

Maine Township Board Meeting October 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. The Township Supervisor has 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:

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

Others in Attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Earl Wilson, Alicia Bailey, Roger Shubert and Wiesia Tytko

Clerk Gialamas announced that Supervisor Morask was not present. He called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Clerk Gialamas asked for a motion to select Acting Chairman.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to nominate Trustee McKenzie as Acting Chairman for the October 27, 2020 Board meeting.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2020 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Sweeney Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2020 Board Meeting

See video at 1:01:55.

Trustee Jones	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Board Meeting.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.

Trustee Sweeney commented that she would like the draft/not approved minutes and documents presented at the Board meeting to be put on our website. She stated that she would like the residents to review everything before and during Board meeting along with the Board members.

Discussion.

Trustee Carrabotta pointed out that the motion to adopt the Resolution 2020-3 is incorrect saying that the pay-out is changed from \$43,500 to \$22,000. He stated that it was said that the \$22,000 was adopted temporarily subject to presenting a second resolution for other \$21,500 along with an adjustment to the budget to allow it.

Discussion.

After discussion it was decided that the video of the aforementioned discussion on September 22nd be checked and it was decided that Trustee Carrabotta will present a new resolution at the November 5th Agency Funding Special Meeting.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to table approving the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Board Meeting to the November 5 th Agency Funding Special meeting.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2020 Agency Funding Special Meeting

Trustee Jones	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Agency Funding Special Meeting.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2020 Agency Funding Special Meeting

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 Agency Funding Special Meeting.
Trustee McKenzie	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Morask Absent
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee McKenzie Yes
Trustee Carrabotta Yes
Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Trustee McKenzie Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the
October 14, 2020 Special Board Meeting.
Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Sweeney noted that the attachments in these minutes were not included in the website's board packet.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Morask Absent
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee McKenzie Yes
Trustee Carrabotta Yes
Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 2, 2020 and October 16, 2020 and General Assistance checks #52973 through check #53036 in the amount of \$52,655.77.

Supervisor Carrabotta Motion to approve.
Trustee Jones Second

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Morask Absent
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee McKenzie Yes
Trustee Carrabotta Yes
Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 2, 2020 and October 16, 2020 and Road District checks #21537 through check #21573 in the amount of \$60,620.36.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.
Trustee McKenzie Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Morask Absent
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee McKenzie Yes
Trustee Carrabotta Yes
Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 2, 2020 and October 16, 2020 and General Town Fund checks #58061 through check #58152 in the amount of \$321,081.94.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business

See video at 1:23:26.

Trustee Sweeney questioned if the Board would agree putting minutes as a draft copy on the website and requested that any documents that are in the board packet or are presented at the board meeting be posted on our website.

Administrator Berman stated that normally we do not post documents that are not included in the Board distribution. She asked the Board if they agree to post the aforementioned documents on our website.

Discussion.

After discussion it was agreed that this issue will be added to the November 10th Special Meeting Agenda.

Trustee Sweeney added that all Maine Township policies should be posted on our website as well.

Trustee Sweeney and Trustee Carrabotta expressed their disappointment regarding a very short October 27th meeting agenda and not being able to discuss the Elected Officials Compensation Resolution at this meeting.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote of Public Participation Policy as Presented by Trustee Sweeney

See video at 1:30:24.

Trustee McKenzie stated that the Board has a current Rules for Public Participation at Board Meeting and Trustee Sweeney's proposed Rules for discussion.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to adopt a new Rules for Public Participation at Board Meeting as proposed by Trustee Sweeney.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Discussion.

Trustee Jones Motion to amend Trustee Sweeney's motion to keep the current Rules for Public Participation at Board Meeting and to move

Public Participation on agenda after Expenditures and before New Business.

Discussion.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to approve Trustee Sweeney's proposed Rules with the amendment in #3, striking asking the participant for their address.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Absent

Trustee Jones No

Trustee McKenzie No

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion failed.

Trustee Jones Motion to amend current Rules to move Public Participation before New Business.

Trustee Jones Motion to amend current Rules to add a paragraph regarding Public Participation and to be included in the agenda before New Business.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to amend current Rules to include Public Participation before New Business and Old Business.

Trustee McKenzie Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

For more detailed reports see video at 2:10:11.

Trustee Sweeney commented on Assessor Moylan Krey's Cook County Township Officials Salaries as presented in her report.

Trustee Jones congratulated Senior Department on the September 26th Autumn Social featuring the Paloma Band. She stated that it was a beautiful event that made many seniors happy. Trustee Jones added that many local business donated pumpkins, haystacks, corn stalks and mums, which made this event very pretty. She added that all the departments do a great job and wished everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Trustee Carrabotta thanked everyone in the Township who has been working together as we continue dealing with the ramifications of the pandemic and government's decisions. He attended the Crop Hunger Walk in Park Ridge and Niles, which was broken up by parish. Trustee Carrabotta stated that people need to see this kind of positivity and reminded everyone that parishes and the Maine Township Board are always there for residents.

Assessor Moylan Krey reported that in the last three months, the Assessor's office saw an increase in residents served by 14%. The services included phone calls and actual visits. She noted that last year her Assessor's office helped give back \$900,000 to the residents who applied for a Certificate of Error.

Assessor Moylan Krey responded to Trustee Sweeney statement regarding Elected Officials salaries.

Clerk Gialamas reported that his office receives a lot of questions regarding early voting, voting by mail and polling places. He added that the Early Voting numbers are off the charts. He encouraged people to vote and said that he is looking forward to Election Day and the results.

Trustee Carrabotta thanked Trustee McKenzie for running a very professional meeting.

Trustee Sweeney acknowledged Donna Adam's Clean Up-Give Back organization that has done an amazing job in the Maine Township community. She stated that volunteers in this organization grow, participate and really take pride in the neighborhood. Trustee Sweeny remind everyone that Donna Adam was recognized with the Governor's award.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.
All in favor.	
Motion carried on a voice vote.	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk