

Maine Township Board Meeting October 26, 2021

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Board Members Present and other Elected Officials: Supervisor Dimond, Trustees: Jones, Horvath, Maher, Malik, Clerk Gialamas 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, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Eva Magnowski, Pedro Ortiz, Marty McAlpin, Robert Flinn, Michael Walters, Judy Fregetto, George Velez, Ted Ward 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 September 28, 2021 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 28, 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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2021 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 28, 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 Minutes of October 5, 2021 Agency Funding Special Meeting

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the
October 5, 2021 Agency Funding Special Meeting.

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 General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 1, 2021 and October 15, 2021 and General Assistance checks #53698 through check #53744 in the amount of \$48,856.46.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 1, 2021 and October 15, 2021 and Road District checks #22076 through check #22112 in the amount of \$223,677.72.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 1, 2021 and October 15, 2021 and General Town Fund checks #59003 through check #59063 in the amount of \$269,843.48.

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: MWRD Presentation
See video at 4:55.

Pedro Ortiz, Senior Civil Engineer from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago gave a presentation on Flood Control Projects for Farmers and Prairie Creeks in Maine Township and Park Ridge. Mr. Ortiz stated that flood control studies and reports are dating back to the 1980's. In 2011 the MWRD identified a potential flood control project in the Farmers and Prairie Creeks sub-watershed. Mr. Ortiz reported on the Flood Control Projects background, overview, purpose, status, requirements and projected timeline. Mr. Ortiz stated that if the Maine Township Board agree to this project, MWRD will need a commitment from Maine Township and the City of Park Ridge to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Discussion. Questions and comments were presented by the Trustees, Clerk Gialamas, Supervisor Dimond, Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais, Code Enforcement Officer Nader Ghazaleh and Spaceo Engineer Ted Ward.

After discussion, Supervisor Dimond stated that everyone agrees that the proposed project is much needed and will be beneficial for our residents. She asked Mr. Ortiz to present the draft Intergovernmental Agreement and possible costs for the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Department Head Report – Marie Dachniwsky/MaineStreamers
See video at 40:13.

Marie Dachniwsky, MaineStreamers Director stated that the Maine Township Senior program has been in existence for over 30 plus years. The program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership is free and includes a bi-monthly newsletter, which details all activities for the upcoming months. The mission/goal of the MaineStreamers' Department is to offer a variety of classes, programs and day trips at cost to members. Ms. Dachniwsky reported that in addition to day trips and overnight trips, MaineStreamers also have a variety of programs, such as educational programs, fitness classes and a variety of fun and recreational activities.

Ms. Dachniwsky thanked the Board for coming out to the MaineStreamers' outdoor events this past summer. She added that a lot of members have commented how much they enjoyed seeing the Board members at these events.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Hiring Discretion for MaineStay Therapist Position
See video at 46:03.

Richard Lyon, MaineStay Director stated that his department is struggling to replace family therapists due to the shortage of medical specialists.

Mr. Lyon asked the Board for some discretion to interview and chose the person without Board approval. He added that he lost a lot of interviewed people due to they couldn't or didn't want to wait for the next Board meeting and Board approval.

Supervisor Dimond Motion to approve delegating discretion to Administrator along with the MaineStay Director to make a job offer to the candidate applying for any of these therapy positions.

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 on Cybersecurity Audit RFP

See video at 49:26.

Supervisor Dimond presented to the Board the Request for Proposal for the professional cybersecurity auditing services. She stated that this request will be posted on our website declaring that Maine Township is seeking submissions for professional cybersecurity auditing services from qualified vendors or firms.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Public Relations Consultant Rate and Contract

See video at 50:13.

Supervisor Dimond stated that in September, the Board voted to select Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn for the Maine Township Public Relations and Marketing Consultants.

Supervisor Dimond presented the proposed rate structure from McAlpin and Flinn, for the Board to choose one proposal from four tiers: Gold \$4,000, Silver \$3,250, Copper \$2,850 and Bronze \$2,500.

Discussion.

Some questions were answered by McAlpin and Flinn. After discussion it was decided that McAlpin and Flinn will produce the contract for the Copper Tier in amount of \$2,850 for the Board final decision and approval.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion on Internal Auditing Services RFP

See video at 57:37.

Supervisor Dimond presented to the Board the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Internal Audit Services which was prepared by Administrator Berman, and it is currently reviewed by our Attorney at Ancel Glink. She stated that it is responsibility of the Township to have an independent audit service. Supervisor Dimond asked the Board for any concerns and comments regarding the proposed contract. She added that this RFP will be posted on our website inviting qualified firms of Certified Public Accountants to submit a proposal to conduct the annual audit of Maine Township.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion on Maine Township Partnership with Clean Energy Providers

See video at 1:00:54.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she was approached by the Clean Energy Company to make a presentation regarding subscribing to clean, renewable energy from local solar farm. Supervisor Dimond asked if the Board is interested in a solar energy presentation.

Discussion.

After discussion it was decided that a presentation on solar energy will be at the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Estimated General Town Fund/General Assistance and Road & Bridge Levy Ordinances 2021

See video at 1:07:36.

Administrator Berman stated that December 8, 2021 is the last day for the Board to determine the estimated property tax levy and December 28, 2021 is the last day to adopt and file the Tax Levy Ordinances with the Cook County Clerk's office.

Administration Berman presented to the Board the 2021 estimated Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance. She stated that the estimated levy has been kept flat from 2020 tax levy ordinance.

Discussion.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that after reviewing previously passed levy ordinances he decided to maintain the freeze on the tax levy. There will be no increase for the upcoming fiscal year. He presented to the Board the 2021 estimated Tax Levy for Road District.

Trustee Jones	Motion to adopt the estimated 2021 Tax Levy for Town Fund and General Assistance Fund as presented in the total amount of \$3,255,049.00.
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.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adopt the estimated 2021 Tax Levy for Road District as presented in the total amount of \$2,605,553.00.
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: Officials' Reports

Trustee Malik stated that he and Supervisor Dimond went on an educational tour of the Sabeel Center and learned how the building is dedicated to Prophet Muhammed.

Trustee Malik informed the Board that he ordered a Suggestion Box on Amazon which will be delivered to the Township on the beginning of November.

Trustee Maher extended his thanks to all Maine Township staff and especially to Marty Cook for the beautiful story of recovery in his report.

Trustee Horvath stated that on October 28th she will be attending the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Des Plaines Theater.

Trustee Jones extended her invitation for attending the Neighborhood Watch meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

Supervisor Dimond reported that the Grant Funding process is continuing and the decision of the grant allocations will be made after November 2nd Agency Funding Special meeting.

Supervisor Dimond noted that Maine Township will be hosting a Covid-19 Jewel-Osco vaccine booster clinic on Monday, November 8th at Town Hall. She informed everyone that the Rotary Coat Drive has generously donated new coats to Maine Township for free distribution. Supervisor Dimond stated that she recently learned of a South Asian research study project from Northwestern University. The study is an exercise program for South Asian women with the goal to understand the best ways to increase physical activity in their community. The information regarding this study will be posted on our website.

Supervisor Dimond pointed out that the Board meetings were conducted in person and Zoom since May. She added that for the last four meetings there is no participation on Zoom. The Board meetings are livestream on YouTube. After a short discussion the Board decided not to run Zoom meetings any longer.

Supervisor Dimond reported that she attended the TOCC Supervisor's Division meeting and learned what kind of services are offered by other Townships.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he attended in person the TOCC Clerk's Division meeting on Thursday, October 7th. He and Trustee Jones donated blood in the Blood Drive event on Thursday, October 14th in the Town Hall.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that the 2021 annual road resurfacing project was completed earlier than expected this year in September. He thanked the residents for responding to the Highway Department Report Card and for giving valuable feedback into improvements the Highway Department can make as a local unit of government. Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that he will

be implementing these recommendations, when possible, in future Highway Department operational planning.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 1:19:56.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath Motion to adjourn.
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 Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk