

Maine Township Board Meeting September 27, 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, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Ruba Al Ayed, Nader Ghazaleh, Liz Coy, Evan White, Arielle Kalvelage, Robert Flinn, Animesh Ghoshak, Marek Sikora, Dorothy Sikora, Ashraf Ghani, Shel Newman, Barbara Christopher, Debra A. Gartke and Eva Magnowski

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 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 Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 2, 2022 and September 16, 2022 and General Assistance checks #54342 through check #54414 in the amount of \$55,661.00.

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 September 2, 2022 and September 16, 2022 and Road District checks #22534 through check #22572 in the amount of \$98,571.52.

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 September 2, 2022 and September 16, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59689 through check #59767 in the amount of \$306,380.26.

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

Animesh Ghoshak, a longtime resident of Maine Township who lives at 9120 N. Lincoln Ave. stated that the whole block that he lives on is extremely dark and quite dangerous at night. He said that lack of lighting causes many burglaries in that area and children who live there are not safe. Mr. Ghoshak, along with two other residents Dorothy and Marek Sikora, came to Maine Township to request a street lighting repair. Animesh Ghoshak thanked the Highway Department for maintaining the roads and being very helpful with permits.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Vote on Corrected Resolution 2022-9

See video at 7:30

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the last Board Meeting the Board members approved and signed Resolution 2022-9 to Extend Mainstreamer Membership to Township Retirees. She stated that the corrected Resolution has to be resigned due to a typo and a missing date.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve Corrected Resolution 2022-9 A Resolution to Extend Mainstreamer Membership to Township Retirees.
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: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Resolution Consenting to Landmark Designation

See video at 8:56

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the last month Board meeting there was a discussion about a Landmark Designation nomination for the Maine Township building.

Maine Township guests: Barbara Christopher and Shel Newman from the Park Ridge Historic Preservation Commission, who worked on the nomination, and historian Dr. Robert Philips gave some background on the Commission and the history of the Maine Township building. Dr. Philips stated that the church designed by Lloyd Wright, son of the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, in the ninety-sixties, and now owned by the Maine Township is historically and architecturally very significant in Park Ridge.

Comments from Board officials.

Supervisor Dimond and the Board officials thanked the Commission for all the hard work to prepare the nomination.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 A Resolution Consenting to The Designation of The Township Office Located at 1700 Ballard Road as a Park Ridge Landmark.
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: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Change to Personnel Manual allowing Compensatory Time

See video at 18:43

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Board officials in their distribution packets received Resolution 2022-10 to Allow the Accrual of Compensatory Time that would change a provision of the Personnel Manual. The change would employees to accrue compensatory time under limited circumstances, particularly when the Township needs a lot of employees to volunteer at special events and during weekends.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10 A Resolution to Allow the Accrual of Compensatory Time.
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: New Business, Discussion on Landscaping Work

See video 22:42

Supervisor Dimond stated that there are several dead trees around the property of Maine Township and we do need some landscaping work. She asked the Board members for an opinion if all the dead trees that they saw should be removed or just some of them.

Discussion and comments.

Clerk Gialamas stated that all the dead trees should be removed because at some point they will be a hazard.

Trustee Jones agreed and added that there are a lot of overgrowths and that the landscaping should be cleaned up.

Trustee Malik stated that the \$1450.00 contract with the landscaping company should be revised because the service is very poor.

More discussion and comments.

Administrator Dayna stated that she will ask the landscaping company for a more detailed description of the service that they are providing.

Supervisor Dimond stated that under New Business there is one more item that is not listed on agenda and asked Commissioner Beauvais to talk about it.

Highway Department Commissioner Beauvais stated that Supervisor Dimond and he discussed unpaid citations issued by Maine Township's Code Officer. He said that he looked into Municipal Collection Services and there are multiple options to collect debts. Commissioner Beauvais asked the Board officials for a discussion on this matter.

Discussion and comments.

Supervisor Dimond stated that more research can be done on this topic and it will be on the next Board meeting agenda.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, Announcement

Supervisor Dimond announced that at the last Closed Session during Board Meeting on August 23rd the Board members decided that minutes from October 22, 2019 #1, May 25, 2021, July 27, 2021, February 22, 2022, July 26, 2022, & August 23, 2022, will remain confidential.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the 16th Annual Maine Township Garage Sale fundraiser held on September 17th was a big success. The event organized by Mainstay generated a record-breaking total of \$5610.53, which is a 35% increase in revenue in 2019. Supervisor Dimond thanked everybody and congratulated all the staff members that worked on this event particularly Richard Lyon and Emily Toomey from Mainstay.

Supervisor Dimond stated that on September 19th, the Power of Attorney Seminar, which was held at Maine Township and run by the Mainstreamers was also very successful.

Supervisor Dimond said that all the improvements at the Food Pantry are completed and on September 22nd, we had the Grand Reopening.

Supervisor Dimond reminded everyone that on October 18th, an Agency Funding Special Board Meeting is scheduled. She stated that on October 20th, Maine Township will host Township Officials of Cook County, Supervisors Division meeting. Supervisor Dimond announced that October 22nd will be a very busy day with two events: Document Shredding at Maine Township and Food Pantry at Park Ridge Farmer's Market.

Supervisor Dimond stated that on October 27th, North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic - Program on Services is scheduled, and is going to be virtual. She noted that Maine Township will be hosting a FLU/COVID Jewel-Osco vaccine booster clinic on October 28th at Town Hall. Supervisor Dimond reminded the Board about the Annual Educational Conference for the Township Officials of Illinois on November 13-15, 2022.

Trustee Horvath extended an invitation to everyone to attend a play at Maine East High School on September 29th, September 30th or October 1st.

Trustee Maher congratulated MaineStreamer's Director Dachniwsky on the outstanding events organized during last month.

Assessor Krey stated that Maine Township residents may file an appeal until October 7th. She stated that the appeal process in Maine Township will end on October 4th, because in the past there was difficulty sending appeals to Cook County Assessor's office since their system went down.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 39:50

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 7:53 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk