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Board Members Present: Supervisor Morask, Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Moylan Krey, Trustees Jones, McKenzie, Carrabotta and Sweeney

Others in attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Denise Jajko, Christopher Scalet, Michael Samaan, Ryan McKenzie, Diane Carrabotta, Joseph Egan, Donna Adam, Victor Dula, Richard Lyon and Wiesia Tytko.

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Supervisor Morask stated that the purpose of the Special Board meeting is to discuss and vote on Personnel Policy Manual and Abatement amount for General Assistance and General Town Fund.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

Donna Adam, Des Plaines resident, expressed her interest in an abatement and giving money back to the residents.

Victor Dula, Des Plaines resident, spoke about the debate that was shot down regarding the abatement at the February 26th Board meeting.

See video at 1:25.

Agenda Item: Approval of April 9, 2019 Annual Town Meeting Agenda

Clerk Gialamas stated that the Appointment of Sergeant of Arms will be removed from the proposed Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Attorney Krafthefer suggested adding Public Comments to the Agenda.

Supervisor Morask Motion to adapt the Annual Town Meeting Agenda as amended.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Personnel Policy Manual/Discussion & Vote

Supervisor Morask stated that various amendments went to Attorney McCabe for the Maine Township Personnel Policy Handbook.

Supervisor Morask Motion to accept Maine Township Personnel Policy Manual with the amendments suggested by Attorney McCabe, which were combined with some proposed suggestions from the Board.

Trustee Jones Second.

Discussion which included Trustee Sweeney's suggestion to examine more edits and Trustee Carrabotta suggestion to review the final Personnel Policy Manual before adapting it.

Supervisor Morask stated if the trustees required a line by line examination of the proposed edits, she would withdraw her previously stated objection to not moving forward tonight as long as we scheduled

it for special workshop meeting which had been suggested by the attorney.

See video at 16:21.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to postpone the approving the Personnel Policy Manual to the March 26 th Board meeting.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.

Discussion regarding scheduling a Special Workshop meeting for more discussion about all suggested changes to the Personnel Policy Manual.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to amend the previous motion to postpone discussing and approving the Personnel Policy Manual to the Special Meeting/Workshop on Tuesday, March 19 th at 7:00 p.m.
Supervisor Morask	Second (With the provision that any changes and suggestions will be sent to Attorney McCabe for editing no later than close of business March 13 th).

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to re-amend the previous motion to postpone discussing and approving the Personnel Policy Manual to the Special Meeting/Workshop on Tuesday, March 19 th at 7:00 p.m. with the provision that any changes and suggestions will be sent to Attorney McCabe for editing by March 13 th that can be ready for approval on March 19 th .
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Supervisor Morask	Second.
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Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion/Possible Vote on any Abatement Amount for GA/TF Including but not Limited to:

- a) Possible Pay Down of Unfunded Pension Liabilities in Combination with any Potential Abatement Amount Between 0 & 100%
- b) Previously Tabled Ordinance 2019-2
- c) Previously Tabled Ordinance 2019-3

Supervisor Morask asked for discussion on the Possible Pay Down of Unfunded Pension Liabilities in Combination with any Potential Abatement Amount Between 0 & 100% and was interrupted by Trustee Sweeney who requested that the Previously Tabled Ordinances 2019-2 and 2019-3 should be first to discuss.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to table the Possible Pay Down of Unfunded Pension Liabilities in Combination with any Potential Abatement Amount Between 0 & 100%.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Supervisor Morask disagreed stating that she had right to make an agenda as proposed.

Discussion.

See video at 42:46.

Attorney Krafthefer speech regarding Abatement process. Attorney recommendation was not to abate 100% in the event of a property tax freeze and her analysis that best long term savings to residents

was to do a 50% Abatement and then do a \$400,000 paydown of unfunded GA liabilities.

See video at 55:10.

Public Participation.

Donna Adam, Des Plaines resident and Joe Egan expressed their opinion regarding tax abatement for Maine Township.

For comments and discussion see video at 1:36:30.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to adopt the Ordinance 2019-2, An Ordinance abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied December 2018 for township and general assistance purposes of Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois as read at the February 26th Board meeting and tabled.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Trustee McKenzie Motion to amend the previous motion to adapt the Ordinance 2019-2, An Ordinance abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied December 2018 for township and general assistance purposes of Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois, with the proposed Abatement of 100% for General Assistance Fund and modify General Town Fund Abatement to 10%.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

See attached: "Trustee Sweeney memo on Abatement for the Special Board Meeting 3/6/19 to be Included in the meeting minutes".

Discussion.

See video at 2:57:28.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

See video at 2:58:00 for comments.

Motion carried.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to remove from the table adopting the Ordinance 2019-3.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Morask Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jones Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk

Trustee Sweeney memo on Abatement for the Special Board Meeting 3/6/19 to be included in the meeting minutes.

I have proposed an abatement of 100% of the General Assistance Fund and 30% of the Town Fund.

Why? I believe that we have overtaxed the taxpayer and should stop what has been levied in December 2018 to abate or halt the tax that would result in over \$2,000,000 savings to our taxpayers.

Why? We can source the money for our General Assistance and Town Fund needs from our reserve funds. Reserves have been growing over the years and we have a Township surplus fund of over \$11,000,000 from taxes collected that we don't need.

In our General Assistance fund, we have about \$2.7 million in our reserves. We are budgeted to spend about \$830,000- I see no need for the \$827,000 Levy that we imposed. Abate 100% of it and give it back to the taxpayers!

In our Town Fund we have banked about \$7.3 million in reserves and our budget is about \$4.6 million. If we abate 30% of that levy, we will still have over \$6 million in reserve.

In summary I vote to abate 100% of General Assistance and 30% of the Town Fund because we have the money to spend in reserves. There is no need to ask the taxpayer for this money.

Whatever we decide to do to address the net pension liability is a separate issue. We still have plenty of reserve money to address this.