

Maine Township Board Meeting November 24, 2020

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

Others in Attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Marie Dachniwsky, Alberta Lucchesi, Beth Penesis, Earl Wilson, Alicia Bailey, Roger Shubert, Karen Dimond and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: ITASCSC Volunteer of the Year Award for 2020 Alberta Lucchesi

See video at 51:34.

Supervisor Morask stated that one of the members of the MaineStreamers, Alberta Lucchesi, was awarded the Senior Volunteer of the Year Award from ITASCSC, Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committees.

Supervisor Morask stated that with this challenging year, Ms. Lucchesi dedicated herself to helping and guiding others who have never owned a smart phone, laptop or computer so that they could learn how to connect and participate in MaineStreamers' virtual programs.

MaineStreamers Director, Marie Dachniwsky, stated that Ms. Lucchesi helped MaineStreamers members navigate Zoom with her grace and patience.

Alberta Lucchesi stated that MaineStreamers group and their programs are very much appreciated and she is happy to be a part of this group and she is happy to help anytime.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2020 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Bill Pay Review.
Trustee Jones	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.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2020 Board Meeting

Trustee Sweeney Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the  
October 27, 2020 Board Meeting.  
Trustee McKenzie 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.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2020 Agency Funding Special Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the  
November 5, 2020 Agency Funding Special Meeting.  
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 November 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Trustee McKenzie Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the  
November 10, 2020 Special 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: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 30, 2020 and November 13, 2020 and General Assistance checks #53037  
through check #53089 in the amount of \$43,679.63.

Supervisor Sweeney Motion to approve.  
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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 30, 2020 and November 13, 2020 and Road District checks #21574 through check #21620 in the amount of \$435,242.13.

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 October 30, 2020 and November 13, 2020 and General Town Fund checks #58153 through check #58243 in the amount of \$327,053.13.

Trustee Carrabotta 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: Public Participation

See video at 1:02:46.

Beth Penesis, Aqua Illinois Northern Area Manager, discussed the Aqua Aid Assistance Program.

See video at 1:04:41.

Roger Shubert, Park Ridge Alderman, commented on the Agenda Item: Discussion and Vote on posting of unapproved minutes on website as proposed by Trustee Sweeney.

Supervisor Morask thanked both participants for their presentation and comments and she extended the Township's gratitude to Ms. Penesis for her recent food contribution.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on posting of unapproved minutes on website as proposed by Trustee Sweeney

See video at 1:06:20.

Trustee Sweeney stated that for more transparency, she proposed providing the public with the draft, unapproved minutes on the website before the Board meeting.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to post the draft minutes on the Maine Township website.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Discussion.

After lengthy discussion and comments the vote was taken.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	No
Trustee Jones	No
Trustee McKenzie	No (Trustee McKenzie's explanation see video at 1:30:23)
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion failed.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on estimated General Town Fund/General Assistance Tax Levy Ordinance 2020-3

See video at 1:31:38.

Supervisor Morask stated that by December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees has to determine the estimated property Tax Levy for Town Fund/GA and Highway Department to comply with the Truth in Taxation law.

Administrator Berman stated that the proposed draft of the 2020 Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance was included in the board distribution. She added that the levy enclosed has a \$537,922.00 decrease in Town Fund and a \$206,822.00 decrease in General Assistance for a total decrease of \$744,744.00 from the 2019 levy on file. She suggested using these numbers as the estimated 2020 Tax Levy.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to adopt the estimated 2020 Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance Fund as presented in Ordinance 2020-3 in the total amount of \$3,255,049.00.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion.

Trustee Sweeney	Motion to amend adopting the estimated 2020 Tax Levy, with an additional 15% reduction in Town Fund Levy based on Ordinance 2019-5, and not to levy General Assistance Fund.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Discussion.

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

Supervisor Morask	No
Trustee Jones	No
Trustee McKenzie	No (Trustee McKenzie's explanation see video at 2:14:39)
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion failed.

Supervisor Morask'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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on estimated Road & Bridge Tax Levy Ordinance 2020-RB-2

See video at 2:15:48.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that Road District proposed estimated 2020 Tax Levy with 0% increase was included in the Board distribution. He explained the purpose on all the necessary tax levy requests.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to adopt the estimated 2020 Tax Levy for Road District Fund as 2019 actual Tax Levy in the total amount of 2,605,553.00.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to amend adopting the estimated 2020 Tax Levy for Road District Fund as 2019 actual Tax Levy in the total amount of 2,605,553.00 with deleting Section 4 on page 3.
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  
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business  
None.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

For more detailed reports see video at 2:38:39.

Clerk Gialamas wished everyone happy Thanksgiving adding that hopefully it will be enjoyed with the loved ones.

Trustee Sweeney also wished everyone happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Sweeney stated that she enjoyed her limited participation in Township Officials of Illinois virtual conference. The conference had many useful information and presentations, which can be access with provided links by TOI. She added that it is also available to the public. Trustee Sweeney stated that Attorney Krafthefer's presentation was very informative. Trustee Sweeney questioned the issue of holding an Annual Town Meeting this year.

Trustee Carrabotta stated that the virtual TOI Conference was very well done, so well structured, the time was very efficient and the two presentations by Attorney Krafthefer were excellent. He added that information regarding the Annual Town Meeting said that not only should it be done but it's also best practice to get it done, which is a challenge this year.

Trustee Carrabotta wished everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

Trustee McKenzie shared best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving, which should be celebrated in compliance with rules and regulations with respect to family gatherings.

Trustee Jones echoed the same sentiments about meeting with family on Thanksgiving. She asked everybody to focus on the thing that we are grateful and thankful for because it has been a rough year. She wished everyone a healthy and happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Morask congratulated the Township Board for being very efficient with respect to approving all the minutes from recent meetings. She reminded the Board of Trustees that December 4<sup>th</sup> is the due day for submitting the numbers for Agency Funding allocations.

Supervisor Morask congratulated Marty Cook and Recovery Connection for being awarded the 2020 “Making a Difference Award” from the American Respiratory Association for their courage to quit smoking program where members of recovery connection met with staff from the Respiratory Association and used peer support to quit tobacco.

Supervisor Morask thanked all township staff, especially Doriene Prorak, Dayna Berman, Vicki Rizzo and Attorney Krafthefer for seamlessly transit us when necessary due to Covid-19. She stated that everyone did a great job, working remotely, organizing deep cleaning and being understandable. She added that LIHEAP was done remotely as well. Supervisor Morask thanked Carol Langan for distributing turkey and turkey dinners for 200 Maine Township families.

Supervisor Morask wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and should be spent with respecting restrictions. She thanked public participants saying that it is nice to see this level of involvement in our Township.

Agenda Item: Closed Session  
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk