

Maine Township Board Meeting December 22, 2020

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Board Members Present and other Elected Officials: Supervisor Morask, 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, Ron Wolflick, Earl Wilson, Alicia Bailey, Roger Shubert, Karen Dimond, Smitesh Shah, Robert Hoban, Michael Samaan, Jim Stinson 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: Presentation of Check to Honor Flight Chicago

See video at 51:21.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he is proud to present a check for \$1,000 to Honor Flight Chicago. Clerk Gialamas noted that the previous Clerk, Gary K. Warner, started this donation which is paid from the revenue from passport processing fees.

Ron Wolflick, Honor Flight Chicago representative extended his thanks and appreciation to the Maine Township Board for such a wonderful donation. He added that this year the flights to Washington D.C. are cancelled but 2,444 veterans are waiting for flights to resume and to be able to partake in their special day.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 24, 2020 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Sweeney Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 Bill Pay Review.

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 Minutes of November 24, 2020 Board Meeting

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 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: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 27, 2020 and December 11, 2020 and General Assistance checks #53090 through check #53146 in the amount of \$52,228.42.

Supervisor 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: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 27, 2020 and December 11, 2020 and Road District checks #21621 through check #21660 in the amount of \$80,626.42.

Trustee 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 General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 27, 2020 and December 11, 2020 and General Town Fund checks #58244 through check #58315 in the amount of \$305,463.52.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve.

Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Jones voted Yes with the objection of paying \$2,538.76, check #58273, payable to Charlene Foss-Eggemann, for reimbursable caucus expenses saying that this amount was unreasonable.

Discussion regarding Trustee Jones's objection. See video at 1:03:30.

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 1:17:00.

Earl Wilson, Des Plaines resident informed everyone that he is running for the Maine Township Supervisor in the April 2021 Consolidated Election. He commented on township's services and thanked everyone on the Board for job well done for the Township.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote for Electrical Work for Flood Control/Capital Fund

See video at 1:19:28.

Michael Samaan, Director of Maintenance, stated that the proposal for the electrical work to be done on the exterior flood control was included in the board packet. He added that currently we have two non-working GFCI circuits that power our ejector pumps. Michael Samaan stated that he reached out to other companies but was recommending hiring Lotus Electrical Contractors with the estimated price for this project of \$3,000.00, which will be taken out of the Capital Fund.

Supervisor Morask Motion to approve the Proposal/Contract from Lotus Electrical Contractors with the estimated sum of \$3,000.00.  
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: Public Participation  
None.

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

See video at 1:24:02.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak presented Road & Bridge Tax Levy Ordinance 2020-RB-2 stating that the proposed Tax Levy is identical to 2018 and 2019 Levies.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak informed the Board that Section 4 on page 3 that was deleted on the estimated 2020 Tax Levy is put back.

Attorney Robert Hoban explained the purpose of Road and Bridge Tax Levy and added that the language that was taken out in the estimated levy has to be there pursuant to the Township Code.

Supervisor Morask Motion to adopt the 2020 Tax Levy for Road District Fund, Ordinance 2020-RB-2 as presented by Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak with the total amount of 2,605,553.00.  
Trustee Jones Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

See video at 2:18:32 with Trustee McKenzie comments  
And Attorney Hoban and Attorney Krafthefer's  
additional comments.

Motion carried.

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

See video at 2:36:36.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to adopt the 2020 Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance Fund as presented in Ordinance 2020-3, with 15% reduction in Town Fund and 50% reduction in General Assistance Fund with the total amount of \$3,255,049.00.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion and comments from General Assistance Director, Austin Kelso.

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: Old Business, Request for Discussion of IMRF Appeal Results/Mary E. Dickson Appearing by Zoom as Requested by Trustees Sweeney and Carrabotta

See video at 3:05:30.

Attorney Mary E. Dickson stated that IMRF had ruled that the Assessor had been terminated from IMRF since August 2017 as a result of the Township Board's failure to recertify the Assessor's position as being IMRF qualified. She added that the Assessor appealed the decision in the Circuit Court through the Administrative Review process. Attorney Dickson explained the status on this case, stating that Township Board can continue the fight and appeal. A decision also has to be made on whether to go forward on the other pending case.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to not go forward on appeal but go forward on the pending case.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to amend the previous motion to not go forward on anything.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Supervisor Morask's amended motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes

Trustee McKenzie No  
Trustee Carrabotta No  
Trustee Sweeney No  
Motion failed.

Discussion on the Trustee Carrabotta's motion.

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

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

For comments from all voting members see video at 3:48:44.  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Supervisor Morask proposed waiving the Officials' reports.

Supervisor Morask Motion to waive the Officials' reports.  
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: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Sweeney Motion to adjourn.  
Trustee Carrabotta Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk