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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 Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Alicia Brzezinski, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Nader Ghazaleh, Nick Kanehl, Marty Cook, Evan White, Erin Callahan, Eddie Olewinski, Robert Flinn, Robert “Bud” Phillips and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2023 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023 Board Meeting.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Trustee Malik read aloud the sentence from page 6, paragraph 6 of the April 25, 2023 Minutes: “Attorney Asprooth stated that an individual Trustee on their own does not have any authority to use any Maine Township facility.” Trustee Malik asked why the Supervisor is not mentioned in that sentence.

Attorney Asprooth explained that the Supervisor is essentially the CEO of the Township and has additional authorities under the Township Code that Trustees do not have.

Also, Trustee Malik questioned the signing of the Landscaping Contract by Supervisor Dimond.

Supervisor Dimond stated that this topic will be discussed later under New Business.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 28, 2023 and May 12, 2023 and General Assistance checks #54846 through check #54905 in the amount of \$44,736.72.

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 April 28, 2023 and May 12, 2023 and Road District checks #22882 through check #22927 in the amount of \$153,818.17.

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	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 28, 2023 and May 12, 2023 and General Town Fund checks #60197 through check #60264 in the amount of \$352,791.46.

Trustee Malik	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

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Smoke Detector Installation Proceeding in Township

See video at 10:18

OEM Director Olewinski stated that we had a very successful few weeks and installed a total of 60 smoke detectors across 13 residential properties. He noted that currently there is a waiting list comprising approximately 75 or more households in need of this service. Mr. Olewinski stated that to address this demand, Code Enforcement Officer Ghazaleh and he have devised a plan to carry out installations on Wednesday afternoons.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Explosion Site – Court appearance and letter to County Board

See video at 12:44

Supervisor Dimond gave an update regarding an explosion site at 9320 Noel Avenue in Des Plaines. Supervisor Dimond stated that Code Enforcement Officer Ghazaleh, OEM Director Olewinski and she virtually attended a court hearing regarding the petitions filed against the homeowners to demolish the remains of partially standing buildings. She said that no action will be taken in the near future. Supervisor Dimond stated that the Formal Request for Demolition Proceedings Letter was sent to President Toni Preckwinkle, Commissioner Maggie Trevor and Commissioner Sean Morrison.

Questions from the Board members that were answered by Attorney Asprooth, Code Enforcement Officer Ghazaleh and OEM Director Olewinski.

Supervisor Dimond talked about a possible grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority-Strong Communities Program Round 2.

Supervisor Dimond took a small break from the Agenda and introduced Kathy Sabinni as the new General Assistance Director, and MaineStay Director Lyon announced that on July 3rd, Intern Therapist Erin Callahan will start as a full time Family Therapist.

Agenda Item: Old business, Discussion and Vote on amended Facility Event Space License Agreement (tabled from April meeting)

See video at 22:57

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the last meeting, the amended Facility Event Space License Agreement was tabled. She said that at tonight's meeting, the Board members could find at their places the current version of the Agreement and the proposed changes to it.

Suggestions and comments from the Board members.

Trustee Malik announced that he will not organize any more events in the Maine Township parking lot. He stated that the Indian Festival will take place on August 12th, and the Pakistani Festival on August 13th, at Dee Park from 12:00 pm until 10:00 pm, and he invited everybody. Trustee Malik complained that the Maine Township's media, even upon his personal invitations, are not showing up to his events.

After a long discussion, Supervisor Dimond announced that this matter will be continued.

Agenda Item: New business, Food Pantry Garden/ New Native Prairie Garden Initiative with Maine East

See video at 45:30

Supervisor Dimond stated that Stephen Basista from the Maintenance Department took it upon himself to plant the Food Pantry Garden and we are looking forward to getting a lot of produce from the garden.

MaineStay Director Lyon presented the New Native Prairie Garden Initiative with Maine East early this summer with no cost to the Township except for the plants.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Capital Projects Planning

See video at 49:01

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Officials could find at their place spreadsheets of the major Capital Expenditures that Maine Township has had during the past 12 years. repair. Supervisor Dimond asked Maintenance Director Samman to prepare a list for the next meeting of any future major repairs.

Under New Business:

Trustee Malik questioned the signing of the Landscaping Contract by Supervisor Dimond.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she will revise the Minutes from March 28th, if she was authorized to sign the contract.

Supervisor Dimond stated that recently we received many FOIA requests. She gave a shout out to the Maine Township's Staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort in complying with these requests every month. Supervisor Dimond stated that Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski is primarily responsible for reaching out to Administrator Berman, Deputy Administrator Rizzo, HR Al Ayed and others to collect all the documents in a very short time, which is very burdensome. Supervisor Dimond thanked everyone.

Agenda Item: Events Recent & Future

See video at 54:41

Supervisor Dimond stated that recently we had great events: on May 5th, Agency Day at Manzo Banquets in Des Plaines, and on May 13th the Prescription Drug Take Back, Electronics Recycling, and Shredding event. Then on May 18th, the MaineStreamers organized a 90 Plus Birthday Celebration event. Supervisor Dimond announced that on May 29th the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade and the Des Plaines Memorial Day Celebration will take place. On June 7th, we will have Neighborhood Watch and June 9th and 10th Dumpster Days. She said that on June 16th and 17th the Taste of Des Plaines is coming up, and on July 4th, the Niles and Des Plaines Parades are scheduled. On July 13th -15th the Taste of Park Ridge is planned.

Clerk Gialamas announced that on August 1st the National Night Out will take place and the next planning meeting will be on June 12th at Feldman Center. He said that preparations for this event are moving.

Supervisor Dimond stated that on August 12th the Indian Festival and on August 13th the Pakistani Festival is scheduled.

Supervisor Dimond announced that on September 9th, the Garage Sale is set and on September 30th the International Festival will happen in the Maine Township's parking lot.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey Moylan stated that the office still is extremely busy with the Senior Freeze Exemptions. She said that the Maine Township is not open yet for Property Tax Appeals.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that he is looking forward to the Mexican Fiesta organized by MaineStreamers on May 31st. Highway Commissioner Beauvais also stated that the Highway Department received a lot thank you cards from our residents regarding the Tree Giveaway event and he read one of them aloud.

Clerk Gialamas also read a thank you letter aloud that Supervisor Dimond received regarding his department and Clerk Deputy Guzman.

Trustee Jones extended her invitation to the next Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, at 7:00 pm. Trustee Jones stated that she is looking forward to the National Night Out and other summer events.

Trustee Horvath discussed the idea of building a free little Library and a little Food Pantry.

Trustee Maher thanked Highway Commissioner Beauvais and his coworkers for the Tree Giveaway event. Trustee Maher thanked Trustee Malik for his event - Eid al-Fitr on April 29th. Also, he extended his thanks to Supervisor's Assistant Brzezinski, Maintenance Director Samaan and his workers, especially employee Jessica Fox - who did the most of the work, for the successful Recycling Event.

Trustee Malik thanked Assessor Moylan-Krey, Highway Commissioner Beauvais, Clerk Gialamas, Trustee Jones, Trustee Horvath and Trustee Maher for supporting him in his celebration of Eid al-Fitr on April 29th. Trustee Malik extended his thanks to Senator Laura Murphy for attending. He thanked the Maine Township Staff who helped in the organization to make it successful. Trustee Malik announced that it was the last event that he organized at Maine Township. Trustee Malik pointed out that he will make many events and everybody is invited.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 1:01:47

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	Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk