

Maine Township Board Meeting June 25, 2019

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

Other in attendance: Keri-Lynn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Marie Dachniwsky, Denise Jajko, Michael Samaan, Richard Lyon, Liz Coy, Nader Ghazaleh, Alexander Barton, Carol Langan, Austin Kelso, Diane Carrabotta, Carl Carrabotta, Donna Adam, Sean Conway, Tony Brzezniak, Jean Dietsch, Dawne Hayman, Beth Penesis, Joseph Ptak, Ryan McKenzie and Wiesia Tytko.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2019 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Motion 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: Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2019 Town Fund & General Assistance Budget Hearing

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Town Fund & General Assistance Budget Hearing.

Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Sweeney provided her additions to the minutes.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to amend the minutes of May 28, 2019 Town Fund & General Assistance Budget Hearing with the provided addition by Trustee Sweeney.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Discussion regarding Trustee McKenzie suggested corrections.

See video at 3:42.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to amend the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Town Fund & General Assistance Budget Hearing with amendments provided by Trustee Sweeney and Trustee McKenzie.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion 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: Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2019 Road District Budget Hearing

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Road District Budget Hearing.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to amend the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Road District Budget Hearing as noted by Trustee McKenzie.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

Motion 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: Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2019 Board Meeting

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to amend the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Board Meeting as amended by Trustee Sweeney.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Motion 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: Public Participation

Doriene Prorak, Park Ridge resident and Maine Township employee, Tony Brzezniak, Park Ridge resident, Dawne Hayman, Glenview resident and Maine Township Highway Department employee and Joseph Ptak, Maine Township visitor commented on the Maine Township budgets and controversial issues. See video at 20:49.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 31, 2019 and June 14, 2019 and General Assistance checks #52009 through check #52059 in the amount of \$45,178.41.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve.
Trustee Sweeney Second

Motion 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: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 31, 2019 and June 14, 2019 and Road District checks #20924 through check #20965 in the amount of \$285,974.92.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to approve.
Trustee McKenzie Second.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that the check #20952 from Spaceco, Inc. for \$5,555.64 will be approved but the Board needs to receive an itemized bill to support it.

Motion 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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 31, 2019 and June 14, 2019 and General Town Fund checks #56887 through check #56970 in the amount of \$350,147.82.

Supervisor Morask Motion to approve General Town Fund checks #56887 through check #56970 with the exception of a partial amount of \$1,887.00 from check #56929 to Bond, Dickson & Association, PC, and to postpone this amount to the next Board meeting pending documentation that was requested from Mary Dickson to support those fees.

Trustee Jones Second.

Discussion.

See video at 41:48.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed

Trustee McKenzie pointed out that in the General Town Fund expenditures the check #56900 was voided and not recorded in the ledgers provided for approval.

Trustee McKenzie Motion to approve General Town Fund checks #56887 through check #56970 with the exception of check #56900 in the amount of \$4,773.30 with the revised total amount of \$345,374.52.
Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Discussion.
See video at 52:20.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on IMRF Resolution including Resolution as to Participation of Maine Township Governing and Non-Governing Elected Officials in IMRF as Proposal by Trustees Carrabotta and Sweeney

Trustee Sweeney Motion to approve the Resolution 2019-6, Resolution as to Participation of Maine Township Governing and Non-Governing Elected Officials in IMRF.

Trustee Sweeney read out loud the Resolution 2019-6.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Attorney Sean Conway from Bond, Dickson & Association, PC presented on the continuing IMRF matter as requested by Trustees Carrabotta, Sweeney and McKenzie.

Discussion.
See video at 58:45.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Barton Marketing Group Contract Renewal

Supervisor Morask stated that the contract for Barton & Barton is due for renewal. She added that Dick Barton reduced the annual retainer fee of last year's \$42,500.00 to \$40,800.00 for the new proposed contract.

Supervisor Morask Motion to accept the General Agreement and Contract for Professional Services for Barton & Barton, Ltd. d/b/a Barton Marketing Group effective June 27, 2019 with termination date of June 27, 2020, with annual retainer fee of \$40,800.00 payable monthly in equal installments of \$3,400.00.
Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Discussion.
See video at 1:16:42.

Trustee McKenzie proposed extending the previous Barton & Barton contract for one month due to a few necessary questions she will be submitting for explanation to Mr. Barton.

Trustee McKenzie	Motion to table approving the General Agreement and Contract for Professional Services for Barton & Barton, Ltd. d/b/a Barton Marketing Group which was effective June 27, 2019 to the July 23 rd Board meeting.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to extend the current General Agreement and Contract for Professional Services for Barton & Barton, Ltd. d/b/a Barton Marketing Group upon the mutual agreement between Maine Township and Alex Barton d/b/a Barton & Barton, Ltd. d/b/a Barton Marketing Group until July 23, 2019 Board meeting.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Motion 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: New Business, Discussion and Vote on having only Voting Board Members sit on the Dais as Proposed by Trustees McKenzie, Carrabotta and Sweeney

Trustee McKenzie	Motion to have the voting board members, the Clerk and Township Attorney sit on the Dais as compare to what we have now including Highway Commissioner and Assessor.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Discussion.
See video at 1:27:45.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	No
Trustee Jones	No – With comments against said motion. See video at 1:32:53.
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Trustee Sweeney commented that as Trustees they have successfully accomplished a lot, particularly with the budget and she thanked Supervisor Morask and Administrator Berman for holding down expenses. She pointed out that we had so much success especially with abating a portion of the tax as well other projects.

Trustee Sweeney stated that she attended the TOCC Township Annual meeting.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that he is proud of the Township for holding the costs down and that the Township continues to provide fantastic service to the residents for a less amount of money.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that he attended the TOCC conference in William Tell and was speaking there about how great a job our Township is doing.

Trustee McKenzie stated that she is continuing working on all the Township's issues and in the future she hopes to contribute in the township administration and to better run our meetings. She added that it is important to her to help Unincorporated area residents by strategizing the township's budget.

Trustee Jones stated that she attended the National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch meetings. She added that she also has been working on township's budget.

Assessor Moylan Krey reported that from May 7th through June 7th her office serviced 4014 residents. She thanked Doriene Prorak and Carol Langan for their help with handling the crowds along with Supervisor Morask.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that her office held two reach out programs for appeals with a full capacity. On May 6th at the Park Ridge Library and on May 15th in the Township Hall. The Maine Township Assessor's office has been contacted by the 2020 Census to help them with the new construction program. Her office continues to work on Certificates of Error for exemptions. They are hoping residents will be getting a revised tax bill from the treasurer to reflect the certificates of Error.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that tax bills are now available on line at the Cook County Treasures sight. They will be mailed and should be out the end of June payable by August 1st.

Lastly, Assessor Moylan Krey informed the Board that she is opting out of the health insurance which will save the Township about \$25,000.00. Assessor Moylan Krey suggested using those money toward employees' raises.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that in the near future Highway Department will receive a new sweeper and the old one will be traded in. This process is a part of municipal conference where is collectively negotiated that municipalities and townships can avoid the bidding process and get the best cost for certain vehicles. He added that next month Highway Department will hold the Auction for their equipment.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak reported that on June 27th there will be a second bidding process for 2019 Resurfacing Program II. He also commented on other Highway Department's current projects.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak commented on the votes for two Board members not to be sitting on Dais and did not appreciate being called disruptive force. He added that in the future he will attend Board meeting only if necessary but he will provide his written reports and will attend the Bill Pay Review meetings.

Clerk Gialamas expressed his opinion regarding the last motion on who will sit on the Dais. He stated that in his ten years serving on the Township Board this motion was the most ridiculous decision. In his opinion every person sitting on this Board was elected by the residents and they have the right to be heard.

Supervisor Morask reported that \$77,385.00 was saved in the new budget also, \$20,000.00 is added to the budget from Assessor Moylan Krey's cancelled health insurance. Supervisor Morask highly recommended that the Township Budget be amended to allow for 2.5% salary increase for township employees.

Supervisor Morask stated that she attended two garage sales meetings with the garage sale committee. The garage sale will be held on September 21st, she also apologized that she can not attend the National Night Out which will be held on August 6th.

Trustee Morask stated that with respect to the actions taken tonight she commended Clerk Gialamas' comments and added that everyone should look into themselves. In the future she hopes that the audience and the Township Board can do better and the meetings be more professional and productive.

For more detailed reports and comments see video at 1:33:53.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report
None.

Agenda Item: Closed Session, Approval of Closed Session Minutes of December 27, 2018

Supervisor Morask Motion to go to the Closed Session for the sole purpose to review
the Closed Session Minutes of December 27, 2018.
Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in Open Session at 9:39 p.m.

Supervisor Morask Motion to re-convene in Open Session.
Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

There was no action taken after the Closed Session.

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 9:40 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk