

Maine Township Special Board Meeting November 19, 2019

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Board Members Present: Trustees Jones, McKenzie, Carrabotta and Sweeney, Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Moylan Krey, Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak and Supervisor Morask (on the phone call).

Others in attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Christopher Scalet, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Diane Carrabotta, Carl Carrabotta, Melis Bircan, Donna Adam and Wiesia Tytko.

Clerk Gialamas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Clerk Gialamas stated that the Township Board has a policy permitting attendance of Township Board member at meetings from a remote location.

Attorney Krafthefer stated that Supervisor Morask is absent due to family emergency and pursuant to Section 7 (a)(3) the Open Meetings Act, this is a qualifying reason to attend the meeting via telephone.

Trustee Jones Motion to permit Supervisor Laura Morask to attend via electronic means the November 19, 2019 Special Board meeting for Supervisor Morask.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Abstain

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Clerk Gialamas stated that Supervisor Morask is attending the November 19th Special Board meeting via telephone.

Supervisor Morask asked for a motion to select Acting Chairman

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to nominate Trustee Sweeney as Acting Chairman for the November 19th Special Board meeting.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask No

Trustee Jones No

Trustee McKenzie No

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion failed.

Supervisor Morask Motion to nominate Trustee McKenzie as Acting Chairman for the November 19th Special Board meeting.

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: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Tax Levy Workshop

Supervisor Morask stated that the Board distribution included the estimated tax levy from Highway Department and the proposed Town Fund & General Assistance tax levy was emailed. Supervisor Morask recommended increasing the 2019 tax levy to 2.9% and using the 2018 tax levy for the estimated 2019 tax levy.

Attorney Krafthefer stated that most townships post their previous year's levy as the estimated levy for the current year. She added that the Board should determine the estimated tax levy tonight.

Supervisor Morask recommended discussing the levies in order to understand the process of it and making decision regarding the actual levy that has to be passed by the end of this year.

See video at 4:35.

Agenda Item: Discussion/Vote to Determine the Estimated GTF and GA Tax Levy – Ordinance 2019-5

See video at 8:08.

Trustee McKenzie	Motion to adopt the estimated 2019 Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance Fund based on 2018 actual Tax Levy, Ordinance 2018-3 in the total \$5,046,286.00.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion and comments.
See video at 11:58.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to amend to adopt the estimated 2019 Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance Fund based on the Ordinance 2018-3 with a 20% reduction in the total amount of \$4,037,028.00.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.

Continuing discussion.

Trustee Carrabotta's amended motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed.

Trustee McKenzie's original motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	No
Trustee Sweeney	No (With comments: see video at 45:57)

Motion carried.

Trustee McKenzie asked Attorney Krafthefer for clarification on township’s statutes regarding tax levies.

There was a short discussion after Attorney Krafthefer’s explanation on township’s statutes regarding tax levies.

See video at 47:00.

Trustee McKenzie suggested that Trustee Carrabotta and Trustee Sweeney prepare their proposed levies for discussion.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that our accountant and administration should prepare the proposed levies with suggested decreases.

Agenda Item: Discussion/Vote to Determine the Estimated RD Tax Levy – Ordinance 2019-RB-2

See video at 58:02.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that Road District proposed estimated 2019 Tax Levy with 0% increase was included in the Board distribution.

Supervisor Morask Motion to adopt the estimated 2019 Tax Levy for Road District Fund as 2018 actual Tax Levy, Ordinance 2018-RB-3 in the total amount of \$2,605,553.00.

Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to amend to adopt the estimated 2019 Tax Levy for Road District Fund as Ordinance 2018-RB-3 with a 20% reduction in the total amount \$2,084,442.00.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Discussion.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak’s explanation and discussion.

After discussion Trustee Carrabotta withdrew his motion based on Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak and Maine Township accountant Scalet’s explanation and the agreement to provide figures that show the actual amount received from the Levy.

Supervisor Morask’s original 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.

Attorney Krafthefer’s statement regarding surpluses being within statutory limits and advised Trustees of the importance of accuracy in any discussion of reserves and effect on potential litigation. Trustees comments and discussion.

See video at 1:09:20.

Agenda Item: Approval of Gift Cards for Food Pantry Boxes

Supervisor Morask stated that Food Pantry Director requested an approval of \$12,000.00 for 300 gift cards from Aldi in amount of \$40.00 each to be distributed along with Christmas Dinner Boxes.

Trustee Sweeney asked if we are in correlation with Jewel with distributing dinner boxes.

Supervisor Morask stated that we are in relationship with Jewel and they are giving us complete turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Board agreed that it is a very nice thing to distribute those dinners to our Food Pantry clients.

Supervisor Morask Motion to approve the \$12,000.00 for Gift Cards for Food Pantry Clients.

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: Adjournment

Trustee McKenzie Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk