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This meeting will be conducted in person. 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 Dimond, Trustees: Jones (on phone call), Horvath, Maher, Malik, Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Moylan Krey and Highway Commissioner Beauvais

Others in Attendance: Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Keli Stonitsch, Richard Lyon, Doriene Prorak, Elizabeth Coy, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Michael Samaan, Eva Magnowski, Michael Walters and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Dimond stated that Trustee Jones is not able to attend this meeting. Supervisor Dimond stated that the Township Board has a policy permitting attendance of Township Board members at meetings from a remote location.

Trustee Horvath Motion to permit Trustee Jones to attend the December 27, 2021 Board meeting via electronic means.

Trustee Maher Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 23, 2021 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 23, 2021 Bill Pay Review.

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 Minutes of November 23, 2021 Board Meeting

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 23, 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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 26, 2021, December 10, 2021 and December 24, 2021 and General Assistance checks #53795 through check #53851 in the amount of \$52,276.16.

Trustee Malik 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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 26, 2021, December 10, 2021 and December 24, 2021 and Road District checks #22151 through check #22197 in the amount of \$125,555.29.

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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 26, 2021, December 10, 2021 and December 24, 2021 and General Town Fund checks #59121 through check #59187 in the amount of \$309,256.17.

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: Public Participation

None

Agenda Item: Presentation of Check to Honor Flight Chicago

Clerk Gialamas stated that the representative from Honor Flight Chicago asked to receive the check at the January Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Department Head Report – Richard Lyon/MaineStay

See video at 7:30.

Richard Lyon, Director of MaineStay, Youth and Family Services stated that MaineStay has been providing for the mental health needs of the Maine Township community for the past 46 years. They specialize in offering affordable and accessible strength-based counseling to the entire family system. The wide variety of counseling includes depression, anxiety, thoughts of suicide, self-harm, bullying, parental conflict and many more.

Mr. Lyon reported on a variety of programs MaineStay provides to the Maine Township youth.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Discuss & Vote on Hiring Discretion for Open Position Policy

See video at 18:02.

Supervisor Dimond stated that for the last two months we had on the agenda the Hiring Discretion for Open Position which allowed us to hire a qualified candidate without Board approval. Supervisor Dimond proposed approving a Policy that will allow filling an open position in the Township after the resume was checked by Township Administrator and the qualifications and recommendations be determine by Township Supervisor. She added that the employees of the offices of Supervisor of General Assistance, Township Collector, Township Assessor and Road District Commissioner will be excluded from this policy.

Trustee Horvath Motion to discuss and vote on adopting the Maine Township Hiring Discretion Policy.
Trustee Malik Second.

Discussion.

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, Approval & Vote on General Town Fund/General Assistance Tax Levy Ordinance 2021-4

See video at 21:48.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the estimated General Town Fund/General Assistance Tax Levy was presented, discussed and approved by the Board at the November 23rd Board meeting. Supervisor Dimond stated that the Tax Levy exceeded a 5% increase and the Tax Levy Hearing for Town Fund and General Assistance was held at 7:00 p.m., prior to this meeting.

Supervisor Dimond presented the Ordinance 2021-4.

Trustee Horvath Motion to adopt the Tax Levy Ordinance 2021-4 for the Maine Township Town Fund and General Assistance with the total amount of \$5,046,286.00.
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: Old Business, Discussion & Possible Vote on Community Solar Programs

See video at 24:46.

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the November 23rd Board meeting, Diane Elkins made a presentation how the Community Solar Energy can be implemented in Maine Township. Supervisor Dimond reported that at this time we do not have a final agreement.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of MWRD Proposal

See video at 25:28.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Board packet included the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and a great deal of other necessary materials for the Township’s review and comments.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that he and his engineer will be reviewing these materials.

After a short discussion, Supervisor Dimond asked Attorney Asprooth for the review of the attached Intergovernmental Agreement between Maine Township and MWRD for the final discussion.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Cybersecurity Audit Update

See video at 28:40.

Supervisor Dimond stated that we received only one proposal for the Cybersecurity Audit services. She added that the RFP is available on the Maine Township Website and the proposals must be received no later than January 19, 2022.

Richard Lyon, MaineStay Director gave an update on the grant process which will start in 2022. He stated that each state will have different methods to apply and we want to make sure that we are eligible to apply for the State and Local Government Cybersecurity Improvement Act.

Supervisor Dimond stated that at this point we do not know the rules to receive this grant.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion & Vote of Funding Agency Allocation

See video at 31:13.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the chart with 2022-2023 Agency Funding Recommendations was included in the Board distribution for the further discussion.

Richard Lyon, MaineStay Director stated that Administrator Berman and some Department Heads met on December 17th to review suggested amounts for the nonprofit agencies and determine consensus recommendations. Mr. Lyon asked the Board for approval of these combined recommendations or for further discussion and possible adjustments.

Trustee Maher	Motion to fund the agencies listed in the 2022-2023 Agency Funding Recommendation Chart according to Consensus Recommendations in the total amount of \$470,700.00.
Trustee Malik	Second.

Short discussion.

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

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that for Board consideration, she included the Assessor's proposed budget for 2022/2023 which is required to be prepared and presented to the Board at least 60 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that with the year not even over, they have saved Maine Township residents \$962,049.59 processing Certificate of Errors, which is 30% above last year. She added a new part-time was hired at the end of November for 15 hours a week and \$15 per hour to help with inputting files and appeals for 2021 Board of Review. Also, extra hours were added on to the part-timers for the Triennial assessment in 2022.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that Carol Langan and Doriene Prorak are retiring January 7, 2022, and they will be missed. She added that Doriene is a wonderful person. She is always helping our residents and our employees.

Supervisor Dimond recognized Doriene Prorak at this meeting which is her last of many, many Board meetings that she prepared for and took care of all the Board members to be ready for said meetings. Supervisor Dimond added that Doriene was always making sure the Supervisor Dimond has everything necessary for Board and other meetings. She said that she was very fortunate to have Doriene as her assistant, who helped her especially with the first months in service. Doriene puts a lot of time for the Township and Supervisor Dimond thanked her for all the effort and help.

Supervisor Dimond stated that on January 7th, we will have a farewell cook off for Doriene Prorak and Carol Langan. She added that Carol Langan also served the Township for many years and will be sincerely missed.

Doriene Prorak thanked everyone for their kind comments and added that it's been great for her to work for Maine Township.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais wished best of luck to Doriene Prorak, who will be missed and to Carol Langan and added that her honest attitude will be also missed.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais thanked all his staff for good job and wished everyone Happy New Year.

Clerk Gialamas thanked Trustee Malik for inviting Maine Township to the installation dinner at the Mosque. He stated that he appreciates all the help he got from Doriene Prorak, especially with National Night Out and he thanked Carol Langan for being a great friend and a neighbor. He added that they both deserve to retire.

Trustee Jones pointed out that both Doriene and Carol will be missed not only as coworkers but as friends as well. She hoped they will enjoy their retirement and she wished everyone Happy New Year.

Trustee Jones reminded everyone that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on January 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Trustee Horvath stated that she will miss Doriene and Carol which were very welcoming to the new Board.

Trustee Horvath stated that she was able to apply and get the Township an account with a marketing graphic design online service called Canva. She added that it will be a free program to the Township that does flyers or graphics that go on social media.

Trustee Maher thanked Carol Langan for her years of work in the Township and he extended personal thanks to Doriene Prorak for being an exceptional employee and helping him with phone calls and emails.

Trustee Maher congratulated Marty Cook on taking his Recovery Connection group to the night presentation of "When Harry Met Rehab", a very successful play about alcoholism and sobriety.

Trustee Malik wished happy retirement to Doriene and Carol.

Trustee Malik stated that he is organizing a Drive Through Covid Test event in the Maine Township parking lot on Sunday, January 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. sponsored by Care & Cure, Inc.

Supervisor Dimond reported that Maine Township will be hosting a Jewel-Osco Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic for kids 5-11. Tuesday, January 18th will be dose 1 and Tuesday, February 8th dose 2 will be given. Appointments are required. She added that we will have a fun craft for children while they wait and a treat to take home.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board if they are comfortable to come in person or prefer to have remote Board meetings during this ongoing pandemic.

Discussion.

The Board members felt comfortable to attend the Board meetings in person and it was decided to resume the ZOOM meetings for the residents.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 38:47.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Maher Motion to adjourn.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk