

Maine Township Board Meeting December 27, 2022

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

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Vicky Rizzo, Alicia Brzezinski, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Ruba Al Ayed, Liz Coy, Richard Lyon, Nader Ghazaleh, Nick Kanehl, Edward Olewinski, Ron Wolflick, Lynda Santrella and Eva Magnowski

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

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

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 22, 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 Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 25, 2022, December 9, 2022 and December 23, 2022 and General Assistance checks #54534 through check #54588 in the amount of \$61,190.55.

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 Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 25, 2022, December 9, 2022 and December 23, 2022, and Road District checks #22656 through check #22695 in the amount of \$90,337.60.

Trustee Maher 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 November 25, 2022, December 9, 2022 and December 23, 2022 and General Town Fund checks #59882 through check #59946 in the amount of \$332,534.08.

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	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None

Agenda Item: Presentation of Check to Honor Flight Chicago

See video at 3:59

Clerk Gialamas stated that he is happy to carry on the tradition that the previous Maine Township Clerk, Gary K. Warner, who was a big supporter of veterans started a program of donating \$1,000 to Honor Flight Chicago. The donation is through the revenues raised from processing passport applications and is not taxpayer money funded.

Mr. Ron Wolflick, Chair of Operation Locate a Hero, thanked the Maine Township Board for their generosity and commented that no other Township or City donates like Maine Township. He stated that they have flown almost 10,000 veterans since 2008, around 7,000 of which were World War II veterans, 2,000 were Korean veterans and about 1,400 were Vietnam veterans.

Clerk Gialamas and other Elected Officials presented a \$1,000.00 check to the organization.

Agenda Item: 2022 Crop Walk

Lynda Santrella stated that she is involved with Crop Walk since 1985, which was originally Great Northwestern Crop Walk. Ms. Santrella said that in 1992 the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk was born and Maine Township Food Pantry has been chosen as a designated agency which means that it gets 25 percent of the collection. For the past 34, years the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk donated about \$200,000.00 to the Maine Township Food Pantry. Lynda Santrella stated that Niles/Park Ridge 2022 Crop Walk collected \$33,112.00 and a check for approximately \$6,700.00 was given to Food Pantry Director Kanehl.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Ms. Santrella very much for doing it for so many years, and she said that it is very appreciated.

Agenda Item: Personnel

See video at 17:25

Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski stated that Natalia Rokita resigned after one month and Cathleen “Cat” Ryder has been hired as a new Deputy Clerk. She said that Ms. Ryder is a Maine Township’s

receptionist and her first day at Clerk's Office will be January 3, 2023. Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski stated that Cat Ryder will be a great fit in the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Dimond welcomed Ms. Ryder to the new position and congratulated her on the promotion.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of Collection of Ordinance Fines

See video at 19:07

Supervisor Dimond asked Highway Commissioner Beauvais for an update on the Collection Agency presentation.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the presentation from the Municipal Collection Agency will take place at January's Board Meeting.

Supervisor Dimond stated that it will be added to the next Agenda.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Township Room Rental Policy

See video at 20:07

Supervisor Dimond reminded the Board that there was a discussion about Township Room Rental Policy a few times already. She stated that the Board Distribution packet contained a Facility Event Space License Agreement that Board officials could review.

Discussion and comments.

All Board officials, except Trustee Malik who was absent, agreed with the Facility Event Space License Agreement.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2022-12 to Sell or Dispose of Surplus Vehicles & Equipment

See video at 24:49

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Resolution 2022-12 to Sell or Dispose of Surplus Vehicles & Equipment was on the last Agenda, but because of incorrect information about the vehicle in Exhibit "A", it was tabled to this Board meeting. She asked the Board officials for a vote to pass the new corrected Resolution.

Trustee Jones	Motion to pass Resolution 2022-12 to Sell or Dispose of Surplus Vehicles & Equipment, OEM vehicle listed in Exhibit "A" 1998 Chevrolet Blazer for auction.
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Trustee Horvath	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
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Trustee Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Yes
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Trustee Maher	Yes
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Trustee Malik	Absent
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Cook County Circuit Clerk Presentation

See video at 26:20

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Cook County Circuit Clerk Presentation was Trustee Malik's suggestion, and due to his absence, the discussion on this topic will be postponed until the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Christmas Tree Light Recycling, Maine Township Blood Drive 1/19  
See video at 26:41

OEM Director Olewinski stated that Supervisor Dimond and he discussed the rebranding of the OEM Department. He said that the Christmas Tree Light Recycling event will take place at the Maine Township parking lot. Mr. Olewinski said that Maine Township residents can bring any type of lights to dispose of, except commercial, on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. He stated that this event is partnering with Elgin Recycling, which has welcomed us to donate lights for free.

Supervisor Dimond thanked OEM Director Olewinski for a great start as a new director.

Supervisor Dimond announced that on January 19<sup>th</sup>, a Blood Drive will take place at Maine Township.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion regarding next year’s budget preparation  
See video at 29:11

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board for a discussion and comments regarding next year’s budget and mentioned that the fiscal year starts on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

No comments from the Board members.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on Agency Funding Allocation  
See video at 30:33

Supervisor Dimond stated that the chart with 2023-2024 Agency Funding Recommendations was included in the Board distribution.

No further comments or questions from the Board.

Trustee Horvath Motion to fund the agencies listed in the 2023-2024 Agency Funding Recommendation Chart according to Consensus Recommendations in the total amount of \$459,500.00

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	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials’ Reports

Highway Commissioner Beauvais thanked his crew for handling and working overtime during last weekend’s bad weather.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Highway Commissioner Beauvais and his staff for attending an Employee Christmas Party.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he attended the MaineStreamers luncheon with several of the other Board members. He said that it was a good event, as well as our Employee Christmas Party. Clerk Gialamas wished everybody Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year ahead.

Trustee Jones echoed the same sentences as Clerk Gialamas and wished everybody Happy New Year. Trustee Jones extended an invitation for Neighborhood Watch Meeting the next Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Maher stated that he is appreciative of the insurance benefits that we have.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Trustee Maher, who had surgery last week, for coming to today's meeting.

Supervisor Dimond thanked all the Maine Township Staff members for working as hard as they do for the Township residents for the past year.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 35:34

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 7:39 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk