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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, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Izabela Debowczyk, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Luz Meneses, Marie Dachniwsky, Robert Flinn, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Richard Lyon, Michael Pitzafferro, Catherine Sbarra, Alderman Sean Oskerka, Sean Nutley, Boy Scout Troop 6 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 March 25, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the March 25, 2025 Board Meeting.
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Trustee Jones	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Abstain
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Trustee Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Abstain
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Trustee Maher	Yes
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Trustee Malik	Yes
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 11, 2025 and April 25, 2025 and General Assistance checks #55708 through check #55728 in the amount of \$51,629.69.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
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Trustee Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Yes
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Trustee Maher	Yes
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Trustee Malik	Yes
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 11, 2025 and April 25, 2025 and Road District checks #23898 through Check #23940 in the amount of \$162,001.04.

Trustee Malik	Motion to approve.
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Trustee Maher	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Yes
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Trustee Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Yes
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Trustee Maher	Yes
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Trustee Malik	Yes
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 11, 2025 and April 25, 2025 and General Town Fund checks #61808 through Check #61871 in the amount of \$367,989.13.

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: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Introduction of Dan Brueck/PACE Van Driver

See video at 4:00

Supervisor Dimond introduced a new part-time employee, Dan Brueck, as a second PACE Van Driver.

Mr. Brueck introduced himself and thanked the Board Officials.

The Board thanked Dan Brueck.

Agenda Item: Unveiling of Free Library/Pantry from Scout Troop and Leaders

See video at 5:15

Trustee Horvath stated that a while ago, the Board discussed the idea of building the Little Library and the Little Food Pantry. She started the project with Des Plaines Alderman Sean Oskerka, one of the leaders of Boy Scout Troop 6, and Sean Nutley.

Boy Scout Troop 6 completed the project, and today, they unveiled two replicas of the Maine Township building for the Free Little Food Pantry and the Little Library. They will be installed in front of the township's building.

The Board Officials thanked Boy Scout Troop 6 for the nice job.

Agenda Item: New Business, Presentation by Catherine Sbarra/Web Insurance for Discussion and

Possible Vote on Insurance Renewal

See video at 11:17

Catherine Sbarra, VP/Executive Benefits Advisor from Webb Insurance Group LLC, presented the Maine Township and Highway Department employee benefits for the 2025/2026 medical, dental, life, and vision insurance. Ms. Sbarra stated that Blue Cross Blue Shield did not increase the rate of the current plan. She said that on Principal renewal, there is no increase in vision but a 6.8% increase in dental. Also, there is a small increase in employer paid life insurance.

Questions from the Board were answered by Catharine Sbarra.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve Blue Cross and Blue Shield renewal with no increase and Principal renewal on ancillary benefits for July 1, 2025.

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, M3 Marketing Presentation

See video at 25:53

Public Relations Consultant Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing, LLC, presented the Maine Township Marketing recap of the accomplishments done within the past 3.5 years. He discussed the community survey to gather some feedback from Maine Township residents to help inform the Board of their needs moving forward. Mr. Flinn presented the 2025 M3 Marketing Proposal, the 2-year price guarantee contract with the new monthly rate of \$3,450.00.

Questions from the Board Officials.

This matter was postponed to the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Postage Machine Lease Extension

See video at 40:11

Deputy Administrator Rizzo stated that Maine Township utilizes a postage machine that allows us to print postage, send certified mail, weigh items, ship passport applications, and process a high volume of mail easily. We received a discounted rate for postage and can easily process reports for accounting purposes. She said that currently Maine Township has a lease with Quadient Inc. that began on September 11, 2022, and will expire on September 11, 2025. Deputy Administrator Rizzo recommended extending the lease for the same rate of \$392.67 per month, \$4,712.04 per year, starting on September 11, 2025.

Trustee Jones	Motion to approve the postage machine leasing for one year.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Supervisor Dimond abstained because the contract doesn't start for a while.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Creation of Part-Time Food Pantry Position

See video at 44:52

Food Pantry Director Pitzaferro discussed the necessity of hiring another part-time employee for his department. He pointed out that since December, the households that we are taking care of went up approximately from 500 to 800 monthly, and the delivery of food changed from 3,000-4,000 pounds to 12,000 pounds weekly. Mr. Pitzaferro also stated that they have to pick up all the donations from Jewel, Mariano's and Panera.

Questions and comments.

Trustee Maher	Motion to grant Food Pantry Director Pitzaferro authority to hire a part-time person up to 19 hours a week.
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: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Salary Increases

See video at 52:24

This Agenda item was postponed until after the Closed Session.

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

See video at 52:24

This matter was postponed until after the Closed Session.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey stated that the Annual Town meeting went well. Assessor Krey gave kudos to Faris (Sam) Dababneh from her department, who was chosen to accept the well-deserved Night of the Roses Award. Assessor Krey reported that they are looking forward to being open for appeals on May 16th. She said that they will be open for six weeks and it will be a very busy time.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais congratulated Sam on the well-deserved award. He also thanked Supervisor Dimond for her service and wished her the best of luck going forward.

Clerk Gialamas thanked everybody for attending the successful Annual Town Meeting. Clerk Gialamas reported that his department started the Monday evening hours till 7:00 pm. He stated that yesterday, the first National Night Out Against Crime meeting took place. Clerk Gialamas announced that the NNO is scheduled on Tuesday, August 5th, at Dee Park, and the theme for the poster contest is: "From patrols to partnerships, we are in this together."

Supervisor Dimond read aloud the comment from Ms. Siryj, who thanked and commended Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski and the entire Staff from the Clerk's Office for the professional expertise and assistance to renew her passport.

Trustee Malik thanked Supervisor Dimond for the last four years of mentorship and said that he will miss her. Also, he thanked the Maine Township Staff for their hard work.

Trustee Maher thanked Supervisor Dimond for the last four years, and Attorney Asprooth as well for always being on top of legal requirements. He thanked Supervisor Dimond, Administrator Berman, Deputy Administrator Rizzo, and HR Generalist Al Ayed for hiring outstanding people. Trustee Maher commented on Recovery Connection Director Cook's event that he attended. He stated that it was a great presentation by a young lady, currently a police officer, regarding alcoholism and addiction. Trustee Maher said that he also attended a Neighborhood Watch in place of the absent Trustee Jones.

Trustee Horvath thanked Supervisor Dimond for everything that she has done in the past four years.

Trustee Jones stated that Supervisor Dimond presented an excellent State of the Township speech at the Annual Town Meeting. She said that under Supervisor Dimond's supervision, we expanded a lot of the programs in the Township, and we appreciate everything that she does and has done. Trustee Jones reported that she had the pleasure of attending the Night of the Roses with Supervisor Dimond, Assessor Krey, and other employees and pointed out that we are very proud of Sam Dababneh. She commended all the departments for the great job as well. Trustee Jones also attended the NNO meeting last night.

Supervisor Dimond stated that it was certainly an interesting four years and pointed out that it has been a fabulous experience and an opportunity to work at the Maine Township with such fabulous people. Supervisor Dimond thanked Trustee Horvath for bringing the Little Library tonight, which gave her great joy to see it before she left.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at

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 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 re-convened in an Open Session at 9:19 p.m.

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

See video at 1:06:52

Trustee Maher Motion to table the voting on Salary Increases

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

See video at 1:07:39

Trustee Jones Motion to pass the Town Fund and General Assistance
2025-26 Budget

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: Discussion and Possible Vote on Security and Access Control System
See video at 1:08:18

Trustee Maher	Motion to table the Security and Access Control System
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: 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	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk