

Maine Township Board Meeting May 25, 2021

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Board Members Present and other Elected Officials: Supervisor Dimond, Trustees: Jones, Horvath, Maher, Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Moylan Krey and Highway Commissioner Beauvais

Others in Attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Keli Stonitsch, Richard Lyon, Doriene Prorak, Elizabeth Coy, Carol Langan, John Bennett, Marie Dachniwsky, Nader Ghazaleh, Michael Samaan, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Catherine Sbarra, Michael Flood, Michael Walters, Bill Darr, Mary Dickson, Yousri Daud, Alex Barton and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Supervisor Dimond informed the Board that Trustee Malik is absent due to previous commitment.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of March 30, 2021 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 30, 2021 Board Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2021 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2021 General Town & General Assistance Fund Budget Hearing

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 General Town & General Assistance Fund Budget Hearing.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2021 Road District Budget Hearing

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of April 27, 2021 Road District Budget Hearing.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2021 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Board Meeting.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 30, 2021 and May 14, 2021 and General Assistance checks #53360 through check #53405 in the amount of \$43,979.15.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

Trustee Horvath Second

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 30, 2021 and May 14, 2021 and Road District checks #21819 through check #21859 in the amount of \$74,586.26.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.  
Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes  
Trustee Jones Yes  
Trustee Horvath Yes  
Trustee Maher Yes  
Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 30, 2021 and May 14, 2021 and General Town Fund checks #58589 through check #58648 in the amount of \$301,385.70.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.  
Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes  
Trustee Jones Yes  
Trustee Horvath Yes  
Trustee Maher Yes  
Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Discussion and Vote – Clerk Full-Time Position

See video at 7:28.

Clerk Gialamas stated that Eva Magnowski has been working in his office as a part-time deputy clerk since March 1, 2021. Eva has been a great employee and a good addition to the Clerk's office. Clerk Gialamas stated that he would like to move Eva from part-time to a full-time position with hourly rate of \$15.00 plus benefits.

Trustee Jones Motion to move Eva Magnowski from a part-time to full-time Deputy Clerk position with the hourly rate of \$15.00 with all benefits, starting June 1, 2021.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes  
Trustee Jones Yes  
Trustee Horvath Yes  
Trustee Maher Yes  
Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 10:30.

Michael Flood, from Flood Brothers Disposal Co. stated that they are one of the companies that submitted a proposal. He gave a short presentation in regards to the solid waste and recycling services and stated that he was open for questions.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

See video at 12:29.

Administrator Berman stated that tonight was a very momentous evening as it was the first official Board meeting with the new administration. She welcomed the newly Elected Officials and the incumbents. Administrator Berman introduced Maine Township's leadership staff who run the day-to-day operations. Also, she stated that Maine Township is a wonderful organization that serves the community in so many different ways such as: Food Pantry, Mentoring, MaineStreamer Newcomers and Senior Advisory Council.

Agenda Item: New Business, Presentation by Catherine Sbarra/National Group Health Alliance Regarding Health Insurance Renewal Rates – Vote & Discussion

See video at 16:22.

Catherine Sbarra, insurance broker from National Group Health Alliance LLC gave a presentation regarding benefits renewal for the Maine Township 2021 medical, dental, life and vision insurance. Ms. Sbarra's recommendations for medical were to stay with BlueCross BlueShield for the -4.40% decrease to keep Grandfathered plan. Dental and Life were moved to Principal Life Insurance Co., and Vision with VSP is fixed until June 30, 2022.

Trustee Jones	Motion to renew the health insurance for Maine Township as recommended by Catherine Sbarra.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote to Allow all Elected Officials to Sit at the Dais During Board Meetings

See video at 25:44.

Supervisor Dimond presented a Resolution 2021-5.

Trustee Jones	Motion to adopt the Resolution 2021-5, Resolution Authorizing the Highway Commissioner and the Assessor to Resume Their Positions on the Dais.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Notice of Appointment of Authorized IMRF Agent

See video at 27:25.

Supervisor Dimond stated that former IMRF agent is no longer with the Township. Supervisor Dimond pointed out that this position needs to be filled immediately and she presented a Resolution 2021-6 for approval.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adopt the Resolution 2021-6, Resolution Appointing the Maine Township IMRF Agent and appoint Supervisor Dimond to serve as the Maine Township Authorized IMRF Agent.
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Trustee Jones                      Second.  
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:  
Supervisor Dimond            Yes  
Trustee Jones                    Yes  
Trustee Horvath                Yes  
Trustee Maher                  Yes  
Trustee Malik                  Absent  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item:   New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote – Waste Hauler Proposal Consideration for Unincorporated Area

See video at 28:13.

Administrator Berman stated that the Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services was published in the Des Plaines Journal and posted on our website on February 17, 2021 with the return due date of March 16<sup>th</sup>. We received proposals from Republic Services, Flood Brothers Disposal and Lakeshore Recycling Systems which were included in the Board distribution.

Administrator Berman stated that the Maine Township Unincorporated area currently is contracted with Republic Services with the expiration date of September 30, 2021.

Discussion.

Tish Powell, Manager for Municipal Sales at Republic Services stated that Republic Services was pleased to submit the proposal to Maine Township and it is a trusted service provider since 2008.

Bill Kenney, Municipal Manager for Lakeshore Recycling Systems was joining this meeting via Zoom and stated that he is open for questions.

After discussion, Supervisor Dimond suggested putting this matter on the June agenda for more discussion.

Trustee Jones                      Motion to table discussion and voting on Waste Hauler Proposal Consideration for the Unincorporated areas until the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.  
Trustee Maher                    Second.  
All in favor.  
Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item:   New Business, Adoption of Policy Regarding Optional Masks

See video at 38:06.

Supervisor Dimond stated that Attorney Krafthefer submitted Maine Township Covid-19 Mask Policy for Board consideration.

Attorney Krafthefer explained the proposed policy.

Trustee Horvath                Motion do discuss and adopt the Maine Township Covid-19 Mask Policy, Undated May 18, 2021 as proposed.  
Trustee Jones                  Second.

Discussion, questions and opinions from Maine Township employees.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:  
Supervisor Dimond            Yes  
Trustee Jones                  Yes  
Trustee Horvath                Yes  
Trustee Maher                  Yes  
Trustee Malik                  Absent  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Having 2021 National Night Out Against Crime  
See video at 46:59.

Clerk Gialamas stated that due to Covid-19, last year's National Night Out Against Crime was cancelled. Clerk Gialamas was a NNO Chairman for the last 6 years. He stated that it takes a lot of work and organization to coordinate this event. The NNO event concerns volunteers, Maine Township staff, Maine Township Elected Officials, the Cook County Sheriff's Police, Golf Maine Park District and the North Maine Fire Department.

Clerk Gialamas asked for Board opinion and decision if this year's NNO should be canceled or maybe postponed to September or October.

Discussion.

After discussion was decided that the Board will make a decision at the June Board meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote – Cook County Hire Back Program (IGA)  
See video at 53:08.

Administrator Berman stated that the Hireback Agreement, dated June 13, 2021 as between the Cook County on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Maine Township was included in the Board distribution for review and consideration. She added that this agreement provides for one extra Duty Sheriff to patrol the unincorporated area of Maine Township five days a week from Wednesday through Sunday between hours of 8 a.m. to 1 pm. Administrator Berman pointed out that the Hireback program is in the Township for 40 plus years and it is beneficial for our residents.

Trustee Jones Motion to continue the Hireback Agreement dated June 13, 2021, between the County of Cook, on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Maine Township.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	No
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Appointment & Vote Ethics Ordinance: Ethics Advisor & Discussion of Three Member Appointees

See video at 1:00:04.

Supervisor Dimond stated that we need to appoint an Ethics Advisor and three members appointees. She stated that she has volunteered to be the advisor. Supervisor Dimond asked the Board to submit to her suggested names for the committee's three advisors.

Trustee Jones Motion to appoint Supervisor Dimond to serve as Ethics Advisor.  
Trustee Horvath Second.

Attorney Krafthefer stated that she would like to review our current Ethics Ordinance.

Supervisor Dimond asked to put this matter on June Board meeting agenda for continuation.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes

Trustee Malik                      Absent  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item:    New Business, Appointment & Vote: FOIA Officer Vacancy  
See video at 1:05:24.

Supervisor Dimond stated that Maine Township has three FOIA officers. With the new Board members there is a vacancy in this position. Supervisor Dimond suggested to be appointed as a FOIA officer to join Trustee Jones and Chief Deputy Clerk Tytko.

Trustee Horvath                      Motion to approve Supervisor Dimond to be appointed as FOIA officer.  
Trustee Maher                      Second.  
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:  
Supervisor Dimond                  Yes  
Trustee Jones                      Yes  
Trustee Horvath                      Yes  
Trustee Maher                      Yes  
Trustee Malik                      Absent  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item:    New Business, Rx Drug/Electronic Recycling Event  
See video at 1:06:37.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Rx Drug/Electronic Recycling program is sponsored by Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's office suggested we hold this event in the Maine Township parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. possibly on Saturday. Supervisor Dimond asked if anyone would like to be present at this event and asked to contact her with suggested dates.

Agenda Item:    Old Business  
None.

Agenda Item:    Officials' Reports  
See video at 1:12:58.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais expressed his thanks to the community that had faith and voted for him.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that in his opinion the recycling event will be a big hit for the residents and added that in the future he would like to add a recycling for tires and other similar items.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that he is working on annual projects with engineers. The Highway Department does the evaluations for street curbs and sidewalks. He added that his team has been cleaning their garage and they have been evaluating fleet vehicles and equipment. The branch pick-up is in full swing and his staff had installed warning and flashing lights on the S-Curve.

Trustee Horvath said that she was interested in possibly hanging a rainbow flag in the Township for the month of June.

Attorney Krafthefer commented that we may need a policy regarding this matter.

Trustee Jones thanked the residents for re-electing her. She added that she is looking forward to work with the new Board. She wished everyone safe Memorial Day weekend.

Supervisor Dimond thanked the voters of Maine Township for placing their trust in the newly Elected Officials and she hopes they live up to that honor that was bestowed upon them.

Agenda Item:    Closed Session, Discussion of Pending or Possible Litigation, Return to Open Session & Possible Vote on Closed Session Matters  
See video at 1:19:21.

Trustee Horvath                      Motion to go to the Closed Session pursuing Pending or Possible Litigation.  
Trustee Jones                      Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in Open Session at 10:16 p.m.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to re-convene in Open Session.
Trustee Maher	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

There was no action taken after the reopening in the open session.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk