

Maine Township Special Board Meeting December 19, 2017

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Board Members Present: Trustees Jones, Carrabotta, McKenzie and Sweeney

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Morask, Clerk Gialamas, Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak and Assessor Moylan Krey

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Marsha Warnick, Richard Lyon, Michael Samaan, Dagmar Rutzen, Ryan McKenzie, Donna Adam and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

There was no public participation at this time.

Supervisor Morask opened the meeting by explaining that the sole purpose of this Special Board meeting is to discuss and adopt the General Town Fund, General Assistance and Road District Tax Levies for the year 2017. She added that these Levy Ordinances have to be filed with the Cook County Clerk's office by the last Tuesday in December.

Agenda Item: General Town Fund and General Assistance Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-4

Supervisor Morask stated that the proposed for discussion Levies were distributed to the Trustees prior to this meeting. She explained that: Levy #1 proposed flat, Levy #2 proposed 5% reduction GA \$224,792.00 and TF \$54,781.00 and Levy #3 proposed 5% reduction overall.

Supervisor Morask strongly recommended to keep the levy flat and expressed her opinion in a very detailed explanation why this is important to our township and residents. She also pointed out that 99% of the townships had kept their levy flat or raised it.

Assessor Moylan Krey also suggested to keep the levy flat and gave her opinion on this matter.

Supervisor Morask entertained a motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance #1 and keep it flat.

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| Trustee Jones     | Motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-4, as proposed with the total amount of \$5,591,454.00. |
| Supervisor Morask | Second.   |

Public participation:

Ms. Donna Adam, a Des Plaines resident, suggested lowering the levy by 10%. She stated that after checking the Maine Township audit there will still be enough money to operate. She also suggested putting the MainelyNews on line which will reduce a big expense by printing it. She asked to give the Maine Township residents a break.

Supervisor Morask stated there are many residents who do not have computers access and just to put our MainelyNews on the website isn't right.

Discussion:

After a lengthy discussion and questions the Trustees agreed that 10% tax levy reduction was too much. Trustees Carrabotta, McKenzie and Sweeney were not agreeing with the proposed levy to keep it flat but suggested to adopt levy #2 with 5% reduction.

All the Elected Officials participated in this dispute trying to resolve this matter.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Morask  | Yes |
| Trustee Jones      | Yes |
| Trustee Carrabotta | No  |
| Trustee McKenzie   | No  |
| Trustee Sweeney    | No  |

Motion failed.

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| Trustee McKenzie | Motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-4, as proposed with the reduction of 5% - in General Assistance Fund \$224,792.00 and Town Fund \$54,781.00 with the total amount of \$5,311,881.00. |
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| Trustee Sweeney | Second. |
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Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Morask  | No  |
| Trustee Jones      | No  |
| Trustee Carrabotta | Yes |
| Trustee McKenzie   | Yes |
| Trustee Sweeney    | Yes |

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Road District Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-RB-3

Supervisor Morask entertained a motion to adopt the Road District Levy with proposed 2% increase.

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| Trustee Jones | Motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-RB-3, as proposed with 2% increase and with the total amount of \$2,603,001.00. |
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| Supervisor Morask | Second. |
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Discussion:

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak asked for the approval of proposed tax levy and explained the importance for the Road District Fund to raise the levy for 2%. He also presented the letter from the law firm explained the appropriate procedure for the approval of road district's levy.

Trustees Carrabotta, McKenzie and Sweeney disagreed with the proposed levy and suggested keeping it flat.

There was a dispute regarding these procedures.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Morask  | Yes |
| Trustee Jones      | Yes |
| Trustee Carrabotta | No  |
| Trustee McKenzie   | No  |
| Trustee Sweeney    | No  |

Motion failed.

After more discussion and mentioning that in the past years Highway Department spent less than was asked for, Trustees suggested to keeping the Tax Levy flat.

Supervisor Morask      Motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance 2017-RB-3, and keeping it flat with the total amount of \$2,551,962.00.

Trustee Carrabotta      Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask      No

Trustee Jones            No

Trustee Carrabotta      Yes

Trustee McKenzie        Yes

Trustee Sweeney         Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee McKenzie        Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Sweeney         Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk