

Maine Township Board Meeting April 26, 2022

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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, Maher, Clerk Gialamas and Assessor Moylan Krey

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Alicia Brzezinski, Richard Lyon, Elizabeth Coy, Marie Dachniwsky, Vicky Rizzo, Austin Kelso, Nick Kanehl, Marty Cook, Michael Samaan, Ruba Al Ayed, Catherine Sbarra, Judy Zuzetto, John Bennett, Robert Flinn, Park Ridge Police Officer Sheriff and Eva Magnowski

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 March 22, 2022 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 Board Meeting.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2022 General Town Fund and General Assistance Budget Hearing

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 General Town Fund and General Assistance Budget Hearing.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures
Payrolls dated April 1, 2022 and April 15, 2022 and General Assistance checks #54025 through check #54085 in the amount of \$51,022.44.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures
Payrolls dated April 1, 2022 and April 15, 2022 and Road District checks #22337 through check #22368 in the amount of \$75,463.43.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated April 1, 2022 and April 15, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59375 through check #59433 in the amount of \$273,387.02.

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

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 4:55

John Bennett stated that the Maine Township's Board Meeting Agenda indicates that this evening there will be a discussion and possible vote on the OEM Director Position. He pointed out that there was no information about any candidates and their qualifications in the board packet posted on Maine Township's website.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the information about the candidate was distributed by email at the last minute and will be presented later during the meeting.

Agenda Item: Presentation by Catherine Sbarra/National Health Alliance

See video at 7:07

Catherine Sbarra, CEO & Senior Benefits/Facility Advisor from National Group Health Alliance LLC, gave a presentation regarding benefits renewal for the Maine Township 2022 medical, dental, life and vision insurance. She explained the negotiated rates from BlueCross BlueShield, Humana and United Healthcare and the options for the PPO and HMO Grandfathered Rates. Ms. Sbarra mentioned that our pretty high active claims are over \$500,000. Ms. Sbarra recommended staying with the Grandfather Plan of BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois with the final rate increase of 4.65%.

Ms. Sbarra stated that Principal Life Insurance Co. gave us a final rate increase of 2.5% on dental and a rate pass on employer paid voluntary life. Vision with VSP gave us the requested pass and a 4 year guarantee that no rates will change until 2026.

There were numerous questions and a discussion.

Supervisor Dimond stated that voting on this matter will be during the next Board Meeting.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Ms. Sbarra for her presentation.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Community Solar Update & Possible Renewal Vote

See video 28:38

Supervisor Dimond reminded everyone that in January, the Board members voted on the agreement between Maine Township and a couple of solar providers to allow them to contact Maine Township residents and also use our logo for 90 days in their advertising. Supervisor Dimond asked the Board for a motion to renew the agreement with Arcadia and Solstice for up to 90 days.

Trustee Jones Motion to renew the agreement with Arcadia and Solstice for up to 90 days.

Trustee Maher Second.

Discussion and comments.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion Website Improvements

See video at 32:46

Supervisor Dimond stated that the most recent Wish List for the Maine Township Website Redesign was distributed in the Board packet. She asked the Board to recheck the Wish List one more time

before the requests for proposals will be sent to various firms. Supervisor Dimond stated that she is expecting to receive some proposals by the next Board meeting that the Board members could vote on.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of MWRD Project

See video at 34:26

Supervisor Dimond stated that Highway Department Commissioner Ed Beauvais could not be at tonight's Board meeting and she postponed this topic to the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Appointment & Vote of FOIA Vacancy

See video at 35:10

Supervisor Dimond stated that there used to be 3 FOIA officers at Maine Township: herself, Trustee Jones and Wiesia Tytko who recently retired. She asked the board to appoint Eva Magnowski to be Maine Township's new FOIA officer.

Trustee Maher Motion to appoint Eva Magnowski as a new Freedom of Information Officer.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion & Vote of Personal and Sick Leave Policy Amendment in Personnel Policy Manual

See video at 36:42

Supervisor Dimond presented the Personal and Sick Leave Policy Amendment in the Personnel Policy Manual and asked for a motion to amend a new version of section 5.8 and 5.9.

Trustee Jones Motion to amend the Personnel Policy Manual to adopt a new version of section 5.8 and 5.9.

Trustee Maher Second

Questions from Trustee Maher and Assessor Moylan Krey.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Policy will be effective May 1st, 2022.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion & Vote of Credit Card Policy Amendment in Personnel Policy Manual

See video at 42:40

Supervisor Dimond presented the Credit Card Policy Amendment in the Personnel Policy Manual and asked the Board for a motion to amend section 3.7 as indicated in the documents in front of the Board members.

Trustee Maher Motion to amend section 3.7 of the Personnel Policy Manual as indicated in the handout.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Summer Festivals

See video at 44:15

Supervisor Dimond stated that Trustee Malik couldn't be at the Board Meeting tonight and addressed us regarding current plans for summer festivals. She pointed out that she didn't have any update from him on that topic.

Supervisor Dimond stated that under New Business she would like to add one piece of information that is not on the agenda related to a small change in the Public Relations Agreement. She asked Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing for an explanation of these changes. Robert Flinn stated that they would like to raise the number of posts on social media from 6 to 8 per month and lower the number of blog posts from 3 to 2 on the website. He pointed out that it will not change the compensation; it would just be a little more content for social media and less for the website.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Board members will vote on it during the next Board meeting.

Discussion and comments

Supervisor Dimond appreciated all the work done by M3 Marketing and thanked them for being so attentive.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Discussion and Possible Vote of OEM Director Position

See video at 48:56

Supervisor Dimond stated that Maine Township was looking for a candidate to fill the OEM Director Position, which is open since late summer of last year. She said that finally a candidate with good qualifications was found and that is Mr. Francisco Rojas, whose resume has been received by the Elected Officials and Board members via email.

Supervisor Dimond asked Mr. Rojas to introduce himself and talk about his certifications.

Mr. Rojas stated that he is an experienced educator, safety and security supervisor and medical technician. He has relative care experience in both private and public safety sectors through the past 11 years. Currently he is a firefighter candidate in a BOF class with the Village of Riverside, and an emergency department technician in Rush Oak Park Hospital.

Board members had some questions for Mr. Rojas and agreed that his resume is very impressive.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board to make a motion to approve Mr. Rojas as the OEM Director.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve Mr. Rojas as the OEM Director.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Assessor Moylan Krey questioned the OEM Director's salary.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the pay will be the same as it was before with 10 hours a week. Supervisor Dimond thanked Mr. Rojas.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, National Night Out
See video at 59:15

Clerk Gialamas stated that he was glad to see Supervisor Dimond and Trustee Jones at the first National Night Out meeting and he invited the whole Board for the next one on May 23rd at 7:00 pm at Feldman Center. Clerk Gialamas stated that they are working on the donation letter with everyone. He mentioned that at the last meeting the theme title was established: "Turn Your Lights on and Turn Crime off". The next National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 2nd, at Dee Park at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Clerk Gialamas and wished him good luck on moving forward with that whole project.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, Discussion of Township Van Usage

Supervisor Dimond stated that Maine Township owns one pickup truck and two vans. She had some questions to Mike Samman and Richard Lyon on the usage of one of them. Mike Samaan recommended selling the 2004 Chevrolet Express 3500 due to not getting a lot of use throughout the year.

Discussion and comments.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the topic of potentially selling the van will be revisited, and the vote will take place at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Jones extended an invitation to everyone to attend the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, May 4th, at 7:00 pm.

Clerk Gialamas stated that the Clerk's Division for the Township Officials of Cook County, Maine Township will be hosting the divisional meeting on Thursday, May 5th, at Cafe Amici and all Board members are more than welcome to attend.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that the free Property After Death Workshop at The Sabeel Center on April 28th is going to be a big event. She thanked Marie Dachniwsky and her staff for making calls and checking on people who are signed up for the workshop if they are attending because of the waiting list. Some political officials are going to be there including Maine Township Supervisor Dimond and Trustee Jones, Senator Laura Murphy, State Representative Marty Moylan and Mayor Andrew Goczkowski from Des Plaines. She said that as of April 24th, the Assessor's Department is done with appeals for the Board of Review. Assessor Moylan Krey said that she was at the Board of Review Reach Out event at the Des Plaines Library. She mentioned that because of redistricting from the census Maine Township has a new Commissioner Michael Cabonargi.

Supervisor Dimond announced that on May 11th, the Free Electronics Recycling and Drug Takeback Event is going to take place in the Maine Township's parking lot. Secretary of State Mobile Unit with a representative from the Illinois Treasurer I-Cash program is going to be here on June 15th and the North Suburban Legal Aid Society presentation is rescheduled on June 23rd. Supervisor Dimond said that soon we are going to start our garden along South wall of the Maine Township's building.

Supervisor Dimond mentioned last month's happenings and events that she attended, and said that it was a very active month. Supervisor Dimond stated that we have gotten invitations from Village of Niles and City of Des Plaines to march in the Fourth of July parades.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 1:00:44

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Maher Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk