

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOM
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 10, 2023**

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 6:03 p.m. on January 10, 2023. 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 Administrator Leticia Johnson, Attorney Terry Casey, Deputy Clerk Jane Ruiz. Maintenance Director Jesus Rodriguez, Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera and Veteran's Affairs Coordinator Katie Kelly.

Highway Commissioner Joseph Stanfa arrived at 6:06 p.m.

The minutes of December 13, 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 December 27, 2022 and January 10, 2023.

BILLS:

The following bills for December 27, 2022 and January 10, 2023 were presented.

Road and Bridge	\$ 30,758.94
Town Fund	\$243,540.69
General Assistance	\$ 43,134.31

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.

Trustee Panici abstained voting regarding the invoice from Law Offices of Dennis G. Gianopolus, P.C.

OLD BUSINESS:

SENIOR DEPARTMENT REPORT:

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Transportation Coordinator Gayle Planera reviewed the Transportation Department report.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION REQUEST FROM CHICAGO AUTO SHOW 2023 FIRST LOOK FOR CHARITY:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the last donation was in 2020. The Township usually does not donate to the First Look for Charity because the donation does not go to local charities.
Donation request died due to lack of action.

DONATION REQUEST FROM CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Township donated \$150.00 in August 2022.
Trustee Stewart made a motion to donate \$150.00 to Crisis Center seconded by 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 JONES MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Township donated \$100.00 in May 2022.
Trustee Stewart made a motion to donate \$100.000 to Jones Memorial Community Center seconded by 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 NEW STAR:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Township donated \$200.00 in August 2022. New Star provides services to children and adults living with developmental disabilities.
Trustee Garcia made a motion to donate \$200.00 to New Star 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 PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION:

Supervisor Somer addressed the board members stating the Township donated \$300.00 in June 2022.
Trustee Stewart made a motion to donate \$300.00 to Prairie State College Foundation seconded by Trustee Garcia.
Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01: APPROVING AN APPOINTMENT TO FILL TWO VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE OF THE OLYMPIA GARDENS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

Supervisor Somer explained the Olympia Gardens Fire Protection District is located in the unincorporated area of Chicago Heights. The only duty the Township has regarding the Fire Protection Districts is to appoint the trustees for the Fire Protection Districts.
Trustee Panici made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 seconded by Trustee Franklin.

Roll call votes:

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

Motion carried.


OTHER BUSINESS:

Trustee Stewart stated she would be attending her first Trustee's Meeting as Treasurer in St. Charles, IL, on Saturday, January 14, 2023.

Supervisor Somer explained the renovation of the building will start in March and the building will be completely closed and empty. The Food Pantry and the bus garage will not be affected. Gayle Planera, Transportation Coordinator will be temporary moved to the bus garage. The anticipated closure of the building is five months due to the major renovation being done to the building. The total cost of the project is going to be approximately 1½ to 2 million dollars. Bids will be received until February 03, 2023 and the bids will be open on February 13, 2023. Discussion ensued.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


SUPERVISOR
Carla M. Pattus
CLERK
CM/jr