

Maine Township Board Meeting January 26, 2021

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

Others in Attendance: Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Donna Adam, Tish Powell, Earl Wilson, Alicia Bailey, Roger Shubert, Karen Dimond and Wiesia Tytko

Clerk Gialamas announced that Supervisor Morask was not present. He called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Clerk Gialamas asked for a motion to select Acting Chairman.

Trustee Jones Motion to nominate Trustee McKenzie as Acting Chairman for the January 26, 2021 Board 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 December 22, 2020 Bill Pay Review

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

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 December 22, 2020 Board Meeting

Trustee Sweeney Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 22, 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 General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 24, 2020, January 8, 2021 and January 22, 2021 and General Assistance checks #53147 through check #53202 in the amount of \$60,386.91.

Supervisor Sweeney Motion to approve.

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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 24, 2020, January 8, 2021 and January 22, 2021 and Road District checks #21661 through check #21697 in the amount of \$252,291.06.

Trustee 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 General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 24, 2020, January 8, 2021 and January 22, 2021 and General Town Fund checks #58316 through check #58377 in the amount of \$326,337.32.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

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: Public Participation

See video at 1:00:00.

Earl Wilson, Des Plaines resident commented on Republic and other Garbage Hauler services.

Assessor Moylan Krey also commented on said haulers and noted that City of Des Plaines uses Lake Shore Recycling company and offered to submit information regarding this vendor.

Agenda Item: New Business, Republic Services Proposal/Tish Powell Presentation

See video at 1:04:00.

Administrator Berman introduced Tish Powell, Manager for Municipal Sales at Republic Services and asked for explanation for a temporary contract solution until this Board or the next Board make a decision that would affect the community's waste hauler.

Tish Powell made a presentation on a residential refuse, recycling and yard waste contract extension from Republic Services. For a short-term contract, Republic Services are offering a six-month contract with a 4% rate adjustment.

Donna Adam from Clean Up-Give Back organization also commented on the Republic services.

After long presentation, questions and comments and reviewing several options for garbage services for unincorporated Maine Township, the Board decided to start a RFP process and leave the final decision for the next Board. The Board accepted the six-month extension contract from Republic Services, which will start on April 1, 2021 and will expire on September 30, 2021.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote to Determine Agency Funding Contracts

See video at 1:59:46.

Trustee McKenzie asked for a discussion and vote to determine the 2021-2022 Agency Funding allocations. She suggested to use the Board Average from the 2021-2022 Agency Funding Recommendations spreadsheet for the Agency Funding contracts.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to accept the 2021-2022 Agency Funding allocations as indicated by the Board Average with the total amount of \$440,025.00.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to accept the 2021-2022 Agency Funding allocations as identified for each Agency on the 2021-2022 Agency Funding spreadsheet and as indicated by the Board Average with the total amount of \$440,025.00.

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: New Business, Approval of Resolution 2021-1 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings

See video at 2:02:22.

Trustee McKenzie asked for an approval of Resolution 2021-1, Schedule of Regular Board Meetings as presented.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve the Resolution 2021-1, Schedule of Regular Board Meetings as presented.
Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Sweeney asked to reschedule the Board meeting on March 23, 2021.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to approve the Resolution 2021-1 with rescheduling a March 23, 2021 to March 30, 2021 Board 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: New Business, Discussion and Vote to Enhance Website with Links to Resources, Programs and Services as Requested by Trustee Sweeney

See video at 2:07:13.

Trustee Sweeney proposed to develop a more efficient Maine Township website by enhancing said website with links and applications for programs, services and resources.

Discussion.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to enhance Maine Township website with links to resources, programs and services.
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: New Business, Discussion and Vote to Abate Property Taxes as Requested by Trustee Sweeney

See video at 2:19:39.

Trustee Sweeney suggested abating a portion of the Tax Levies for Maine Township adopted on December 22, 2020. She presented the Board with a draft spreadsheet for 2021 Abatement. See attached. Attorney Asprooth stated that the Cook County deadline for any abatement ordinances is April 1, 2021.

Discussion.

After comments and discussion, it was agreed to include the abatement proposal, discussion and vote in the next Board meeting agenda.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 2:33:57.

Roger Shubert, Park Ridge resident commented on garbage haulers and tax abatement.

Trustee Jones pointed out that the Board approved the reimbursement, which she was against to, for the Republican Caucus expenses. It was paid by the Township with taxpayers money. She requested that Republican Party Committeeman, Char Foss Eggemann, pays back the money to the Township since the Electoral Board determined that the Republican Caucus was held outside the Maine Township boundaries.

Trustee Sweeney stated that this case is not over because the Republican Party is going to appeal this decision in the Circuit Court.

Trustee McKenzie stated that this item should not be discussed since it was not on the January Agenda. She suggested Trustee Jones brings it to the next Board meeting after more research is done.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
None.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports
See video at 2:43:07.

Trustee Sweeney read her report and asked to be part of the record.

Trustee McKenzie stated that Trustee Sweeney's report is not an Official's Report and some of it is inappropriate to be included in the minutes.

Discussion.

Trustee Carrabotta thanked Trustee McKenzie for chairing a very well done and professional meeting. He thanked everyone for their participation.

Trustee Carrabotta mentioned Covid-19 restrictions and added that the Township, Schools and the Churches are open and he offered that residents reach out to those places and especially to the Township because we are here to help.

Trustee Jones thanked Trustee McKenzie for chairing this meeting.

Trustee McKenzie thanked everyone for their cooperation.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 2:42:55.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to adjourn.

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.

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

Maine Township Clerk

