

Maine Township Board Meeting February 22, 2022

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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: Attorney Robert Hoban, Dayna Berman, Alicia Brzezinski, Vicky Rizzo, Richard Lyon, Elizabeth Coy, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Nick Kanehl, Marty Cook, Michael Samaan, Ruba Al Ayed, Robert Flinn, Karen Reid, Cook County Sheriff Metcalf, Eva Magnowski 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 January 25, 2022 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 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 January 25, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 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 January 25, 2022 Road District Amended Budget Hearings

Trustee Malik Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Road District Amended Budget Hearing.
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 Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated February 4, 2022 and February 18, 2022 and General Assistance checks #53909 through check #53966 in the amount of \$44,599.64.

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 February 4, 2022 and February 18, 2022 and Road District checks #22242 through check #22281 in the amount of \$94,285.06 and supplemental Road District checks #22282 through check #22304 in the amount of \$261,710.03 with the total amount of \$355,995.09.

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	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated February 4, 2022 and February 18, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59241 through check #59302 in the amount of \$266,556.33.

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: Public Participation

None

Agenda Item: M3 Marketing/Introductory Township Video Presentation

See video at 5:39

Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing stated that final shots for the Maine Township video are done and the debut of it is going to take place in the next week. The latest presentation will be held during the next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Dimond had some comments and thanked everybody for participation in that process.

Agenda Item: Department Head Report/Nick Kanehl, Food Pantry Director

See video at 7:17

Food Pantry Director Nick Kanehl stated that Maine Township did some improvement on distribution of food and has established a connection to begin working with The Greater Chicago Food Depository. This project will increase the amount of food donations received including dairy products, fresh vegetables, fruits and breads. This would include purchasing items from The Greater Chicago Food Depository in bulk along with delivery of such items. Nick Kanehl and Supervisor Dimond visited other Township's Food Pantries in the surrounding area to gather ideas and establish connections.

Trustee Jones pointed out that it is a wonderful concept to have more variable dietary products in our Food Pantry.

Supervisor Dimond appreciated all the work done by the Food Pantry department.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of MWRD Project & Vote on a Possible Letter of Intent

See video at 13:49

Supervisor Dimond gave an update on MWRD project and stated that we have reached an agreement. She stated that our attorney is working on the final details for the Letter of Intent.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais commented that some additions in regard to the Road District need to be included in the MWRD Intergovernmental Agreement.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Community Solar Update

See video at 15:23

Supervisor Dimond noted that during the last meeting the Board voted on the Community Solar Programs. At that time two agreements were approved with the Solstice Power Technologies (Solstice) and Arcadia.

Supervisor Dimond stated that these companies are resourcing how to reach our residents.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion & Vote on Continuing Resolutions 2022-3 & 2022-RB-1

See video at 16:15

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Continuing Resolutions for Maine Township and Road District need to be approved to allow the Township to continue to pay bills until the new budget is approved and she asked the Board for such motions.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the Continuing Resolution 2022-3 for General Town Fund and General Assistance.

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.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve Continuing Resolution 2022-RB-1 Road District Fund.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion carried 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: New Business, Discussion of Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Budget for Town Fund/
General Assistance

See video at 19:23

Supervisor Dimond presented the approved 2021-22 budget and the preliminary 2022-23 budget for comparison. She explained the status of Maine Township’s banking account and the necessity of making changes to the last year budget. The Budget Hearing for the General Town Fund and General Assistance is scheduled on March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the tentative 2022-23 Budget for Town
Fund/General Assistance
Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried 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: New Business, Discussion & Vote on Road & Bridge Line-Item Transfers

See video at 33:37

Commissioner Ed Beauvais asked the Board to approve transferring \$100,000.00 from last year’s budget to the Road Improvement Fund in this year’s budget.

Supervisor Dimond explained that a Line-Item Transfer can be done only within the same fiscal year and Attorney Hoban suggested to table this item.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Rebranding of Township Logo/Color/General Theme

See video at 36:23

Administrator Berman distributed samples of the township letterhead, Facebook page header, website header and most recent newsletter front page. She said that Supervisor Dimond, Trustee Horvath, Marty McAlpin and she met to discuss building a township brand identity and the importance of consistency for the best image. They addressed redesigning the banner color, theme, logo placement, etc. on the Maine Township’s stationery and promotional materials.

Trustee Horvath mentioned that she evaluated logos from different townships. She was looking for a more modern logo that should elevate the existing one. Trustee Horvath presented a preliminary design with the same colors on all brochures that will assist in defining the township better and will be more cohesive.

Discussion and comments.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Trustee Horvath and asked the Board to move forward to discuss and adopt these suggestions at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Officials’ Reports

Supervisor Dimond stated that Trustee Horvath and the Rebranding Committee did a lot of work on the Maine Township’s rebranding project.

Supervisor Dimond pointed out that Austin Kelso, Nick Kanehl and Alicia Brzezinski did a great job on designing a flyer “How Can Maine Township Assist You?”. Supervisor Dimond thanked Luz Meneses and Janessa Orengo for translating this flyer in Spanish and Wiesia Tytko and Eva Magnowski in Polish. Supervisor Dimond asked Trustee Malik to consider translating that flyer in one or two languages of his culture.

Supervisor Dimond announced that the General Assistant Seminar will be held on March 15th and the Annual Township Lobby Day in Springfield will be held on April 6th. To register for either of these events please contact Alicia Brzezinski. The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic Informational Zoom Program is going to take place on April 4th.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that this year Taste of Park Ridge will be held on July 16th and he asked volunteers for the Beer Tent. Senior Department Director Dachniwsky explained that Bingo with a movie at Pickwick Theatre will take place on Friday afternoon. Clerk Gialamas added that in the past Maine Township Departments had informational tables set up at the Taste of Park Ridge on Saturday.

Clerk Gialamas informed everyone that this year's National Night Out will take place on Tuesday August 2nd, in Dee Park. The first organizational meeting will be held in April.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Attorney General Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information training website is working and she already got her certifications. She encouraged the Elected Officials to take and complete the mandatory training.

Supervisor Dimond stated that Highway Commissioner Beauvais requested a discussion on the status of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Supervisor Dimond and Commissioner Beauvais agreed to postpone said discussion for the Special Board meeting on March 8th at 6:45 p.m. Also, it was agreed to add to the Special Meeting agenda the discussion of the Rebranding of Township Logo/Color/General Theme.

Trustee Horvath stated that she was able to get a lot of seeds as a donation for gardening. These seeds could be given away to the residents to grow their own flowers or vegetables.

Trustee Jones invited everybody for the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. with presence of Sheriff Police and Fire Marshall.

Trustee Maher reported that he attended two events. One was Peer Jury administered by Richard Lyon. It was amazing how smart our kids are. The second one he attended along with Supervisor Dimond was a Recovery Connection event, with an exceptional speech by a young man. All the events show how much Maine Township does for the residents.

Trustee Horvath talked about a canvas presentation on-line to make different kind of flyers. The dates will be picked up in the future.

Supervisor Dimond encouraged the Board to visit the OEM and Highway Departments.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 58:29

Agenda Item: Closed Session: Approval & Review of the Closed Session Minutes (ILCS5-120-2(c)(1))

Trustee Jones Motion to go into Closed Session for the sole purpose to review the Closed Session Minutes (ILCS5-120-2(c)(1))

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 Board re-convened in Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

Trustee Jones Motion to re-convene in Open Session.

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

After Closed Session the action was taken as follows:

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve Closed Session minutes of August 24,2021.
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.

Trustee Jones	Motion to release Closed Sessions minutes of December 27, 2018, January 28, 2020, February 23, 2021 and August 24, 2021.
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.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to continue the confidentiality of Closed Session minutes of October 22, 2019 #1, May 25, 2021 and July 27, 2021.
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: Adjournment

Trustee Maher	Motion to adjourn.
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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk