

Maine Township Board Meeting December 27, 2017

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

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

Other in attendance: Dan Dowd, Dayna Berman, Denise Jajko, Doriene Prorak, Elizabeth Coy, Richard Lyon, Marsha Warnick, Michael Samaan, Carol Langan, Ryan McKenzie, Marie Dachniwsky, Oksana Bukaczyk, Marty Cook, Dick Barton, John McNabola and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2017 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2017 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 Board Meeting.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

Supervisor Morask stated that public participation is allowed on any item of new or old business.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 1, 2017 and December 15, 2017 and General Assistance checks #51018 through check #51061 in the amount of \$65,660.77.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

Trustee McKenzie Second

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 1, 2017 and December 15, 2017 and Road District checks #20115 through check #20156 in the amount of \$132,437.42.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to approve.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 1, 2017 and December 15, 2017 and General Town Fund checks #55512 through check #55596 in the amount of \$335,081.01.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to approve.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Marty Cook/Recovery Connection

Marty Cook reported that the Recovery Connection continues to see strong support for their meetings from partnerships with Holy Family Hospital, Maryville Academy and Behavioral Hospital. The newly added Saturday AA meeting at the First Step House followed by their latest partnership with CrossFit in Park Ridge. He stated that they are providing not only physical activities but also mental support. These events maintain sobriety, build community among those in recovery and strive to give back to the greater Maine Township community. The Recovery Connection participants have been volunteering in the Maine Township Food Pantry since late November.

Marty Cook stated that Mark Sanders, an author, leading authority and historian on addiction referred to the Maine Township Recovery Connection program as “the model Community Recovery program”. By Mark Sanders recommendation, Kellie Gage the manager of Adolescent/youth services for the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse came on a recent Saturday to meet with a few of Recovery Connection participants to learn how to better outreach to that age who are taking the brunt of the opioid crisis in our country.

Agenda Item: Officials’ Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey presented the proposed budget for 2018-2019 for the Assessor’s office. She added that the Assessor is required to prepare and present a budget for the assessor’s office to the township board at least 60 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak reported that Aqua stopped their major project on Washington Street due to the cold weather. In result they had to refurbish the work they already had done and did a good job. He added that the last snow fall was handled by the Highway Department and they received an acknowledgment from Westview Association in unincorporated Glenview for the good job done plowing.

Supervisor Morask inquired about the water main break on Emerson. Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that it was not a major water break but the Highway Department provided barricades and salt.

Clerk Gialamas wished everyone a happy and healthy 2018 and introduced and thanked Officer Richards from Park Ridge Police Department for attending our meeting.

Trustee Sweeney reported that in the past month Trustees spent a lot of time going over budgets, levies and income statements insuring that tax payers' money is spent wisely.

Trustee Sweeney stated that going along with transparency she has researched the technology available for videotaping, recording and livestreaming from other organizations other than Granicus. She thanked Richard Lyon for videotaping and indexing which helps our residents to watch the meetings. Trustee Sweeney added that she is excited that Board meetings will be livestreamed soon and hopefully can be done in house.

Trustee McKenzie stated that it's been an informational couple of weeks going through all of the Agency Funding and learning the process of awarding the grants. She was pleased to see how closely the amounts were suggested and proposed by the Elected Officials and requested by the agencies.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that he agrees with other Trustees reports and added that on Monday, December 4th he was invited by Mariyana Spyropoulos, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to participate in the stage one of the water deep tunnel project. He congratulated Ms. Spyropoulos for this accomplishment which will keep water out of area basements.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that on Friday, December 8th he attended the MaineStreamers Holiday Luncheon with a wonderful turnout. On Tuesday, December 19th he attended the Special Board meeting and stopped by for Township Holiday luncheon on Friday, December 22nd.

Trustee Jones stated that she attended the last Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, December 6th and the Special Board meeting regarding Tax Levies approval on Tuesday, December 19th.

Supervisor Morask stated that she will give her report at the end of the meeting.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd stated that he is working on a couple of issues regarding Maine Township.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman has nothing to add to her written report.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Agency Funding Allocations

Supervisor Morask stated that the proposed Agency Funding allocations were distributed prior to the meeting for discussion, review and approval. She thanked the Elected Officials and staff for their effort and stated that the average proposed grant for the year 2018-2019 is \$455,260.00.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Agency Funding allocations as specified in the total amount of \$455,260.00.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

The Elected Officials discussed a few agencies and the funding amounts requested by them. They agreed with most of the proposed grants but some of the Elected Officials felt like some of the

agencies grant amounts need to be reconsidered. One of the Agencies that was discussed was Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation with the average allocation of \$300.00. Trustees agreed that the \$300.00 should be allocated to a different agency.

Supervisor Morask explained that even though the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation applied for Agency Funding, they could get more funding from Maine Township through the Reilly-Bialczak scholarship.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Agency Funding allocations as revised and specified that Miracle House will receive \$4,700.00 and the total amount will be \$455,260.00.

Supervisor Morask Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Sexual Harassment Ordinance 2017-5

Supervisor Morask stated that by a new State law, government bodies are required to pass an ordinance regarding sexual harassment by January 15, 2018.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve the Ordinance 2017-5, An Ordinance Establishing a Policy to Prohibit Sexual Harassment in the Township of Maine, Cook County, Illinois.

Trustee McKenzie Second.

After discussion and making a few necessary corrections in the Policy the motion was amended as follows:

Trustee Jones Motion to approve the Ordinance 2017-5, An Ordinance Establishing a Policy to Prohibit Sexual Harassment in the Township of Maine, Cook County, Illinois with suggested amendments in the Policy.

Supervisor Morask Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Resolution of Scheduled Meetings for fiscal year, Ordinance 2017-9

Supervisor Morask entertained a motion to adopt the Resolution 2017-9 with the dates for Board meetings for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve the Resolution 2017-9, Schedule of Regular Board Meetings for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes
Trustee McKenzie Yes
Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Supervisor Morask report:

Supervisor Morask stated that she would like to correct the record regarding that Park Ridge did lower their tax levy by 8.8% but couldn't put their truth and taxation notice due to their bank amount is not allowed to be subtracted from the final levy amount.

Supervisor Morask announced that she gave up her cell phone which saved the Township \$545.00 a month. She added that we are getting started with budget and self-evaluations.

Supervisor Morask extended her condolences to Audrey Nankervis and her family for the loss of their son.

Supervisor Morask stated that if 25 people subscribe YouTube channel for free we can have livestreaming Board meetings for free through YouTube. She added that already 13 people signed in for it. It will save money for the township.

Supervisor Morask wished everyone Happy New Year.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Sweeney Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Carrabotta Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk