

Maine Township Board Meeting March 30, 2021

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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: is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86418784581>. To obtain password to connect to this meeting, please call Richard Lyon at 224-257-4869 prior to 6:00 p.m. on March 30, 2021. The meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

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

Others in Attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Steven Yasell, Earl Wilson, Alicia Bailey, Roger Shubert, Karen Dimond, Michael Samaan, Jim Stinson, James Maher, Julie Fregetto, Marty McAlpin 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: Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2021 Bill Pay Review

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| Trustee Sweeney                        | Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 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 February 23, 2021 Board Meeting  
See video at 1:06:18.

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| Trustee Jones    | Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board Meeting. |
| Trustee McKenzie | Second.   |

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| Trustee Sweeney | Motion to approve amendments on page 1, of the February 23, 2021 Board meeting as proposed by Trustee Sweeney. See video at 1:03:34. |
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Trustee Carrabotta      Second.  
Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed.

Trustee Sweeney      Motion to approve amendments on page 2, of the February 23, 2021 Board meeting as proposed by Trustee Sweeney. See video at 1:13:01.

Trustee Carrabotta      Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed.

Trustee Sweeney      Motion to approve amendments on page 8, of the February 23, 2021 Board meeting as proposed by Trustee Sweeney. See video at 1:14:15.

Trustee Carrabotta      Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed.

Trustee Carrabotta asked for a vote on the original motion “to waive the reading an approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board Meeting as presented”. Motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee McKenzie.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Special Board Meeting.  
Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Sweeney Motion to approve amendments on page 2, of the March 11, 2021 Special Board meeting as proposed by Trustee Sweeney. See video at 1:16:49.  
Trustee Carrabotta Second.

After discussion, Clerk Gialamas stated that he won't object to proposed corrections.

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.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 Special Board Meeting with the amendments.  
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 March 15, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Special Board Meeting.  
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 General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 5, 2021 and March 19, 2021 and General Assistance checks #53254 through check #53310 in the amount of \$50,902.89.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve.  
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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 5, 2021 and March 19, 2021 and Road District checks #21735 through check #21778 in the amount of \$91,392.99.

Supervisor Morask Motion to approve payrolls dated March 5, 2021 and March 19, 2021 and Road District checks #21735 through check #21778 in the amount of \$91,392.99, with approval of issuing new checks for Personal Property Replacement Tax to the municipalities discussed in the Bill Pay Review 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 Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 5, 2021 and March 19, 2021 and General Town Fund checks #58454 through check #58523 in the amount of \$287,513.96.

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 Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Personnel

Supervisor Morask stated that MaineStay has been unsuccessfully searching for a therapist.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval and Discussion for Building Roof Repair due to Leakage  
See video at 1:33:38.

Supervisor Morask Motion for approval of building roof repair due to leakage.

Trustee Carrabotta Second.

Mike Samaan, Director of Maintenance stated that the proposal from Waukegan Roofing, Inc. was included in the board packet. The estimate is to repair the roof and find the leak that is damaging the wood on the underside and rotting it away in the back of the courtyard on the northeast side. Mike Samaan stated that he received a few estimates from three companies and he is recommending to hire Waukegan Roofing, Inc. for this job with the estimate amount of \$6,000.00.

Short discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Presentation of Food Pantry Check Donation from L.E.S. Organization  
See video at 1:39:05.

Administrator Berman presented a check for \$465.00 to our Food Pantry from L.E.S., which stands for Live Every Second. L.E.S. is a non-for-profit organization in Niles and these funds were collected during their annual fundraiser.

Administrator Berman stated that Maine Township appreciates this generous donation.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Postponing Annual Town Meeting

See video at 1:41:53.

Supervisor Morask stated that in her opinion, the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> should be postponed to a later date due to the pandemic and the Governor's disaster declaration which is still effective.

Discussion.

After lengthy discussion and Clerk Gialamas and Attorney Krafthefer's opinions the Board decided to hold the Annual Town Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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| Trustee Carrabotta | Motion to set and hold the Maine Township Annual Town Meeting on April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. |
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| Trustee Sweeney | Second. |
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote for Property Tax Abatement

See video at 2:12:58.

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| Trustee Carrabotta | Motion to adopt the Ordinance 2021-1-B, An Ordinance abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied in December 2020 for township and general assistance purpose of Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois. |
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| Trustee Sweeney | Second. |
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Trustee Sweeney read out loud the Ordinance 2021-1-B.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion failed.

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| Trustee Carrabotta | Motion to adopt the Ordinance 2021-1-A, An Ordinance abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied December 2020 for township and general assistance purpose of Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois. |
| Trustee Sweeney    | Second.   |

Discussion.

Trustee Carrabotta withdrew his motion.

Trustee McKenzie asked for ratification of the first motion.

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| Trustee McKenzie   | Motion to reconsider the vote for adopting the Ordinance 2021-1-B, An Ordinance abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied December 2020 for township and general assistance purpose of Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois. |
| Trustee Carrabotta | Second.  |

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Closed Session  
None.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Trustee Sweeney acknowledged and thanked MaineStay Director, Richard Lyon, for implementing credit cards payments and for being in compliance with HIPPA.

Trustee Carrabotta thanked Sarah Taylor, the Chair of the Mock Trial Subcommittee and the Law Related Education for the Public Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association for promoting students' interest in our justice system. He added that the 2021 ISBA High School Mock Trial Invitational was a was held March 12-14. Trustee Carrabotta stated that he was one of the judges for the mock trials where 46 High Schools competed.

Trustee Carrabotta thanked all the people in the Township who have been supporting each other through this covid situation.

Assessor Moylan Krey voiced her opinion on the disappointment on the abatement.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that her office is very busy working on exemptions and updating their files and programs.

Trustee McKenzie stated that the board listened, discussed and evaluated all the options with the respect to the property tax levy. She added that our Township has a major amount of surplus in every fund and after all the calculations, the Board is not hurting the Township with the new adopted abatement.

Supervisor Morask stated that our Township, and especially Vicki Rizzo, is trying to make our Township a vaccination center. It will be a very centralized location for not only five municipalities but also for the unincorporated areas residents and seniors.

Supervisor Morask reported that we had a plumbing emergency at the Township and staff worked from home for a day. Township staff can seamlessly move from working at the Township to working remotely in a matter of minutes.

Supervisor Morask stated that our Food Pantry is still going strong with distribution of about 600 boxes a month. She commended Keli Stonitsch for organizing and helping in the Food Pantry and garage.

Supervisor Morask noted that the Mainely News is going to the press this week and the General Assistance Department has done a wonderful job participating in CEDA's Round Table meeting.

Supervisor Morask pointed out that she has been working for Maine Township since 2001 and she is a great believer of the Township being the closest government to the people. She added that it's been her great pleasure to know all of the Maine Township Board members.

Supervisor Morask thanked all of the people who contribute to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 2:30:44.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Sweeney Motion to adjourn.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk