

Maine Township Board Meeting September 28, 2021

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

Others in Attendance: Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Kelly Stonitsch, Richard Lyon, Doriene Prorak, Elizabeth Coy, Carol Langan, Marie Dachniwsky, Nader Ghazaleh, Michael Samaan, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Eva Magnowski, Aslam Usman, Dagmar Rutzen, Marty McAlpin, Robert Flinn, Michael Walters, Judy Fregetto, Dick Barton, Alex Barton, Rebecca Pancellare, Jack Macholl and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2021 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Abstain

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2021 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 24, 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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 3, 2021 and September 17, 2021 and General Assistance checks #53643 through check #53697 in the amount of \$49,824.93.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures
 Payrolls dated September 3, 2021 and September 17, 2021 and Road District checks #22031 through check #22075 in the amount of \$67,538.33.

Trustee Malik 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 Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
 Payrolls dated September 3, 2021 and September 17, 2021 and General Town Fund checks #58918 through check #59002 in the amount of \$298,605.82.

Trustee Maher 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 Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
 None.

Agenda Item: Department Head Report-Marty Cook & Nick Kanehl/Recovery Connection
 See video at 5:58.

Marty Cook, Recovery Connection Director, stated that since 2015, the Maine Township Recovery Connection has reached out to young adults who have drug and alcohol addiction. The Program supports young adults who want to stay sober by offering them social events that connect Participants with young sober people.

Mr. Cook added that every week they send a newsletter regarding the meetings and events. They also are connected on Facebook.

Trustee Jones commented that she was one of the Trustees to help implement this program and she is very proud of their success.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Discussion and Vote on HR Generalist Weekly Hour Increase
 See video at 12:51.

Administrator Berman asked the Board to increase weekly hours from 19 to 29 for Keli Stonitsch, HR Generalist. She stated that many duties and responsibilities fall under this position and the increase of hours will be beneficial for everyone.

Trustee Maher	Motion to increase hours to 29 per week for Keli Stonitsch, HR Generalist as recommended by Administrator Berman.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Assessor Moylan Krey and Clerk Gialamas commented that Ms. Stonitsch is always available, knowledgeable and very efficient.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Follow Up/Discussion on Kitchen Remodel Project

See video at 17:02.

Mike Samaan, Maintenance Director, stated that he received more quotes for the Kitchen Remodeling project. He reported that the lowest quote was \$18,500.00 and did not include cost of appliances. Mr. Samaan suggested to go for RFP.

Discussion.

Supervisor Dimond suggested to continue the matter for more discussion after receiving proposals from the recommended RFP.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to table the discussion regarding the Kitchen Remodel Project.
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	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on Municode Contract

See video at 23:47.

Attorney Asprooth stated that Municode sent the Agreement to be in effect for a period of three years with the automatic renewal from year to year provided that either party may cancel or change this agreement with sixty days written notice.

Attorney Asprooth stated that Municode creates a well-organized Code of Ordinances and he uses it on a regular basis for lots of his clients.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais pointed out that Municode is a good and very user-friendly program.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she was informed by Municode that the fee can be spread out and paid over two different years.

Discussion.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the 3-year contract between Municipal Code Corporation (Municode) and Maine Township.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion & Vote on Contract for Public Relations Consultant

See video at 29:26.

Administrator Berman stated that three proposals were submitted in response to the Public Relations & Marketing Consultant RFP that was published in the newspaper and on our website. She added that all three proposals were included in the Board distribution, they were evaluated and three candidates were interviewed.

1. Presentation by Dick Barton and Alex Barton, RLB Creative Marketing Group, Inc.
2. Presentation by Marty McAlpin & Robert Flinn
3. Presentation by Jack Macholl, Wisdom Bridge Marketing.

After each presentation, there were questions, answers and comments.

Supervisor Dimond gave the opportunity to the non-voting Elected Officials to express their opinions on this subject. She asked Trustees for their comments and determination on which company they choose.

After everyone expressed their opinions and due to a majority of the Board of Trustees preferred Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn proposal, Supervisor Dimond first entertained a motion to select Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn for the Maine Township Public Relations and Marketing Consultants.

Trustee Horvath Motion to select Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn for the Maine Township Public Relations and Marketing Consultants.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Abstain

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Employee Vaccine Mandate

See video at 2:06:35.

Supervisor Dimond stated that a draft Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccination Policy was included in the Board packet for discussion. She pointed out that a number of government entities are passing this policy, which could be helpful for the employees and residents.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve the Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccination Policy.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Discussion.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones	No
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	No
Trustee Malik	No

Motion failed.

Agenda Item: New Business, Vote on Resolution Settling Litigation

See video at 2:23:46.

Supervisor Dimond entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-10.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-10, A Resolution Authorizing the Settlement of Matters in Dispute Between the Township, the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and Susan Moylan Krey.
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Trustee Jones	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Supervisor Dimond reported that the Open Meetings Act website is still not open.

Supervisor Dimond stated that we are working with Jewel-Osco to have the Flu shots, Covid and Covid Booster vaccines available for our residents in the Maine Township Town Hall. The Agency Funding Special Meetings are scheduled for October 5th, October 20th and November 2nd. Trustees will present their recommendations for the agencies applying for the 2022 grants.

Supervisor Dimond presented a letter written to Cook County Board of Commissioners President Toni Preckwinkle regarding Maine Township getting ARPA Funding. She noted that we are still pursuing to implement the Cyber Security Audit for Maine Township. Supervisor Dimond stated that the Document Shredding Event on Saturday, September 25th was a great success. She extended her thanks for organizing and helping with this event to Doriene Prorak, Jessica Fox, Mike Samaan and Trustee Maher.

Supervisor Dimond noted that she received a Zoom invitation from Niles Chamber of Commerce for Maine Township Board to introduce themselves.

Trustee Maher commended Dee Phillips and Assessor Moylan Krey's office on the outstanding job they do for the Maine Township residents.

Trustee Horvath stated that she appreciates the reports from all the Departments that are in the Board distribution. She is pleased to learn about their stories and services.

Trustee Malik thanked the Board for having the India and Pakistan Cultural Days. He also thanked Carol Langan and Doriene Prorak for the food distribution and their help with the Black Men United Free Food Giveaway event on August 28th.

Trustee Malik suggested providing a Suggestion and Complaint box for residents in the Township hallway. He added that in his opinion the Emergency Food Pantry should be improved.

Trustee Jones stated that she attended and she enjoyed the MaineStreamers events such as: Autumn Social – Paloma Band, Dancing Queen Outdoor Concert and Las Vegas entertainer John Anthony Outdoor Concert. She pointed out that our MaineStreamers enjoyed listening to the beautiful music outside.

Trustee Jones complimented the Board on a very respectful Board meeting. She added that even though the Elected Officials had different opinions on some subjects, the meeting was very calm and well-mannered. Trustee Jones added that with the flu season approaching, she recommended anyone not feeling well, to stay home.

Trustee Maher congratulated Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn to be selected for the Maine Township Public Relations and Marketing Consultants.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she appreciated that everyone voiced their opinion in a very respectful way. She thanked the Board for their full attention and consideration in discussing the important issues.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 2:24:31.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk