

Maine Township Board Meeting October 24, 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, Vicky Rizzo, Jenny Raffe, Ruba Al Ayed, Marie Dachniwsky, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Nader Ghazaleh, Nick Kanehl, Marty Cook, Eddie Olewinski, Robert Flinn, Martin McAlpin, Cook County Sheriff's Officer 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 September 26, 2023 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the September 26, 2023 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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2023 Agency Funding Special Meeting

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the October 3, 2023 Agency Funding Special Meeting.

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 Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 29, 2023 and October 13, 2023 and General Assistance checks #55095 through check #55139 in the amount of \$37,198.02.

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 September 29, 2023 and October 13, 2023 and Road District checks #23103 through check #23141 in the amount of \$693,761.88.

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 September 29, 2023 and October 13, 2023 and General Town Fund checks #60553 through check #60620 in the amount of \$319,402.16.

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: Public Participation

None

Agenda Item: View M3 Video of International Festival

See video at 4:07

Public Relations Consultants Martin McAlpin and Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing presented a recap video of the International Festival.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Mr. McAlpin and Mr. Flinn for a great video.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Vote of Town Fund and General Assistance Estimated Levies

See video at 6:22

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt the Town Fund and General Assistance Fund  
Estimated Tax Levy.  
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.

Supervisor Dimond stated that the final Levy Ordinance will be adopted at the next Board meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda Item: Old business, Discussion and Vote on Road and Bridge Estimated Levy

See video at 8:11

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the Levy will remain flat into the next fiscal year.

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt the Road and Bridge Estimated Levy.  
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 on Resolution to Sell or Dispose of Road and Bridge Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

See video at 9:02

Commissioner Beauvais stated that the second page of the Resolution which is included in the Board packet lists the equipment that the Highway Department would like to sell or dispose of. He said that they might get a substantial amount of money for the auctioning of this equipment.

Trustee Horvath Motion to pass Resolution 2023-RB-1, A Resolution to Sell or Dispose of Road and Bridge 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 Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Vote on Public Relations Consultant Contract

See video at 10:52

Public Relations Consultants Martin McAlpin and Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing explained that they created synergy with the current term to lock in the current rate with no change in service just for the longer term, till May 18, 2025. Mr. Flinn stated that the contract contains a provision that the Board has the authority to terminate the relationship at any time for any cause.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve to enter into a Public Relations and Marketing Agreement with M3 Marketing, LLC, Robert Flinn and Martin McAlpin till May 18, 2025.  
Trustee Horvath Second.

Some questions from the Board officials were answered by Public Relations Consultants Martin McAlpin and Robert Flinn.

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 Board thanked Mr. McAlpin and Mr. Flinn for the great job that they are doing.

Agenda Item: New Business, Vote on Contract to repair roof skylights

See video at 16:06

Supervisor Dimond stated that Maintenance Director Samman is not at tonight's meeting but he got estimates to repair the roof skylights and his recommendation is the Lion Roofing Company at \$2,000. She said that the contract is included in the Board packet and she asked the Board for approval.

Trustee Maher questioned the contract and stated that he would like to have more information on what we are paying for, especially what is the cost of the material and labor.

Trustee Malik added that he would like to know what is the warranty on this project.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve the contract with Lion Roofing subject to the Attorney's review.

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.

The Board allowed Supervisor Dimond to sign off the contract after the attorney's review and adding additional clauses.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion on purchase of Whiteboards

See video at 24:28

Deputy Administrator Rizzo stated that Administrator Dayna and she met with Brandon Cork from Pulse Technology to discuss some options for potentially acquiring one or two whiteboards instead of the one we currently have which does not work properly. She said that MaineStreamers hosts a variety of programs that solely rely on the whiteboard.

MaineStreamers Director Dachniwsky stated that they have monthly movies, informative defensive driving, and computer programs for Maine Township seniors. She said that the whiteboard very often shuts down in the middle of the session with 80 participants which is very stressful to get the whiteboard working again.

Deputy Administrator Rizzo presented options for buying or leasing the whiteboard and she gave a basic price range.

Supervisor Dimond stated that MaineStreamers have an account with the member's fee that they are paying for the participation, and no taxpayer's money is on it. She said that this money could be used toward buying a whiteboard which would be dedicated to MaineStreamers use.

Questions and comments from the Board.

Deputy Administrator Rizzo stated that she will prepare the quotes for both options buying or leasing the whiteboards for the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion on Paid Leave Act for All

See video at 39:26

Supervisor Dimond discussed the new law, Paid Leave for All Workers Act set to take effect on January 1, 2024, and said that at this time Townships are not excluded. She explained that Maine Township has to adopt a policy to amend our employee handbook that will grant our part-time employees one hour of paid leave for every 40 hours. She pointed out that Maine Township part-time employees work 38 hours per pay period.

Discussion.

Attorney Asprooth stated that this Act might be amended by legislators and the Board should wait until later.

Supervisor Dimond postponed this topic to the December meeting.

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

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Board members could find handouts with the different options for the bus services. She asked if the Board would like to visit one of the Townships to get more information on this kind of service.

The Board Officials expressed their interest in such a trip.

Supervisor Dimond informed the Board Officials that they would be advised of the date.

Agenda Item: New Business, Upcoming Events  
See video at 54:15

Supervisor Dimond stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, after Thanksgiving. She announced that the agenda would be ready on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Board packet would be delivered on the following Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, because on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the office is closed.

The Board agreed to this arrangement.

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board about an option of delivering the Board packets in digital form.

Discussion.

Trustee Maher stated that he prefers the hard copy.

Supervisor Dimond announced that on October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Trunk or Treat event and on October 28<sup>th</sup>, Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling will happen at Maine Township's parking lot. She stated that on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Secretary of State and ICASH Mobile Unit, and on November 9<sup>th</sup>, Flu, COVID, RSV, and Pneumonia Vaccines will be here. Supervisor Dimond said that the Agency Funding Special meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, and reminded the Board that the TOI conference in Springfield is coming up on November 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Malik announced that on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Turkey Give-Away would take place at the Maine Township's parking lot. He said that 200 turkeys will be given away while supplies last, and no ID is needed.

Trustee Jones added that Neighborhood Watch is scheduled on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Trustee Maher congratulated Nader Ghazaleh, Mike Samaan, and Jessica Guzman on the resident's compliments. He also sent kudos to Recovery Connection Director Marty Cook for his outstanding, well-attended educational program on opioids.

Supervisor Dimond thanked the Staff for working so hard at the International Fest and all the other events. Supervisor Dimond mentioned that Jessica Fox, Eddie Olewinski and she attended a very wet but successful Pet Vaccine Event.

Trustee Horvath gave an update on the Little Food Pantry/Little Library project. Trustee Horvath said that this is a slow process but she is in touch with the high school freshman who is working on this project. She stated that the results would be probably in the Spring.

Trustee Jones complimented everybody on the great International Festival. Trustee Jones stated that she attended a wonderful October Fest organized by the MaineStreamers with great music and food. Trustee Jones thanked Recovery Connection Marty Cook for his important work on opioid education, providing so many resources and support to the community. Trustee Jones invited everyone to the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., where residents can voice their concerns or just listen to what is going on in the Township.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he attended the International Festival which was a fantastic, great day. Clerk Gialamas said that he is looking forward to going to the TOI Conference in Springfield next month.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais announced that construction season is finally over. Highway Commissioner Beauvais complimented Recovery Connection Marty Cook on his event which was a good showing and it is a great PR for the Township. He also complimented Public Relations Consultants Marty McAlpin and Robert Flinn on their great job highlighting all the positive things that we are doing here.

Assessor Krey commented on the opioid presentation, that she was very pleased with Senator Murphy's appreciation and that the State backs Marty Cook's program. She stated that the International Fest turned out pretty good, especially for the first time, and said that the next one will be bigger and better. Assessor Krey sent kudos to the Trustees who worked really hard on the Agency Funding and said that it takes a lot of time and consideration. Assessor Krey announced that the 2022 Second Installment Property Tax Bill will be coming out on November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the payment is due on December 1, 2023.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 56:38

Agenda Item: Closed Session/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) litigation which is probable or imminent; (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 and (3) discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Trustee Jones Motion to go into Closed Session/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) litigation which is probable or imminent; (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 and (3) discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees

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 Board re-convened in an Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

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 9:21 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk

