

Maine Township Board Meeting March 28, 2023

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Ruba Al Ayed, Liz Coy, Richard Lyon, Mike Samaan, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Martin McAlpin, GS Jacob and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2023 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2023 Road District Amended Budget Hearing

Trustee Malik Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 Road District Amended Budget Hearing.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2023 Road District Budget Hearing

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Road District Budget Hearing.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 3, 2023 and March 17, 2023 and General Assistance checks #54688V through check #54778 in the amount of \$43,773.34, and check #54774 for \$7,500 is being hold back.

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 March 3, 2023 and March 17, 2023, and Road District checks #22795 through check #22835 in the amount of \$252,997.49.

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 Absent
Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 3, 2023 and March 17, 2023 and General Town Fund checks #60062 through check #60125 in the amount of \$276,664.44.

Trustee Horvath 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 Absent
Trustee Malik Yes

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote of Town Fund/General Assistance Final Budget & Appropriation Ordination for 2023-24

See video at 6:16

Supervisor Dimond stated that previously at 7:00 p.m. there was a Public Hearing for Town Fund and General Assistance Final Budget & Appropriation Ordination for 2023-24.

No questions or comments from the Board members.

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt the Town Fund and General Assistance Final Budget & Appropriation Ordination for 2023-24.

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: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Annual Code Hosting by Municode

See video at 7:33

Supervisor Dimond stated that we did not get a quote from Municode on Annual Code Hosting and postponed this topic for the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Follow-up on status of residential property near the explosion site

See video at 8:00

Supervisor Dimond stated that OEM Director Olewinski and Code Enforcement Ghazaleh, who are most familiar with the situation of residential properties near the explosion site are absent tonight.

Supervisor Dimond said that Mr. Olewinski and Mr. Ghazaleh were very active and continued to stay in touch with the four families who couldn't move back into their houses due to the incident. She said that electricity, gas and water are turned back on and the families have been able to move back to their residencies.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she contacted the Building and Zoning Department of Cook County and the State Attorney's Office, and she said that a petition for demolition was filed with the court.

Supervisor Dimond said that more information will be presented at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, New Website Demonstration/Rich Lyon

See video at 10:36

MaineStay Director Lyon did a demonstration of our new website. Mr. Lyon pointed out that the new website contains more information and is very well organized, plus has better functionality for navigation than the previous one. He said that the website is designed for computer screens and smartphones.

Supervisor Dimond and the Board thanked Mr. Lyon for rebuilding a very clean and friendly website.

Mr. Lyon thanked the board for approval of redesigning the Maine Township's website.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Landscaping Contract

See video at 21:41

Maintenance Director Samaan stated that four landscaping estimates for 2023 are included in the Board packet. Mr. Samaan's recommendation was to sign the contract with NJ Castillo Landscaping, Inc. at \$1,350 a month. He said that Maine Township has been using this company for almost 20 years. They are very reliable and consistent with their work and their price for the services has stayed the same through the pandemic, inflation and along with rising gas prices.

Questions and comments from the Board.

Trustee Malik stated that the NJ Castilo Landscaping, Inc. does not perform as per his expectation. Trustee Malik stated that the company does not describe what is included in the monthly maintenance and he is not approving this contract until he sees the breakdown of the contract.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve a contract with NJ Castilo Landscaping, Inc. for 2023 with a request to provide a more specific list of the company's services.

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	No

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Sale of License Plate Stickers
See video at 32:50

Supervisor Dimond stated that many other entities, agencies, townships and libraries are selling license plate stickers, and our Township also could provide such a service for our residents.

Clerk Gialamas stated that Deputy Clerk Magnowski did some research on the process of selling license plate stickers. Clerk Gialamas stated that the Secretary of State requires to use a provider to sell the License Plate Stickers. He said that the Hanover Township is using the S&S License and Title Service, Inc. located in Peoria. This vendor sends 250 stickers as a bundle, \$151 per sticker which is very costly. The vendor's fee is \$1.75 per sticker. Clerk Gialamas stated that we can use the Electronic License Service, located in Des Plaines, and we can start with only 25 stickers, they are local so it will be a big advantage. Their fee is \$1.65 per sticker. Clerk Gialamas said that our expense will be a purchase of a laser printer that probably will cost up to \$300. Clerk Gialamas stated that we will not make big money on selling these stickers but it would be good idea to implement this service in our Township for our Residents.

Supervisor Dimond stated that this topic will be continued at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Demonstration, Discussion and Possible Vote on Contract for Online Registration Management Software
See video at 36:27

MaineStreamers Director Marie Dachniwsky and MaineStay Director Lyon made a presentation on Online Registration Management Software.

MaineStreamers Director Marie Dachniwsky briefly explained the current registration process for the various activity programs and day trips and she stated that it is outdated and ineffective. She said that members are not able to register online nor do they have the option to pay using credit cards. Ms. Dachniwsky presented three quotes from various vendors that provide software programs for online registration management and payment processing. She recommended CivicPlus, which has very good reviews and whose software program is user-friendly, basic, and easy.

Mr. Lyon explained the process of using the credit card and related the costs.

CivicPlus representative, Nicholas Glasgow, did a demonstration of the Online Registration Management Software.

Several questions from the Board Officials answered by Ms. Dachniwsky and Mr. Lyon.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve a contract with the CivicPlus for the Online Registration Management Software.
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.

Supervisor Dimond and the Board thanked the presenters for the demonstration.

Agenda Item: Vote on Closed Session Minutes

See video at 1:06:44

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Board has to vote on the Resolution Approving and Making a Determination on Executive Session Meeting Minutes and asked the Officials for a motion.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2022, for content and continue the confidentiality of the Executive Session Meeting of October 22, 2019 #1, May 25, 2021, and July 27, 2021, February 22, 2022, July 26, 2022, August 23, 2022, and October 25, 2022.
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: Officials' Reports

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that his department was helping residents who were here at the last Board Meeting and were affected by the fire that occurred on January 5, 2023, to solve the parking problems.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais announced that during the Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., his department will be giving away trees donated by Pesche's Garden Center in Des Plaines. Highway Commissioner Beauvais thanked Chris Pesche for the contribution.

Clerk Gialamas stated that Senator Laura Murphy is going to be a Moderator at the Annual Town Meeting, and Boys Scout Troop 76 from Park Ridge will present the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Clerk Gialamas announced that in the fiscal year 2022-2023 Clerk's Office brought over \$45,000 in Revenue from the passports.

Supervisor Dimond stated that during the Annual Town Meeting, there will be the unveiling of the Township Hall's Historic Landmark Plaque.

Trustee Jones thanked Trustee Malik for organizing Holi, The Festival of Colors, which was a great event with delicious food. Trustee Jones reminded everyone that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m. She invited all Maine Township's residents and said that any concerns or issues can be addressed.

Trustee Malik thanked everybody for attending the Holi event. Trustee Malik announced that on Saturday, April 29th, he is planning to organize the Eid al-Fitr festival luncheon for the Muslim Community.

Supervisor Dimond announced that Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Krey, and Dr. Phillips agreed to be the resident members of the Decennial Committee and probably the first meeting will take place on April 25th, before the Township Board Meeting.

Clerk Gialamas stated that on Monday night, April 17th, or April 24th, the first organizational meeting for the National Night Out will take place and said that a detailed email will be sent soon.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais announced that registration for the Des Plaines 4th of July Parade went out.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 1:08:38

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones	Motion to adjourn.
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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk