

Maine Township Board Meeting May 24, 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, Horvath, Maher, Malik, Clerk Gialamas, and Highway Commissioner Beauvais

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Alicia Brzezinski, Richard Lyon, Marie Dachniwsky, Vicky Rizzo, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Michael Samaan, Ruba Al Ayed, Nader Ghazaleh, Martin McAlpin, Catherine Sbarra, Janina Rybicki, Kryssia Quesala Creet, Audrey Nankervis, Juddy Zugetto, Cook County Police Officer 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 April 26, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 26, 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 General Town Fund Expenditures Payrolls dated April 29, 2022 and May 13, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59434 through check #59503 in the amount of \$359,077.53.

Trustee Jones 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 Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 29, 2022 and May 13, 2022 and General Assistance checks #54086 through check #54148 in the amount of \$59,548.55.

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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 29, 2022 and May 13, 2022 and Road District checks #22369 through check #22407 in the amount of \$134,458.25.

Trustee Maher 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

See video at 3:56

Maine Township's resident Audrey Nankervis came along with two other neighbors asking the Board members for help solving a problem with the internet connection. She stated that this morning Flood Brothers' garbage truck hit the pole and pulled the cable line down which caused no phone, no cable and Wi-Fi connection. She spent the whole day calling Comcast, Fire Department and Maine Township. Code Enforcement Nader Ghazaleh stated that he made some calls to find out who owns that pole but there is a lack of communication.

Discussion and comments.

Supervisor Dimond asked Nader Ghazaleh and Commissioner Beauvais to continue to look into this and keep her posted.

Commissioner Beauvais stated that he will send somebody to determine who the pole belongs to.

Trustee Maher suggested to complain directly to the cable company and tell them to fix it because it is their responsibility.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on the Renewal of Employee Insurance Benefits

See video at 11:40

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the last Board Meeting Catherine Sbarra, CEO & Senior Benefits/Facility Advisor from National Group Health Alliance LLC gave us information regarding benefits renewal for the Maine Township 2022 medical, dental, life and vision insurance which is up on July 1<sup>st</sup> and asked Ms. Sbarra for quick recap.

Ms. Sbarra stated that the best decision for the Maine Township will be staying with the Grandfather Plan for the PPO and HMO 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.

Trustee Jones                      Motion to renew the employee health insurance benefits for Maine Township for upcoming year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 till June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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.

Catherine Sbarra said that the open enrolment will be held on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and she encourage everybody not to wait to the last day to enroll.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion Website Improvements

See video at 17:22

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the last meeting we came up with Wish List for the Maine Township Website Redesign. She thanked Trustee Horvath and Richard Lion who worked on it a lot. She said that because the RFP was disseminated late the deadline for vendors to get in proposals will be extended and the discussion is postponed until the next June Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of MWRD Project and Possible Vote

See video at 18:03

Supervisor Dimond asked Commissioner Beauvais to say few words on the status of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District project. Commissioner Beauvais reported that the project is moving fast and it is exciting to see the possibilities of helping mitigate the flooding issues. He stated that there are some drawings that his engineer has to review before signing the final IGA.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Commissioner Beauvais.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on the sale of Township Vehicle

See video at 18:50

Supervisor Dimond stated that last month at the Board Meeting there was a discussion about selling the 2004 Chevrolet Express 3500 van due to not getting a lot of use throughout the year. It will not be sold until after the summer camps are over. The van mostly sits on the parking lot and insurance has to be paid for it.

Questions and discussion.

Trustee Jones                      Motion to sell or to dispose of the surplus vehicle and equipment listed in the Exhibit "A".

Trustee Horvath                      Second.

Trustee Maher asked when the auction will take place and Supervisor Dimond stated that sometime after July.

Supervisor Dimond asked Marie Dachniwsky if the seniors could use this van but she said it would be very uncomfortable for them to get in and out of the van.

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 Amendment to M3 Marketing Contract

See video at 22:52

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the last Board Meeting there was a discussion on an amendment to the M3 Marketing contract about increasing the number of posts on the social media from 6 to 8 per month and decreasing the number of blog posts from 3 to 2 on the website. The voting was postponed to today's meeting and she asked the Board members for motion to adopt the amended Public Relations agreement with M3.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adopt the amended Public Relations Agreement with M3.
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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: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Fund Balance Policy

See video at 28:08

Supervisor Dimond presented and explained three policies: Outstanding Check Policy, Capital Asset Policy and Fund Balance Policy that were all recommended to adopt by the new Maine Township's auditors.

Discussion.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board members for a motion to be adopted a Fund Balance Policy and she said that the second paragraph should read that the fund will not fall less than two times the annual average expenditure of the previous three fiscal years.

Trustee Jones	Motion to pass the Fund Balance Policy with the fund balance not falling less than two times the annual average expenditure of the previous three fiscal years.
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Trustee Horvath	Second.
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Questions and comments.

Commissioner Beauvais was concerned about the Fund Balance Policy with a set up minimum balance for the Road & Bridge District due to unexpected expenses, but all the others policies looked fine to him.

Trustee Jones and Trustee Maher had some problem with wording used in that policy.

Supervisor Dimond said that the Maine Township's auditors are supposed to be at our next meeting in June and they can be asked some questions in that matter. She suggested to table it for now.



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, Summer Parades

See video at 46:32

Supervisor Dimond informed that several communities invited us to be in their parade: Park Ridge-American Legion's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., Niles and Des Plaines Fourth of July parades. Supervisor asked the Board members for participation.

Commissioner Beauvais stated that he signed up the Highway Department for the Des Plaines and Niles parades. Trustee Jones, Trustee Malik and Trustee Maher said that they will attend the Park Ridge Memorial Day parade.

Supervisor Dimond announced that Secretary of State Mobile Unit is going to be here on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Community Wellness Fair will take place on June 16<sup>th</sup>, registration required, and The North Suburban Legal Aid Society presentation is scheduled on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dumpster Days during which Maine Township residents can get rid of unwanted large items will be happening on June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup>. She said that Cyber Crimes & Cyber Safety Presentation is organized by Marie Dachniwsky, along with the Sheriff of Cook County on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Dimond mentioned that National Night Out is planned on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and she asked Clerk Gialamas to talk about that event.

Clerk Gialamas stated that the Maine Township will be hosting the National Night Out along with the Golf Maine Park District, Cook County Sheriff's Police and North Maine Fire Department. He said that five to six hundred local residents are expected to come. It is going to be a great event with lots of entertainment. He extended an invitation to those who would like to come to the next planning meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Gialamas announced that there is a poster contest for all the local kids from the different summer camps. Poster's theme is "Turn Your Lights on and Turn Crime off" and the poster judging will be on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Everything will take place at the Dee Park.

Supervisor Dimond said that on August 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a Cook County Sheriff's Self-Defense Class.

Supervisor Dimond brought to everyone's attention that a couple of flyers are about the Food Pantry programs and one of them is new called "Maine Township's Summer Weekend Go-Bag for Kids", a program that provides kids with needed food for the weekend. Supervisor Dimond mentioned that the Maine Township Garden is now in and hopefully will generate some food for our Food Pantry.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, Discussion of Summer Festivals

Supervisor Dimond asked Trustee Malik to talk about Summer Festivals.

Trustee Malik stated that two months ago the Board members decided that the Indian Culture Festival will take place on August 13<sup>th</sup> and the Pakistani Festival on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The reason to have both festivals during one weekend is to lower the costs of organization.

Supervisor Dimond stated that all departments have to help with organization of the festivals and also told Trustee Malik that maybe he will have to hire people to perform some of the services.

Trustee Horvath stated that our next Board meeting on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and she will work that day as an election judge and she will not attend the Board meeting.

Supervisor Dimond proposed to move the Board meeting from Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> and all the Board members agreed. She asked Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski to send a Legal Notice regarding rescheduled Board meeting to the newspaper.

Trustee Maher attended a mentoring program administrated by Richard Lyon and it is sponsored through The Big Sisters and Big Brothers United Way.

Trustee Horvath mentioned that on Saturday, June 4 from 3 to 7 p.m., a community pride celebration organized by the Maine West LGBTQ student group will take place at Maine West H.S. and Mainstay is going to be there with a new pride program supporting LGBTQ youth.

Trustee Jones announced that the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting is canceled and it will resume in July.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 1:00:50

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        Yes  
Trustee Maher          Yes  
Trustee Malik            Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk