

Maine Township Special Board Meeting November 10, 2020

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

Others in Attendance: Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Richard Lyon, Doriene Prorak, Earl Wilson, and Wiesia Tytko

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Township Board Meeting of the Maine Township Board, Cook County, Illinois will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in accordance with Section 80-10(b) of the Illinois Township Code, 60 ILCS 1/80-10(b). Said meeting has been called by Township Supervisor Laura Morask. 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. 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/89887514259>. To obtain password to connect to this meeting, please contact Richard Lyon at 224-257-4869 prior to 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2020; the date of the meeting. The meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation  
None.

Agenda Item: Continuing Discussions and Vote on Elected Officials Compensation for Next Four-Year Term

See video at 3:40.

Supervisor Morask asked for discussion on approving Elected Officials compensation for the next four-year term and added that this subject was tabled numerous times.

Supervisor Morask      Motion to pass Resolution 2020-7, Compensation of Town Officers as presented but with a few amendments such as: 1) to strike the paragraph 3 regarding IMRF, and

Short discussion regarding IMRF matter.

Trustee Jones      2) to be entitled to participate in the health insurance program and increasing the contribution to the premium payment from 15% to 25%.  
Second.

Discussion.

After lengthy discussion on proposed salaries, IMRF, health insurance premium, dental insurance and additional comments and suggestion from Attorney Asprooth regarding ending term for EO's, the Board agreed to make changes to the proposed by Supervisor Morask Resolution 2020-7 as following:

- 1) Yearly Salary: Supervisor - \$30,000, Road District Treasurer - \$1,000, Clerk - \$21,000, Highway Commissioner - \$50,000, Assessor - \$23,000 and Trustees - \$5,700.
- 2) IMRF – Maine Township Elected Officials shall not participate in the IMRF.
- 3) Besides the premium payment of 10% for Health Insurance the Elected Officials shall pay into the Township General Town Fund an additional 25%.
- 4) Modify paragraph 3, to include that EO's can participate in the Township dental program with contributions at the same rate as full-time employees.
- 5) Deletion of term ending date for the Elected Officials.

Mr. Earl Wilson, Maine Township residents congratulated the Maine Township Board on their agreement and conclusion.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to adopt the Resolution 2020-7 with the friendly amendments.
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.

Trustee Sweeney asked that her typed comments be attached to the minutes. (See attached)

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones	Motion to adjourn.
Supervisor Morask	Second.

All in favor.  
Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk

Trustee Sweeney's Comments on Supervisor Morask's proposed Elected Official's Compensation 11/10/20

1. This resolution keeps elected officials salaries identical to what they were from 2017-2021. The salaries are higher than the average of the 12 neighboring townships in Cook County. The health care plan is significantly more expensive than what I presented in my resolution in the board packet and there is no mention of the ineligibility of the IMRF pension.
2. The 12 neighboring townships surrounding us, as presented by administrator Dayna, average salaries that are significantly below what Supervisor Morask has presented in her chart that includes many salaries that are outliers and very distant from our township. I. E. Some of the Townships are outliers paying up to 6 times more. That is why I proposed a resolution to reduce salaries.
3. Included in this resolution is health care coverage for elected officials. For example, for an elected official on a family health care plan the premium cost is approximately \$36,000., Under this current plan an elected official pays 10% of the premium, plus another 15% to participate in the plan. That 25% of \$36,000 is a \$9,000. The township would then be responsible for the \$27,000 on behalf of that elected official. That is why I proposed a resolution to offer participation in the health care plan without the Township contributing to the plan.
4. My alternate resolution codifies our board vote not to pay IMRF pensions to elected officials. As you may recall, our board voted not to certify elected officials for the IMRF pension in the past.