

Maine Township Board Meeting December 27, 2016

Board Members Present: Trustees Morask, Gialamas, Jones and Schaefer

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner, Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak and Assessor Moylan Krey

Other in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Elizabeth Coy, Richard Lyon, Marsha Warnick, Dagmar Rutzen, Michael Samaan, Dick Barton, Mary Swanson, Patrick Wren, Sharon McLaughlin, Naomi Bowman and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 22, 2016 Board Meeting

Trustee Morask Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Board Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 18, 2016 and December 2, 2016 and General Assistance checks #50201 through check #50282 in the amount of \$73,674.29.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 2, 2016 and December 16, 2016 and Road District checks #19539 through check #19601 in the amount of \$112,708.36.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
 Payrolls dated December 2, 2016 and December 16, 2016 and General Town Fund checks
#54455 through check #54548 in the amount of \$309,143.61.

Trustee Schaefer Motion to approve.
Trustee Jones Second.
Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Stanley Fukai/AARP Presentation
 Supervisor Teschky stated that Mr. Stanley Fukai's AARP presentation is rescheduled to the
April 25, 2017 Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Mike Samaan/Code Enforcement Officer
 Mike Samaan reported that the Maine Township Ordinance Book has been updated. He met with
the Code Enforcement Officer from Leyden Township to compare the ordinances which was very helpful
for both parties. The new Ordinance Book is very beneficial for Maine Township, Code Enforcement
Officer and our residents. An example of that is allowing towing commercial vehicles, 5 ton weight limit
on vehicles and no vehicle to be parked longer than 72 hours.

Mr. Samaan stated that the next month he will provide unpaid tickets to Attorney Dowd for
residents who have not established an account with Republic Services.

Mr. Samaan reported that this past month two houses were ticketed for a large amount of garbage
left outside. He also reported that he received several phone calls from Maine Township residents about
being cold because of the landlord not supplying enough heat. Mr. Samaan works closely with the Cook
County Building and Zoning Department to help residents with these situations. They have a Cook
County heat ordinance that states the heat can't be lower than 63degrees.

Mr. Samaan added that with a couple heavy snowfalls he has been patrolling streets for
abandoned vehicles and bulk unwanted items that interfere with snow removal and township ordinances.

Trustee Schaefer suggested putting the ordinances on the Maine Township Website.

Supervisor Teschky suggested that Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak display more signage
on the Maine Township unincorporated roads for winter.

Supervisor Teschky thanked Mr. Samaan for the new updated ordinances, saying that it took a lot
of time and effort to make them.

Mr. Samaan extended his thanks for the help he received from Administrator Berman, Doriene
Prorak and Vicki Rizzo.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey wished all the Elected Officials, Maine Township staff and wonderful
residents of Maine Township: Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Assessor Moylan Krey presented the proposed budget for 2017/2018 for the office of Assessor.
She added that she was able to reduce some line items but an unpredictable increase amount of insurance
lead to a 2.77% Assessor's budget increase.

Supervisor Teschky commented that 2.77% is a very modest increase.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak reported that due to the heavy snowfalls in the last two
weekends, there is an increase in payroll because of overtime.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that Cook County passed an ordinance in October
regarding salt delivery. Eight townships that relied on County salt will be dropped creating a good

percentage of Highway Department's salt to be eliminated. Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak commented that fortunately, he negotiated purchasing directly from Morton Salt 150 tons of salt for \$56 a ton. He added that CMS salt of Illinois is pretty much used.

Clerk Warner stated that he hopes that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wished all a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Clerk Warner reported that his office is always busy with accepting passport applications and even more during school break and the holiday season.

Trustee Schaefer wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Jones also extended her holiday wishes to everyone and added that she attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 4th and she is looking forward to the New Year's Eve Senior Party on Friday, December 30th.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he enjoyed the Annual Office Holiday Party on Thursday, December 15th and the Senior Holiday Luncheon. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Trustee Morask wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Teschky wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon at Chateau Ritz on Sunday, December 4th. On Friday, December 9th, MaineStay hosted the Student Government Day in our Town Hall. 185 families received Thanksgiving baskets during November 15, 16 and 17th. The Christmas baskets were distributed to 208 families on December 19, 20 and 21st.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Maine Township offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 for the New Year's Holiday. Also, our Town Hall will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Supervisor Teschky noted that Des Plaines Mayor Bogusz's Address to Business will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. at Manzo's Banquet.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd wished all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Agenda Item: Administrator Report

Administrator Berman had nothing to add to her written report.

Agenda Item: Personnel, MaineStay Therapist Position

Supervisor Teschky stated that there is an opening in the MaineStay department since Kristina Oltrogge resignation. She stated that in the Board packet is a resume of Naomi Bowman for Board of Trustees review and consideration.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Naomi Bowman applied for the Family Therapist position. She was an intern in our Township for several years. As a graduate of Marquette University's Masters in Clinical Mental Health program, Ms. Bowman believes that her experience and passion could prove to be an invaluable asset to MaineStay's department.

Supervisor Teschky recommended hiring Ms. Bowman for the full time Family Therapist.

Trustee Schaefer	Motion to hire Naomi Bowman for the full time Family Therapist, with salary \$40,000.00, plus benefits with starting date of January 17, 2017.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Assessor Moylan Krey thanked Ms. Bowman for coming back to Maine Township offices and wished her good luck in the future.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schaefer	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Ordinance 2016-7, Travel Expense Reimbursement

Supervisor Teschky stated that pursuant to the Statute of Illinois Maine Township must adopt an ordinance regulating the reimbursement of all travel, meal and lodging expenses for elected officials and employees.

Trustee Morask	Motion to approve Ordinance 2016-7, An Ordinance Establishing the Reimbursement of All Travel, Meals and Lodging Expenses of Officials and Employees in the Township of Maine.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

After discussing the proposed ordinance and commenting on some issues the Board of Trustees agreed to pass the corrected ordinance.

Supervisor Teschky noted that Maine Township will be in compliance with the State law from January 1, 2017.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schaefer	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Agency Funding Allocation

Supervisor Teschky stated that the proposed Agency Funding spreadsheet was included in the Board distribution. She asked for discussion and approval of the 2017-2018 Agency Funding allocations and the total grant.

Trustee Morask started the discussion stating that she agrees with most of the proposed grants but feels like some of the agencies grant amounts need to be reconsidered. Trustee Morask also stated while the department heads input is very helpful, she believed they should not enter into final average.

The first agency to be discussed was FISH. It was said that FISH is coming back to Maine Township beginning January 1, 2017 and will be handled by MaineStay. The proposed grant for FISH is \$5,500.00.

The second agency, Center of Concern, had more discussion due to the request for an increase in funding.

Trustee Morask, Trustee Schaefer and Supervisor Teschky commented on some concerns with this agency. Trustee Morask concern was that they wanted an additional \$10,000 in funding to field calls and they would make money off each ride where bringing it back to Township would save taxpayers money.

Trustee Jones pointed out that many social agencies are closing. She stated that in her opinion Maine Township should be generous with funding the social services for the good work they provide.

Trustee Schaefer expressed that Maine Township is generous but also should be responsible in making these decisions.

Marsha Warnick, General Assistance Director commented that General Assistance works closely with Center of Concern and their shared housing program.

Assessor Moylan Krey suggested addressing any concerns with the Center of Concern and offered them last year's funding.

The final decision was to award Center of Concern with \$35,000.00.

The other agencies discussed were: Turning Point, Peer Services, Leyden Family Services and Josselyn. Maryville agency was also discussed and Board of Trustees agreed to discuss Maryville at next Board meeting.

The Board of Trustees discussed all the other agencies proposed allocations and reached an agreement holding Maryville's funding and discussion until the next Board meeting.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve the 2017-2018 Agencies Funding allocations as revised and modified, and specified that Maryville will be discussed on January 24, 2017 Board meeting, in the total amount of \$460,400.00. (See attached list of allocations)

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Closed Session, Staff Salary Grades

Trustee Morask Motion to table the Closed Session discussion till January 24, 2017 Board meeting.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk