

Maine Township Board Meeting March 25, 2025

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

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Ruba Al Ayed, Izabela Debowczyk, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Luz Meneses, Marie Dachniwsky, Robert Flinn, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Richard Lyon, Michael Pitzafarro, and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond was absent at the meeting and the Board officials voted to elect a temporary chairman.

Trustee Maher	Motion to elect Trustee Jones to be the temporary chairman.
Trustee Malik	Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Dimond	Absent
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

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

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Maher	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the February 25, 2025 Board Meeting.
Trustee Malik	Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Dimond	Absent
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Budget Hearing minutes February 25, 2025

Trustee Maher	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the February 25, 2025, Road District Budget Hearing.
Trustee Malik	Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Dimond	Absent
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2025 General Town Fund and General Assistance Budget Hearing

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the February 25, 2025 General Town Fund and General Assistance Budget Hearing.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated February 28, 2025 and March 14, 2025 and General Assistance checks #55681 through check #55707 in the amount of \$34,596.06.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated February 28, 2025 and March 14, 2025 and Road District checks #23856 through Check #23897 in the amount of \$169,110.49.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated February 28, 2025 and March 14, 2025 and General Town Fund checks #61735 through Check #61807 in the amount of \$370,878.73.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Announcement of Maine Township Highway Department's Truck Naming Contest Winner

See video at 4:44

The Board Officials agreed to move up on the agenda the Announcement of Maine Township Highway Department's Truck Naming Contest Winner.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais announced that Ed & Lisa Madden are the winners of the contest.

Mr. Madden thanked Highway Commissioner Beauvais, the Maine Township Elected Officials, and employees for the incredible job of delivering and providing value for the residents.

The Board thanked Mr. Madden.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Salary Increases

See video at 8:53

Trustee Jones suggested postponing this matter to the next meeting because of some recommendations from Supervisor Dimond, and Assessor Krey, and her additional thoughts. She also pointed out that two members were absent.

Trustee Maher Motion to table the Discussion and Possible Vote on Salary Increases to the next meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Town Fund/General Assistance 2025-26 Budget

See video at 10:36

This item was tabled to the next meeting because it was related to the previous Agenda's item.

Trustee Maher Motion to table the Discussion and Possible Vote on the Town Fund/General Assistance 2025-26 Budget to the next meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Circulation of Supervisor's Annual Financial Report

See video at 12:17

Trustee Jones circulated the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report for the Board members' signatures.

The Board members signed the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Extending the Hours the Clerk's Office will be Open to Serve the Public to 7:00 pm on Monday Evenings

See video at 14:51

Clerk Gialamas stated that Deputy Kalish is already trained and his office is comfortable with extending the evening hours until 7:00 pm. The Clerk's office will provide a passport and all the other services. Certain services will need an appointment.

Trustee Maher Motion to extend the hours of the Clerk's Office on one evening Monday night until 7:00 pm open to the public.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of the Village of Niles and Des Plaines 4th of July Parades

See video at 18:32

The present Board members consented to participate in both parades.

Trustee Jones asked Administrator Berman to make arrangements for both parades.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Landscaping Contract

See video at 20:29

Maintenance Director Samaan presented estimates from three different landscaping companies. His recommendation was NJ Castilo which we have been using for over 20 years and he has been satisfied with their work. They continue to provide us with good service without raising prices throughout the years.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve the contract with NJ Castilo, Inc. Landscaping Company.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Closed Session Minutes – Resolution 2025-3

See video at 23:03

Trustee Malik Motion to approve Closed Session Minutes – Resolution 2025-3

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Absent

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Adoption of Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation Issues 2025-4
See video at 23:50

Trustee Jones stated that the Governor’s Office and legislators had brought a bill that would consolidate some townships with 5,000 people or less.

Trustee Maher commented that he did not like some of the language used in the Resolution.

Attorney Asprooth stated that this is only a template resolution composed by TOI and can be amended.

After a discussion, the Board agreed to remove this paragraph:
“**WHEREAS** the Township of Maine in the County of Cook will only support any statewide effort of township consolidation if valid cost impact analysis is completed and proof that the level of services provided will remain.”

Trustee Maher	Motion to approve Resolution 2025-4, Opposing Township Consolidation Issues with deleting the last paragraph: “ WHEREAS the Township of Maine in the County of Cook will only support any statewide effort of township consolidation if valid cost impact analysis is completed and proof that the level of services provided will remain.”
Trustee Malik	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials’ Reports

Assessor Krey announced that Faris (Sam) Dababneh from her department, has been nominated by a Niles resident for the Niles Night of the Roses – Public Service Award of Excellence. She asked everybody to support and help Sam receive this prestigious award, and vote for him by April 9th.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated he already voted for Sam. He pointed out that Sam is deserving the award because he has done a tremendous job for the Township. Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that the weather is starting to get nicer and they are just getting up for their projects. He discussed some of them. He stated that the Highway Department and the Village of Niles are working on the IG to improve the drainage issue on Greenwood.

Clerk Gialamas reminded everybody that the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) will be on April 8th. The ATM Moderator is going to be Rene Mandin, and Trustee Maher again will serve as a parliamentarian. He stated that his office has been very busy with passports, and part of the reason is the President’s executive order related to gender changes.

Trustee Malik thanked the Elected Officials for attending the ICCD.

Trustee Maher commented that because the future is uncertain after the April 1st Election, he wanted everyone to know that it has been his privilege to work as a trustee for the last four years.

Trustee Jones reported that she attended St. Patrick’s Luncheon along with Clerk Gialamas and Assessor Krey, and attended Happy Holli sponsored by Trustee Malik. They were terrific events with great music, food, and company. Trustee Jones said that she also had the privilege of attending an ICCD Sunday dinner at the mosque. Trustee Jones invited everybody to the next Neighborhood Watch on April 2nd, at 7:00 pm. Trustee Maher will chair the meeting.

For more detailed Officials’ Reports see the video at 28:14

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 Maher 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 Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion & Possible Vote on the Hiring of Full Time Maintenance Staff
See video at 38:50

Trustee Maher Motion to hire Jonathan Wolf for the full-time Maintenance Department position.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion & Possible Vote on the Hiring of Full Time General Assistance Senior & Disability Advocate
See video at 39:40

Trustee Maher Motion to hire Beccs Jones for the full-time General Assistance Senior & Disability Advocate position.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Malik	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Maher	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Absent
Trustee Jones	Yes

Trustee Horvath	Absent
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk