

Maine Township Board Meeting January 24, 2023

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

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Marie Dachniwsky, Ruba Al Ayed, Liz Coy, Richard Lyon, Mike Samaan, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Nader Ghazaleh, Nick Kanehl, Edward Olewinski, Jennifer Raffé, Dan McDonald and Eva Magnowski

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

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

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 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 Yes

Trustee Malik Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated January 6, 2023 and January 20, 2023 and General Assistance checks #54589 through check #54652 in the amount of \$44,614.02.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated January 6, 2023 and January 20, 2023, and Road District checks #22696 through check #22740 in the amount of \$195,713.02.

Trustee Horvath 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 Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated January 6, 2023 and January 20, 2023 and General Town Fund checks #59947 through check #60000 in the amount of \$289,874.43.

Trustee Jones 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
None

Agenda Item: Personnel
Supervisor Dimond introduced a new afternoon receptionist Jennifer Raffe, who started about 3 weeks ago. Supervisor Dimond stated that Paula Rezutko-Custis moved up to the mornings.

Supervisor Dimond welcomed Ms. Raffe to the new position and thanked her very much for joining the Maine Township staff.

Agenda Item: Municipal Collection Services Inc/Dan McDonald Presentation
See video at 5:25

Dan McDonald, Business Development Manager from Municipal Collection Services presented his company, which has been in business for over 25 years. Mr. McDonald pointed out that MCS as a debt collection agency, focuses strictly in the municipal government arena. He presented the process of collecting fines and the legal requirements.

Mr. McDonald answered questions from the Board officials.

Attorney Kurt Asprooth also answered several questions from the Board and explained the legal aspects of collecting fines.

Supervisor Dimond and the Board members thanked Mr. McDonald for coming and for his presentation.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of Cook County Circuit Clerk Presentation
See video at 31:24

Supervisor Dimond thanked Trustee Malik for setting up the presentation with Cook County Circuit Clerk Iris Martinez on Saturday, February 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She encouraged the Board officials to attend this very interesting event.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote of Road District Amended Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for 2022-2023
See video at 32:58

Supervisor Dimond stated that half an hour ago there was a Budget Hearing for Amended Road District Fund for the past year 2022-2023. She asked the Board to vote on and approve the Ordinance 2023-RB-1.

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance 2023-RB-1, Road District Amended Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for 2022-2023 as presented by Highway Commissioner Beauvais prior to the hearing and waive the reading.

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 of Town Fund & General Assistance Line-Item Transfers

See video at 34:31

Supervisor Dimond stated that there are two separate Resolutions, one for the Town Fund and the second one for the General Assistance Fund regarding the Line-Item Transfers in last year's budget to cover some expenses that were larger than expected. She explained that these changes will not increase the budget.

Attorney Asprooth stated that the Line-Item Transfer can be done without having to amend the budget as long as it is less than 10% of that overall appropriation.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board to pass the Resolution 2023-2.

Trustee Maher Motion to adopt the Resolution 2023-2, A Resolution Authorizing a Line-Item Transfer in The General Town Fund for The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget and Appropriation

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.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board to pass the Resolution 2023-3.

Trustee Maher Motion to adopt the Resolution 2023-3, A Resolution Authorizing a Line-Item Transfer in The General Assistance Fund for The Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget and Appropriation

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: New Business, Approval of Resolution 2023-1 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings
See video at 38:13

Supervisor Dimond stated that December's Board meeting falls on December 26th, the day after Christmas, and asked the Board members if they would like to change it to another day. After a short discussion, the Board members agreed to reschedule the Board meeting to Thursday, December 28th, and also corrected the date in February to Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve the Resolution 2023-1, Schedule of Regular Board Meetings with two amendments, in December the meeting will be held on Thursday, December 28, 2023, and in February on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.
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: New Business, Discussion of Possible 2023 Festivals
See video at 45:01

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board officials to discuss the 2023 Festivals. Trustee Malik announced that the Indian Cultural Day will be on August 12th, and the Pakistani Cultural Day will take place on August 13th. He said also that he is planning to organize a Cricket Festival from July 1st to July 4th, possibly at Dee Park.

Clerk Gialamas stated that the National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 1st, at Dee Park.

There was a discussion about having Food Trucks during Maine Township events.

Supervisor Dimond mention that on December 7, 2022, the Historic Preservation Commission in the City of Park Ridge approved the Maine Township building as a landmark. She stated that the date for the event to install the plaque will be determined.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Trustee Malik thanked Commissioner Beauvais for fixing the problem with the stop sign at the intersection of Western and Lyon. Trustee Malik stated that finally he has a translation of the General Assistance program in Urdu.

Trustee Maher thanked Assessor Krey for her assistance with tax appeals, even though he lost.

Assessor Krey stated that there is going to be another opportunity to appeal with the Board of Review, and the date will be announced. Assessor Krey mention, that last week, she met with our new Commissioner Samantha Steele.

Trustee Jones also thanked Commissioner Beauvais for increasing safety and fixing the problem with the stop sign. Trustee Jones extended an invitation for the Neighborhood Watch meeting on February 1st, at 7:00 p.m., and for the Maine East play “The Little Mermaid” on February 17th, 18th, 24th, or 25th.

Clerk Gialamas stated that his office has submitted a list of persons required to file a Statement of Economic Interest with Cook County. He stated that the deadline to file an SEI is May 1st. Clerk Gialamas said that he improved the department’s website content regarding his services, especially passports. He mentioned that Deputy Clerk Ryder passed a test and got her Passport Acceptance Agent Certification, and also she became a Deputy Registrar.

Supervisor Dimond stated that January’s Board packet included a couple of FOIA requests. Supervisor Dimond said that the Maine Township Staff and she were working very hard to complete all the documents to respond to both time-consuming requests. Supervisor Dimond mentioned that last weekend OEM Director Olewinski conducted the Township’s first-ever Christmas Lights Recycle Drive. She said that on January 19th, Maine Township held the Blood Drive event, which was very successful. Supervisor Dimond stated that she attended the Township Officials of Cook County meeting and she learned more about Decennial Committees and Local Government Efficiency Act. She said that at least two people have to be appointed from the community for this Committee by June. Supervisor Dimond stated that she went to Commissioner Morrison’s Roundtable, which was arranged to meet with Cook County President Tony Preckwinkle. Also, she visited Elk Grove Village Township with other Maine Township employees.

For more detailed Officials’ Reports see the video at 53:45

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath Motion to adjourn.
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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk