan Fares, Clerk Lisa Aprati and Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa.

The minutes of September 27, 2011 board meeting were presented to the board and approved on a motion made by Trustee Rossi seconded by Trustee Watson.
Roll call votes as follows:

Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Perez	Aye
Trustee Rossi	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried with all ayes.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:
Thank you card to Senior Department staff member, Linda Maine from Mary Eva Seward; copy attached hereto.

Thank you letter from The Cancer Support Center; copy attached hereto.

Notice of Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) Trustee Division Fall Meeting; copy attached hereto.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None

BILLS:
The following bills were presented for October 11, 2011:

Road and Bridge	9,858.77
Town Fund	65,162.04
General Assistance	56,820.94

Trustee Rossi made a motion to approve the bills seconded by Trustee Matthews.
Roll call votes as follows:

Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Perez	Aye
Trustee Rossi	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT:
Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating a copy of the General Assistance report was placed in their packets for informational purposes; copy attached hereto.

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:
Senior Department Director Sheryl Ford reviewed the Senior Department report; copy attached hereto.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM JONES COMMUNITY CENTER "LIFT IT UP" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:
Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating Jones Community Center is trying to raise money to replace the roof. Jones Community Center provides valuable services to the residents in the area.
Trustee Rossi made a motion to donate $200.00 seconded by Trustee Perez.
Roll call votes as follows:

Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Perez	Aye
Trustee Rossi	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried with all ayes.

DONATION REQUEST FROM PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION:
Supervisor Somer recommended donating $200.00 which was the same amount donated last year.
Trustee Watson made a motion to donate $200.00 seconded by Trustee Matthews.
Roll call votes as follows:

Trustee Matthews	Aye
Trustee Perez	Aye
Trustee Rossi	Aye
Trustee Watson	Aye
Supervisor Somer	Aye

Motion carried with all ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating there is approximately two acres of unused land behind Skyline Pool. The Township can make a dog park with the land. The north side of the land would need to be fenced approximately 150 feet and the south side approximately 100 feet. The Frankfort dog park is a $60.00 membership fee which is for the maintenance of the park.
Trustee Rossi expressed his concerns regarding if the dog park will be open year around the snow removal, accidents due to the ice, vandalism to the pool area and dog fights. Discussion ensued.

With nothing further to discuss Supervisor Somer requested a motion to adjourn.
Trustee Rossi made a motion seconded by Trustee Watson.
Motion carried with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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SUPERVISOR

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DEPUTY CLERK

LMA/jsr