

Maine Township Board Meeting July 27, 2020

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This meeting will be conducted by audio or video conference without a physically present quorum of the Maine Township Board because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the Township. Pursuant to Senate Bill 2135, which Governor Pritzker signed last Friday, the Township Supervisor determined that an in-person meeting at the Township building with all participants is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Township officials and legal counsel will not be physically present at the Township building, if that is unfeasible due to the disaster. Physical public attendance at the Township building may be limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting are available here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365194541>. To obtain password to connect to this meeting, please call Richard Lyon at 224-257-4869 prior to 6:00 p.m. on July 27, 2020. The meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

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

Others in Attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Jolie Roberts, Earl Wilson, Alicia Bailey 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 June 23, 2020 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Bill Pay Review.
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 June 23, 2020 Board Meeting

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Board Meeting.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

See video at 58:21.

Trustee Sweeney suggested changing the language of the agenda to make it more welcoming in order to accommodate the residents who may want to come in person because they don't have computers.

Attorney Asprooth stated that Governor Pritzker's executive order still states that the meetings can be held virtually.

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 Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 26, 2020, July 10, 2020 and July 24, 2020 and General Assistance checks #52815 through check #52874 in the amount of \$62,105.74.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to approve.
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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 26, 2020, July 10, 2020 and July 24, 2020 and Road District checks #21421 through check #21463 in the amount of \$85,187.75.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve.
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 General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 26, 2020, July 10, 2020 and July 24, 2020 and General Town Fund checks #57865 through check #57941 in the amount of \$340,936.61.

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: Public Participation

See video at 1:07:17.

Jolie Roberts, a Park Ridge resident, commented on a broken culvert that causes flooding from the Prairie Creek Retention Pond near her 24-unit condo building.

After discussion Supervisor Morask stated that she will contact Mr. Kratzer from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and will schedule a meeting to discuss Ms. Roberts' concern.

See video at 1:20:43.

Earl Wilson, Des Plaines resident commented on virtual meetings and opening meetings to the public.

Mr. Wilson made a sigh regarding his very high real estate tax bill.

See video at 1:22:06.

In response to Mr. Wilson's sigh, Assessor Moylan Krey commented that taxpayers have the right to appeal their taxes in order to try to hold down the large increases. Additionally, they should check to ensure they are receiving all exemptions on their bill.

Discussion.

Agenda Item: Personnel
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Virtual Agency Funding Dates for September/October

Supervisor Morask presented the Board with the potential Funding Hearing Dates that already work for the staff to participate in this year's virtual funding hearings.

After discussion the dates have been chosen.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to approve the dates: Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m.,
Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 5th
at 6:30 p.m. for Agency Funding Hearings.
Supervisor Morask 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 of Retirement and Potential Replacement Government Liaison

See video at 1:38:07.

Supervisor Morask stated that Dick Barton of Barton Marketing Group has retired and we won't be signing this contract with his successor. Supervisor Morask suggested to interview some people for the

Public Relation position. She added that we still have obligation to let public know about Maine Township programs and situation.

Trustee Sweeney proposed that at this time Maine Township staff take this responsibility.

Discussion.

After discussion, Supervisor Morask stated that at this time since the Board of Trustees majority refused to allow even interviews to pursue this matter she would remove from agenda.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion/Vote to Hire Keli Stonitsch @29.00/hr Part-Time for HR/Benefit/Payroll Administration (16 hours/week, no benefits)

See video at 1:54:27.

Supervisor Morask stated that Keli Stonitsch is contracted with us to be the HR administrator until September 19th. She asked the Board to hire Ms. Stonitsch for 16 hours per week at a rate of \$29.00 per hour.

Administrator Berman stated that Ms. Stonitsch has proven to be an extremely valuable asset to the Maine Township administrative department. She is extremely well informed of all aspects of human resources and she is also willing to jump in and learn new duties

Supervisor Morask	Motion to hire Keli Stonitsch for the part-time HR/Benefit/Payroll position, 16 hours a week with \$29.00 per hour with no benefits.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion.

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.

Keli Stonitsch thanked the Board for hiring her and stated that she is excited to work for Maine Township.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion/Vote of Covid Travel Policy

See video at 2:02:58.

Attorney Krafthefer explained the proposed Maine Township Employee Travel Policy During COVID-19 Pandemic.

Discussion.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to adopt the Maine Township Employee Travel Policy During COVID-19 Pandemic as presented.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion/Vote to add the Following Question on the Ballot of the General Election on November 3rd 2020: “Shall Maine Township Continue to Appropriate Funds to Secure Law Enforcement and Provide Public Safety?”

See video at 2:13:35.

Supervisor Morask stated that this agenda item was requested by Trustee Sweeney.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to put the following Question on the Ballot of the General Election on November 3 rd 2020: “Shall Maine Township Continue to Appropriate Funds to Secure Law Enforcement and Provide Public Safety?”
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

To hear the additional explanations of all the Elected Officials above see video at 2:33:48.

Motion failed.

Agenda Item: New Business, Compensation for Elected Officials for Next Election Term

See video at 2:36:53.

Supervisor Morask stated that at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of the officers, the current Board is required to pass a Resolution to establish compensations for the newly elected officials in April 2021. The spreadsheet of the proposed compensations was sent and Supervisor Morask suggested keeping the same compensations due to they were reduced significantly in 2017.

Also, Trustee Sweeney presented her data collection of various surrounding Cook County township elected official salaries that included Niles, Elk Grove, Palatine, Northfield, Norwood Park, New Trier and Schaumburg. See attached.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to keep the same compensations for the newly elected in April 2021 Election Maine Township officials.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion.

Trustee Sweeney Amended motion to propose compensations such as: Supervisor \$30,000, Assessor \$25,000, Highway Commissioner \$35,000, Clerk \$20,000, Trustees \$5,000 with additional explanation, that there won't be township contribution for the Elected Officials who choose to participate in health insurance.

Discussion.

This Motion failed for lack of a second.

Trustee McKenzie Motion to table the original motion to the next 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 No

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports
All the Officials' Reports were waived at this time.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
None.

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 9:48 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk

Nearby Township	Supervisor	Assessor	Highway Cmr.	Clerk	Trustee
Niles (Source: BGA Website: Niles Township website (2018-2019))	36,120	32,420	--	32,420	9,267
Elk Grove (Source: Elk Grove Twp. Website Ordinance)	24,000	33,747	15,000	15,000	125 per meeting
Wheeling (Source: Wheeling Twp Website)	38,895	26,700	--	18,533	4,444
Palatine (Source: Han. Aaron Del Mar and resolution 07-20 proposed)	21,000	20,000	20,000	18,000	5,000
Northfield (Source: Home - Northfield Township Office)	41,138	23,525	63,328	18,218	90/mtg
Norwood Pk. (Source: BGA Website)	31,000	20,000	20,000	?	?
New Trier (source: newtriertownship.com)	15,000	12,000	--	12,000	4,000
Schaumburg (Source: BGA Website)	29,184	21,362	17,678	22,572	5,960
AVERAGE:	29,542	23,719	27,201	19,535	
Maine Township:	35,369	31,835	73,721	21,845	5,970

1 BGA data is marked 2017

2 OpentheBooks data is 2019