

Maine Township Board meeting has been videotaped.

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

Supervisor Dimond stated that Trustee Horvath excused herself due to illness.

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Jenny Raffe, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Nader Ghazaleh, Marty Cook, Robert Flinn, Macade Thorpe, Jessica Guzman, and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2024 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Board Meeting.
Trustee Maher	Second.

Assessor Krey commented on the minutes and asked to change what she said in the Official Reports, page three. Instead of: “Assessor Krey reported that due to a system error within the Cook County Assessor’s office, Senior Freeze Exemption will not appear on the 2023 Second Installment Property Tax Bill that will be mailed on July 1st.”, should be: “Assessor Krey reported that due to a system error within the Cook County Assessor’s office, a portion of the Senior Freeze Exemptions will not appear on the 2023 Second Installment Property Tax Bill that will be mailed on July 1st.”

Trustee Jones	Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 Board Meeting with the Assessor’s amendment.
Trustee Maher	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 7, 2024 and June 21, 2024 and General Assistance checks #55403 through check #55436 in the amount of \$31,186.59.

Trustee Malik	Motion to approve.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 7, 2024 and June 21, 2024 and Road District checks #23450 through check #23496 in the amount of \$109,897.37.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.
Trustee Malik Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Dimond Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Horvath Absent
Trustee Maher Yes
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated June 7, 2024 and June 21, 2024 and General Town Fund checks #61099 through check #61153 in the amount of \$276,533.38.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve.
Trustee Jones Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Dimond Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Horvath Absent
Trustee Maher Yes
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Trustee Malik left the meeting.

Agenda Item: 2024 Annual Financial Report / Lauterbach & Amen
See video at 5:20

Macade Thorpe, Audit Manager from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP acquainted the Board with the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2024, and the Management Letter regarding current and prior recommendations. Mr. Thorpe thanked the finance department for the well-prepared audit package and appreciated the courtesy and assistance given to the auditors by the entire Township staff.

Questions and comments from the Board members.

The Board thanked Mr. Thorpe for the presentation.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote Regarding Building Improvements
See video at 26:26

Supervisor Dimond reminded the Board that the Park Ridge Building Department is required to engage an architect for any kind of building improvements. She stated that at the last meeting, the Board decided to invite the Park Ridge official to talk about it, but he refused.

Clerk Gialamas stated that after discussion within his department, he believes that for safety and not disturbing the work, the Clerk's area solid door will be the best idea.

Discussion.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve the contract with Spoke Architecture subject
to approval by Maine Township's Attorney.
Trustee Maher Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Dimond Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Horvath Absent
Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion & Possible Vote on MaineStay Work from Home Program

See video at 33:52

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board to vote and approve the MaineStay Work from Home Pilot Program as a permanent program.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve the MaineStay's Work from Home Program.

Trustee Maher expressed his concerns about working from home and suggested that Flex Time would be a better program, but stated that he would not stop the vote.

Short discussion.

Trustee Malik	Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Update on Little Library

See video at 40:36

This agenda item was postponed due to Trustee Horvath's absence.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion & Possible Vote on Change to Personnel Manual to Allow the Adoption of other work from Home Programs in the Future

See video at 41:16

Supervisor Dimond presented to the Board a resolution that would amend the Maine Township's personnel policy to allow the adoption of other work from home programs in the future.

Supervisor Dimond stated that so far there is no indication from other departments that work from home would work well for them.

Clerk Gialamas stated that this program would not work for his office because we provide customers with face-to-face service.

Discussion.

Assessor Krey stated that she will implement this program in her office because her staff is continually getting interrupted by phone calls or residents asking for a specific person. Assessor Krey reported that the tax bills are on the Treasure's website and her office is sending the revised bill to almost three hundred residents granting the Senior Freeze Exemption.

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-8 a resolution to allow the adoption of work from home programs.

Trustee Maher stated that he feels uncomfortable to approve this resolution.

Trustee Maher quoted: "work from home program may be discontinued if it no longer meets the needs of the office as determined by the Department Head, the Township Administrator, or the Township Supervisor". He pointed out that the Board is left out in the decision and stated that it should be rephrased and held off until we have the whole Board to vote on it.

Trustee Jones agreed with Trustee Maher.

Discussion.

Trustee Jones Motion to table the Resolution 2024-8 a resolution to allow the adoption of work from home programs.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: TOI Conference Attendance November 11-13

See video at 54:20

Administrator Berman gave some information and distributed packets regarding the TOI Conference from November 11th to 13th. She stated that the early birth registration is on August 1st and the main registration is in October, and asked the Board to let her know who will be attending.

Discussion.

Agenda Item: Fourth of July Parade Plans

See video at 1:04:51

The Board discussed the participation in the Fourth of July Parades.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Supervisor Dimond attended the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Press conference regarding the grant money funneled to stormwater projects across the county.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the Highway Department is still waiting for state grant approval of the requested \$475,000. Additionally, he reported on obtaining a State easement that would help with the flood projects on Maine Township's roads and ditch lines.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais talked about Market After Dark, a new event at Park Ridge. He said that he joined the committee.

Clerk Gialamas reported that National Night Out (NNO) is coming along very well and said that at the next organizational meeting, he will be judging the posters for the poster contest. Clerk Gialamas stated that he will be working at the Beer Tent at the Taste of Park Ridge on July 18th, 19th and 20th.

Trustee Jones stated that it was a very busy month and she attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting, the NNO organizational meeting, the Recycling event, the TOI training, and the Market After Dark. Trustee Jones announced that there will not be the Neighborhood Watch Meeting in July due to the holiday. She wished everybody a happy and safe Independence Day.

Supervisor Dimond participated in the raising of the Pride Flag at Des Plaines, the MaineStreamers Ice Cream Social, and the Legislative Update at Morton Grove Library. Supervisor Dimond stated that she is working with Pace officials on the next steps to move along with getting a bus. Also, she had a meeting with Administrator Berman and HR Generalist Al Ayed regarding the compensation study.

Trustee Maher thanked Jessica, Steve, Jack, and his employee who participated in another very popular and successful shredding event. Secondly, he thanked Recovery Director Cook for his Friday Night Speech that he attended. Trustee Maher stated that he heard a very inspirational speech from a young man who changed his life from a juvenile prisoner to a person with a master's degree who counsels other people.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 1:06:51

Agenda Item: Closed/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.

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Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

Agenda Item: Possible Vote on Approval of New Position

See video at 1:22:13

Trustee Jones Motion to create a part-time position up to 19 hours for Recovery Connection to perform community outreach duties.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Trustee Jones Motion to hire a part-time position up to 19 hours for a bus driver to drive a Pace van that we intent to rent in the future.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Maher Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

