

Maine Township Board Meeting August 23, 2022

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Board Members Present and other Elected Officials: Supervisor Dimond, Trustees: Jones, Horvath, Maher, Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Moylan Krey and Highway Commissioner Beauvais

Others in Attendance: Attorney Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Richard Lyon, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Michael Samaan, Ruba Al Ayed, Nader Ghazaleh, Liz Coy, Frank Rojas, Evan White, Marty McAlpin, Judy Fregetto, Animesh Ghoshak, Rich Holke, Cook County Sheriff Metcalf 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 July 26, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022 Board Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Abstain

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 5, 2022 and August 19, 2022 and General Assistance checks #54275 through check #54341 in the amount of \$52,212.53.

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 Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 5, 2022 and August 19, 2022 and Road District checks #22492 through check #22533 in the amount of \$514,813.00.

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                    Absent  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures  
Payrolls dated August 5, 2022 and August 19, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59630 through check #59688 in the amount of \$313,442.02.

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                    Absent  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation  
None

Agenda Item: New Business, Presentation of Donation by Des Plaines Community Foundation  
See video at 4:00  
Richard Holke, President of Des Plaines Community Foundation presented the Maine Township Food Pantry with a \$5,000 donation.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Mr. Holke for the generous donation, and said that it was very much appreciated. She stated that we are working on remodeling the Food Pantry, which is almost finished, and added that new flooring was completed lately. She said that a new refrigerator was purchased, and that will allow us to provide some fresh produce and dairy products. Supervisor Dimond pointed out that the donation will help us to provide better food for our residents.

Richard Holke thanked everybody for all the work that Maine Township does for the citizens.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Fund Balance Policy – Possible Vote or Motion to Table  
See video at 6:35  
Supervisor Dimond reminded the Board that at the last meeting, Commissioner Beauvais stated that Highway Department opted out of adopting the Fund Balance Policy. She asked the Board Officials to make a decision regarding the matter and asked if anyone wanted to make a motion.  
Supervisor Dimond stated that due to the lack of motion to adopt the Fund Balance Policy, it simply died. She said that it could be brought up again in the future because the policy was not adopted nor denied.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Provision of Therapy Services to District 63 Students  
See video at 7:58  
Supervisor Dimond stated that Maine Township would start a pilot program providing therapy services for children at District 63, and one of our therapists would be sent each Thursday morning to

Apollo school. She said that the services would be provided for a limited period, and the decision to hire a part-time therapist will depend on the demand and how it would work.

Trustee Jones said that this is a great idea.

Supervisor Dimond wished MaineStay the best of luck in implementing this program.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Update on Agency Funding Dates

See video at 9:33

Supervisor Dimond stated that she would like to revise the dates for the Agency Funding Hearings that were scheduled at the last Bard meeting.

MaineStay Director Lyon stated that there would be probably 25 agencies that will be receiving funding for this fiscal year, and the Agency Funding Hearing could be scheduled for two days instead of three.

Discussion.

A short break from the discussion occurred during which Supervisor Dimond made some announcements.

Supervisor Dimond said that the Food Pantry room renovation is almost finished. Supervisor Dimond stated that the plumbing work in the town hall is proceeding.

Maintenance Director Samaan stated that two ejector pumps and new check valves are replaced, so the flood control work is completed.

Supervisor Dimond stated that last year students from District 207 Transition Program were volunteering at the Maine Township's Food Pantry, and they are coming again on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

After the break, discussion about Agency Funding continued, and everyone favored scheduling hearings for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Update and discussion of Municode code organization

See video at 19:58

Supervisor Dimond stated that Commissioner Beauvais, Maintenance Director Samaan, Code Enforcement Officer Ghazaleh, Highway Office Manager Hayman and she had a 2.5-hour meeting to answer all the questions sent from the Municode code organization. She said it is an extremely time-consuming to ensure that all the codes will be appropriately reorganized. Supervisor Dimond noted that we would continue to work on this matter, and hopefully, we will wrap it up soon.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Senate Bill 3789 – required members and report

See video at 21:22

Supervisor Dimond stated that Trustee Horvath had given one name for the new committee that has to be formed under Senate Bill 3789, and she asked the Board officials for one more suggestion. She said that an additional two people are needed from the Highway Department to serve on that committee. Supervisor Dimond stated that Senate Bill 3789 was enacted in June, requiring reports with recommendations on accountability and efficiency.

Attorney Asprooth stated that there is much talk about the trailer bill proposed to Congress to clarify the language and modify some of it to make it less burdensome on local governments.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of 2023 Festivals

See video at 23:11

Supervisor Dimond stated that Trustee Malik, who is absent at today's Board meeting, is very interested in organizing 2023 Festivals. She said that we would discuss those dates during the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Cook County Property Tax Bridge Fund Information  
See video at 23:24

Supervisor Dimond stated that Cook County is offering either low-cost or no-cost loans to taxing bodies that might be running short of money because tax bills are going out so late. She said that Maine Township does not meet all the criteria, and we do not qualify for that loan.

Agenda Item: New Business, Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission - Landmark Designation  
See video at 24:22

Supervisor Dimond stated that Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission had contacted Maine Township about Landmark Designation for our building which is historically and architecturally very significant in Park Ridge.

Supervisor Dimond briefly presented the history of the Maine Township building that was once the church designed by Lloyd Wright, son of the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright in the ninety-sixties and was purchased by the Township in the ninety-eighties.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board members to think about that idea and consider applying for Landmark Designation for the building.

Clerk Gialamas stated that it's a relatively easy process to work with Preservation Commission if certain criteria is met, and it would not be a bad idea to bring more attention to our building and the Township.

Supervisor Dimond said that we would discuss this issue during the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Resolution to change Ordinance ticket amounts  
See video at 28:30

Supervisor Dimond stated that Enforcement Officer Ghazaleh, Maintenance Director Samaan, Administrator Berman and her reviewed the current Ordinances, which were enacted in ninety-eighties and ninety-nineties and have very low tickets and permits amount.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board members about their thoughts if they would agree to increase fine. She said that most likely it will be included in the Municode process.

Discussion and comments.

Attorney Asprooth commented on giving the Code Enforcement Officer discretion on the range of the ticket amounts.

Discussion and comments on enforcement possibilities that would not allow an offender to sell his/her property if unpaid violations exist.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Extending Mainstreamer Membership to Township Retirees  
See video 32:26

Trustee Jones presented Resolution 2022-9 to Extend Mainstreamer Membership to Township Retirees.

Questions and comments.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve the Resolution 2022-9 to Extend Mainstreamer Membership to Township Retirees.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Supervisor Dimond added that the Resolution would also apply to the Highway Department retirees.

Trustee Jones read the Resolution 2022-9 to Extend Mainstreamer Membership to Township Retirees.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, Recap of Recent Events – National Night Out; Self-Defense Class  
See video at 37:22

Clerk Gialamas stated that after two years off, the National Night Out was a really nice, well-attended event. He extended his thanks to all Board members, employees, Cook County Sheriff, North Maine Fire Department and Golf Maine Park District for their help with this successful event.

Clerk Gialamas is looking forward to building this event even bigger next year.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she did not participate in the Self Defense Class, but she witnessed how physical it was with punching and kicking, which was great.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, Upcoming Events

Supervisor Dimond reminded everybody that on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Employee-Family Cook Out would take place, and she was pleased that so many people signed up to bring salads and other dishes. She thanked Senator Murphy for her sweet corn donation.

Supervisor Dimond mentioned again that on September 8<sup>th</sup>, Township Officials of Illinois and some legislators from Springfield would visit Maine Township.

Supervisor Dimond announced that on September 17<sup>th</sup>, a Community Garage Sale will take place in the Maine Township's parking lot. The North Suburban Legal Clinic – Power of Attorney in-person event is scheduled on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Paper Shredding Event is going to be on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and another North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic is scheduled on October 27<sup>th</sup>, which is going to be virtual. Supervisor Dimond announced that November 13-15<sup>th</sup> is the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Educational Conference, but still there is no detailed agenda for this event. She asked Board members to notify Administrator Berman or her who will attend.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 38:52

Agenda Item: Closed Session: Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and Review, and Possible Approval of Closed Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Trustee Jones	Motion to go to the Closed Session for the Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees and Review, and Possible Approval of Closed Session Minutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
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Trustee Horvath	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	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones	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	Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk