

Maine Township Board meeting has been videotaped.

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https://mainetown.com/government/agendas_minutes.php

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Jenny Raffe, Marie Dachniwsky, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Robert Flinn, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Jack Wisniewski, Richard Lyon, Michael Pitzafarro, Elizabeth Lynch and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of December 30, 2024 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the
December 30, 2024 Board Meeting.

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 General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated January 3, 2025 and January 17, 2025 and General Assistance checks #556036 through check #55660 in the amount of \$30,532.16.

Trustee Malik 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 January 3, 2025 and January 17, 2025 and Road District checks #23765 through Check #23800 in the amount of \$165,277.31

Trustee Maher 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 January 3, 2025 and January 17, 2025 and General Town Fund checks #61587 through Check #61656 in the amount of \$401,829.49.

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: Public Participation
None

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of MGT report
See video at 0:12
Supervisor Dimond asked if the Board would like to discuss the MGT report.
Trustee Maher stated that he is kind of against the philosophy of just giving a 3% raise to everyone across the board, he thought that the Board should evaluate each person individually.
Trustee Horvath stated that she agrees with Trustee Maher and Supervisor Dimond. Trustee Horvath suggested that the Board should come to some sort of agreement with a written salary schedule from a low to high range for each position.
Trustee Jones stated that she concurred with what Trustee Maher and Trustee Horvath said and that the Board needs more time to digest the MGT report to make the final decision.
Trustee Malik also, stated that he would like to have more time to look at the final report.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote of Town Fund & General Assistance Line-Item Transfers
See video at 5:02
Administrator Berman stated that the Board packet included a memo related to Town Fund & General Assistance Line-Item Transfers. She discussed and explained some of the larger transfers.

Questions from the Board members were answered by Administrator Berman.

Trustee Jones	Motion to transfer \$49,171.32 from the Administration Contingency Line Item to the Line Items indicated in the memo and to transfer \$3,150 from the General Assistance Contingency Line Item to the Line Items indicated on page two of the memo.
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 Possible Vote on the Creation of a Full-Time Maintenance position
See video at 9:50
Maintenance Director Samaan discussed the necessity of having two full-time employees in his department and asked the Board to turn the part-time position into a full-time position again.

Questions and comments from the Board.

Trustee Jones Motion to convert the part-time Maintenance position into a full-time position.

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, Approval of Resolution 2025-1 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings
See video at 14:19

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the Resolution 2025-1 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings.

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: New Business, Discussion of Summer Parades
See video at 16:11

The Board Officials discussed participation in the future parades: the Norwegian Parade on May 18th, the Memorial Day Observance on May 26th, and the Independence Day Parade.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported on the 2025 Storm Sewer Lining. He stated that they are waiting for the finalist contractor responses, when the company can start. He stated that he attended the Bike Safety Committee meeting at the Village of Niles. Highway Commissioner Beauvais also, reported on the Bike Path on Church.

Supervisor Dimond stated that Highway Commissioner Beauvais and she talked a little bit about Hazardous Waste Disposal, which is always an interest of the Maine Township homeowners. Supervisor Dimond said that she submitted an application with the Illinois Power Agency (IPA) to hold such an event. She also, mentioned other options, such as working through the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), but they are quite costly.

Commissioner Beauvais stated that Clean Harbors would be a good choice to hold a Hazardous Waste Disposal event for a reasonable cost.

Clerk Gialamas reported that his office submitted the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) Names with the Cook County Clerk. In March an email will be sent to everybody from the Cook County Ethics Department to file SEI, due by May 1st. He stated that the Certificate of Ballot for the April 1st, Election was submitted with Cook County. The Clerk's office will assist in registering voters till March 4th.

Trustee Malik thanked all Maine Township's employees for their hard work.

Trustee Maher thanked Administrator Berman for her report and commended the new Food Pantry Director Pitzafferro and OEM Director Wisniewski.

Trustee Horvath invited everybody to the Spring musical at Maine East called "Matilda" on February 21st-23rd, and February 28th and March 1st.

Trustee Jones extended an invitation to all Maine Township residents to the next Neighborhood Watch on February 5th, at 7:00 pm. She thanked OEM Director Wisniewski for his very informative yearly report.

Supervisor Dimond announced that another Covid Vaccination event will be scheduled by the end of March. She stated that the TOI Lobby Day will be held in Springfield, on Tuesday, April 29th. Supervisor Dimond congratulated the Maine Township Staff for the resident's compliments, which were included in the Board packets. Supervisor Dimond reported that every week at the Food Pantry we are expanding numbers of families. She mentioned that the White House issued a memo to the Greater Chicago Depository regarding temporary pausing all federal financial assistance, and we don't know yet how it will affect us.

Discussion

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 20:19

Agenda Item: Closed/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1); 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 (2) discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Trustee Jones Closed/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1); 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 (2) 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.

Trustee Malik left the meeting.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Approval of Construction Company for Renovation Projects

The Board officials asked for one more bid on the Renovation Project.

Supervisor Dimond postponed this agenda item for later.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring Full Time Maintenance Employee

No discussion on hiring full-time Maintenance employee due to a lack of candidates.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring Shuttle Bus Driver

Trustee Jones Motion to hire a part-time Shuttle Bus Driver Mr. Robert Mildenberger.

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: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring two Part-Time OEM Specialists

Trustee Horvath	Motion to hire two part-time OEM Specialists Mr. Gerard Grabowski and Mr. Andrew Lechowicz.
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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	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adjourn.
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Trustee Malik	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	Absent

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk