

Maine Township Board Meeting October 25, 2022

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<http://mainetown.com/board-meetings/>

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Halie Reyes, Marty Cook, Ruba Al Ayed, Nader Ghazaleh, Mike Samaan, Liz Coy, Richard Lyon, Alicia Brzezinski, Nick Kanehl, Robert Flinn, Marty McAlpin, Janet Bar, Cornell Bar, Catherine Sbarra and Eva Magnowski

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2022 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 27, 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 Absent

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2022 Agency Funding Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Agency Funding Board Meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Absent

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 30, 2022 and October 14, 2022 and General Assistance checks #54415 through check #54475 in the amount of \$52,104.95.

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 Absent
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures
Payrolls dated September 30, 2022 and October 14, 2022 and Road District checks #22573 through check #22614 in the amount of \$439,980.52.

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 Absent
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated September 30, 2022 and October 14, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59768 through check #59823 in the amount of \$303,707.07.

Trustee Malik 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 Absent
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Acceptance of donation from Countryside Saloon, Janet Cornell Bar, and Weslie and Joseph Bellini

See video at 4:40

Janet and Cornell Bar, from Countryside Saloon, presented the Maine Township's Food Pantry with a \$5,000 donation from Weslie and Joseph Bellini and themselves. Ms. Bar stated that thru the last 15 years, they have donated over \$60,000.00.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Mr. and Ms. Bar for the generous donation and said that it was very much appreciated.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of collection of ordinance fines
See video at 7:20

Highway Department Commissioner Beauvais stated that because the Board is pursuing a judication to give the chance to contest the ticket, he is talking to Cook County on this matter and after that, he will give the report.

Supervisor Dimond stated that this topic will be continued on the next Board meeting agenda.

Agenda Item: New Business, Recognition of National Code Compliance Month
See video at 8:57

Supervisor Dimond noted that October is National Code Compliance Month. She stated that in 1997 Maine Township implemented a new state law providing for a township code enforcement officer and the landmark legislation was sponsored at the request of our township.

Supervisor Dimond said that she would like to recognize Maine Township's Code Enforcement Officer Nader Ghazaleh and thanked him for all the hard work that he does.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and vote on Public Relation Consultant Rate and Contract

See video at 9:58

Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing presented an annual marketing review for 2022. They stated that a year ago M3 Marketing was formed for the purpose of providing contractual PR and Marketing services on behalf of Maine Township. Since this time, M3 led a partial rebranding of the Townships communication processes. They have implemented key facets of the self-produced marketing audit and have clearly enhanced the Township's strategic and coordinated communication efforts telling the story of Maine Township to a wider and more diverse audience.

Supervisor Dimond and Board members commented on a very professional, informative and simple way of approaching Maine Township's residents. Supervisor Dimond thanked Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn for the great work that they do.

Robert Flinn stated that the next month they are going to present a new contract.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and possible vote on sidewalk repair work

See video at 24:43

Supervisor Dimond stated that one or more people have tripped on the Maine Township's sidewalk near the General Office entrance.

Maintenance Director Samaan stated that the quotes he got to repair the sidewalk are very high and he decided to repair it in-house.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Maintenance Director Samaan for taking care of that problem.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and possible vote on sump pump replacement

See video at 26:29

Maintenance Director Samaan stated that Maine Township Town Hall has a rain pit located in the electrical room in MaineStay. This pit uses two sump pumps and one of them is no longer operable. He said that the estimated cost of a new pump is \$1,307.25 and replacement of it will be done in-house.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve the expenditure to replace the sump pump.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and possible vote on Tree Removal and Tree Trimming contract

See video 28:09

Supervisor Dimond reminded everyone that there are several dead trees around the property of Maine Township that should be removed.

Maintenance Director Samaan stated that he obtained four different quotes and his recommendation is DM Tree Service Inc. to perform cutting down fifteen trees as well as grinding down the stumps for the price of \$4,750.00.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to engage DM Tree Service Inc.to perform all the services related to tree trimming and tree removal.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Discussion and comments.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Absent
Trustee Malik	No

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and possible vote on Estimated General Town Fund/General Assistance & Road & Bridge Levy Ordinance 2022

See video at 36:44

Supervisor Dimond stated that a new estimated Levy Ordinance for General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund was included in the Board packet.

Trustee Jones	Motion to adopt the Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-3 for Town Fund and General Assistance Fund as presented in the total amount of \$5,293,554.00.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Supervisor Dimond said that this estimated 2022 Ordinance will provide a 4.9% increase from 2021 and that level of increase does not require a hearing.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board officials for questions or comments, and none were heard.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Dimond stated that a new estimated Levy Ordinance for the Road District Fund was also included in the Board packet.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adopt the Estimated Tax Levy Ordinance 2022-RB-3 for Road District Fund, as presented by Highway Commissioner Beauvais with the total amount of 2,605,553.00.
Trustee Jones	Second

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the Levy will remain flat into the next fiscal year. He stated that despite the rising costs of goods, labor and materials, the Highway Department feels that we can pursue additional funding to not add burden to the taxpayers of Maine Township.

No questions or comments from the Board officials.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports, Announcement Recap

General Assistance Director Kelso introduced a new employee – Halie Reyes, Disability and Senior Advocate. She is S.H.I.P. certified, and she has been trained already on the LIHEAP.

Supervisor Dimond welcomed Halie Reyes warmly.

Supervisor Dimond stated that Food Pantry Director Kanehl participated in the “Crop Walk” to raise money for Maine Township.

Supervisor Dimond said that on October 18th, an Agency Funding Special Board Meeting took place. She stated that on October 20th, Maine Township hosted a Township Officials of Cook County, Supervisors Division meeting. Supervisor Dimond noted that on October 22nd, she attended Park Ridge Farmer’s Market, where Maine Township’s Food Pantry table was set up, and later she joined a very popular Document Shredding event at Maine Township. She mentioned that we had visits from Senator Villavalam and Representative Kelly.

Supervisor Dimond stated that on October 27th, at 6:00 p.m. North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic Program is scheduled by Zoom. 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.

Assessor Moylan-Krey stated that the property tax appeal process is finished. She informed everyone that there is a second option to appeal for the 2022 Tax Bill with the Cook County Board of Review. She pointed out that her department submitted 2,000 appeals within 20 working days. Assessor Moylan-Krey announced that on November 3rd, a free workshop - How to Appeal Your Property Tax Assessment hosted by Commissioner Michael Cabonargi will take place at the Niles Senior Center.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see video at 40:39

Agenda Item: Closed Session: Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees

Trustee Jones	Motion to go to the Closed Session for the Discussion of the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees
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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	Absent
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

Supervisor Dimond re-opened the meeting in Open Session and Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski called the roll.

Supervisor Dimond stated that Catherine Sbarra, CEO & Senior Benefits/Facility Advisor from National Group Health Alliance LLC, was asked to be at the Board meeting to answer some questions regarding Maine Township's health insurance and COBRA.

There were numerous questions and a discussion regarding an extension of the COBRA period by more than 18 months.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Ms. Sbarra for appearing at tonight's meeting and postponed this topic to the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath 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 Absent
Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk