

Maine Township Board Meeting September 26, 2023

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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, Jenny Raffe, Ruba Al Ayed, Marie Dachniwsky, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Nick Kanehl, Marty Cook, Eddie Olewinski, Elio Custic, Marsha Carey, Sameer Masri 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 August 22, 2023 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the August 22, 2023 Board Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Abstain

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 1, 2023 and September 15, 2023 and General Assistance checks #55048 through check #55094 in the amount of \$42,124.13.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 1, 2023 and September 15, 2023 and Road District checks #23053 through check #23102 in the amount of \$143,157.83.

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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 1, 2023 and September 15, 2023 and General Town Fund checks #60468 through check #60552 in the amount of \$359,803.23.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Trustee Malik questioned check #60501 and #60502.

Supervisor Dimond explained that these are expenses for the upcoming International Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup> organized by Maine Township.

Trustee Malik stated that he was not aware of this event. Trustee Malik said that none of the Board members were invited to be involved in planning this program and the Board members should know what the taxpayers' money is spent on.

Supervisor Dimond stated that this event had been on the agenda for the past four months and she mentioned it every time.

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: Public Participation  
None

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Facility Lease Agreement  
See video at 9:00

Trustee Jones	Motion to adopt the Facility Lease Agreement.
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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	Yes
Trustee Malik	Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program  
See video at 10:09

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve the Employee Tuition Reimbursement Program
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Trustee Jones	Second.
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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: Old Business, Discussion of Levy Ordinance Adoption

See video at 11:30

Supervisor Dimond reminded that stated that the Levy Ordinance for the Town Fund and the General Assistance has to be adopted at the November meeting.

After discussion, the Board agreed to increase the Levy by 4.9%.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Levy Ordinance with the 4.9% increase will be presented during the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Old business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Moving Future Meeting Dates to Last Tuesday of the Month

See video at 29:33

Trustee Jones Motion to approve to move future meeting dates to last Tuesday of the month starting January 1, 2024.  
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, Introduction of New Employees

See video at 33:38

Supervisor Dimond introduced Elio Custic as the new Building Monitor, replacing Ron Bartsch who is leaving Maine Township. Supervisor Dimond announced that a prior Food Pantry volunteer Steve Amari started to work as a part-time Food Pantry Assistant. Finally, Supervisor Dimond introduced Marsha Carey who was hired as the Maine Township's Grant Writer.

Supervisor Dimond and the Board welcomed all the new employees and thanked Ron Bartsch for his work and they wished him the best of luck.

Supervisor Dimond announced a short break.

The meeting resumed at 7:55.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Closed Meeting Notes

See video at 39:27

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10, A Resolution Approving and Making a Determination on Executive Session Meeting Minutes.  
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: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Auctioning OEM Vehicle

See video at 41:54

Trustee Maher Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12, A Resolution of The Maine Township Board to Dispose of Surplus Vehicles and Equipment.

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: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Resolution Pledging To Join “Cook County To Unite Against Hate”

See video at 45:11

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-11, A Resolution Pledging to Join Cook County to Unite Against Hate.

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: New Business, Discussion on Possibly Providing Limited Bus Service in Township  
See video at 46:22

Supervisor Dimond stated that some of the Townships are providing bus services for their residents for medical appointments or grocery shopping. She said that the buses could be rented from PACE for a low price but we have to provide our drivers and do our maintenance.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board Officials if they would be interested in implementing such a service in Maine Township.

Comments and questions.

Supervisor Dimond that this discussion will continue.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Upcoming Events

See video at 56:55

Supervisor Dimond announced that tomorrow night, September 27<sup>th</sup>, an Opioid Education Community Event will take place. Supervisor Dimond reminded everyone that this coming Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, is International Festival at the Maine Township’s parking lot. She said that she was hoping that everyone could stop by. Supervisor Dimond stated that the Park Ridge Landmark Walk will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Maine Township building will be open.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the full list of the upcoming events was included in the Board packet and asked the Board to mark their calendars.

Agenda Item: Officials’ Reports

Assessor Krey stated that she attended a very informative symposium in Naperville. Assessor Krey said that she is looking forward to our International Day and that tomorrow night she will go to the Opioid Education Community Event.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that his department projects are wrapping up and should be completed by this Friday or early next week. Highway Commissioner Beauvais said that he will see everybody tomorrow at the Opioid Education Community Event and Saturday at the International Festival.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he looking forward to being here on Saturday at the International Festival.

Trustee Jones stated that she attended a very successful Garage Sale organized by MaineStay and thanked MaineStay Director Lyon and all volunteers for all the work. Trustee Jones said that she will also attend the Opioid Education Community Event and International Festival. Trustee Jones reminded everyone that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Horvath stated that she works at the Lincolnwood Public Library and she received a compliment from a lady about how fabulous the Garage Sale event is that she attends every year. Trustee Horvath extended an invitation to everyone to attend a play "Lookingglass Alice" at Maine East High School on September 28<sup>th</sup>, September 29<sup>th</sup> or September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Maher congratulated Food Pantry Director Kanehl and Supervisor Dimond for the efforts of the Greater Chicago Food Depository and said that it will be a magnificent improvement for the Maine Township Food Pantry. Trustee Maher stated that Supervisor Dimond and he went to a Niles event, and he encouraged everybody to see the new developments in the area of Golf Road and Milwaukee Avenue. Also, Trustee Maher stated that Supervisor Dimond and he attended the Chicago Police Department presentation regarding security for our employees.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais announced that the Highway Department is hiring.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 57:53

Agenda Item: Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) litigation which is probable or imminent, and (2) Security procedures, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.

Trustee Jones Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) litigation which is probable or imminent, and (2) Security procedures, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.

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

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 9:05

Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones 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	Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

