

Maine Township Board Meeting May 27, 2025

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

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Marie Dachniwsky, Robert Flinn, Marty McAlphin, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Richard Lyon, Michael Pitzafarro, and Jessica Guzman.

Supervisor Jones 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 April 29, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the April 29, 2025 Board Meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 9, 2025 and May 23, 2025 and General Assistance checks #55729 through check #55752 in the amount of \$41,937.38.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 9, 2025 and May 23, 2025 and Road District checks #23941 through Check #23980 in the amount of \$185,217.06.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 9, 2025 and May 23, 2025 and General Town Fund checks #61872 through Check #61959 in the amount of \$410,286.15.

Trustee Lynch Motion to approve.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on M3 Marketing Contract

See video at 3:59

Public Relations Consultant Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing, LLC, reminded the Board that during the previous meeting, he presented the 2025 M3 Marketing Proposal. He informed the Board that a revised contract had been prepared, reflecting the discussions held during that session. Additionally, Mr. Flinn conveyed that Supervisor Jones, Marty McAlphin and he have had further conversation regarding some minor edits they would like to incorporate into the updated contract. He proposed to extend the existing agreement, which expired on May 18th, from May 19th through June 30th. He said that the amended contract will be presented next month.

Questions from the Board Officials and Attorney Asprooth.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the M3 Marketing contract with a change to the term to reflect the next expiration of June 30, 2025.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

This matter was postponed to the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Amendment to the Maine Township code section 10-265- adding #12 to prohibit parking on Church Street (North and South sides of Church St from Western to Greenwood)

See video at 8:35

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the bike lanes will be installed along Church this summer and they would like to prohibit parking on the North and South sides of Church Street from Western to Greenwood.

Trustee Horvath Motion to amend the Maine Township code section 10-265- adding #12 to prohibit parking on Church Street (North and South sides of Church St from Western to Greenwood).

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Appointment and Vote Ethics Ordinance: Ethics Advisor & Discussion of Three Member Appointees

See video at 12:30

Supervisor Jones indicated that the Board is required to appoint an ethics committee consisting of three members every four years. She asked the Board Officials for recommendations regarding candidates for this committee.

Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed to table this matter for the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Notice of Appointment of Authorized IMRF Agent

See video at 15:28

The Board Officials were unable to proceed with the vote regarding the authorized IMRF Agent, as the term "voting" was not explicitly included in the agenda item.

The Board has decided to table this matter to the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, FOIA Vacancy Appointment

See video at 16:44

Supervisor Jones stated that the next item on the agenda is a FOIA Vacancy appointment and Trustee Horvath graciously agreed to be Maine Township's FOIA Officer.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve Trustee Horvath to fill the FOIA vacancy appointment.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, TOI Conference Attendance November 10-12

See video at 17:50

Supervisor Jones indicated that the annual TOI Conference in Springfield is always held over the Veterans weekend. She emphasized that this conference offers numerous educational opportunities and serves as an excellent platform to showcase our township. Furthermore, she noted that in previous years, our applications for various awards have been met with significant success.

Administrator Berman stated that she will begin completing the registration forms for the Board members, and will address housing arrangements once additional information becomes available.

Supervisor Jones encouraged anyone interested in attending to participate.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey participated in two MaineStreamers programs: Cross Town Trip and 90 Plus Birthday Celebration. She reported that her office experienced a significant volume of activity during March and April assisting over 3,800 residents at the service counter and answering 1,500 phone calls. Additionally, Assessor Krey announced that the Tax Appeal process is now scheduled for the first week of June.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais warmly welcomed Trustee Lynch to the Board. Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that yesterday he attended the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade and the Des Plaines Lake Park wreath-laying ceremony. He announced that the Park Ridge Market After Dark will be returning this Saturday and encouraged everyone to attend.

Clerk Gialamas reported that he attended the two MaineStreamers programs alongside Assessor Krey. He echoed Highway Commissioner Beauvais in welcoming Trustee Lynch. Additionally, Clerk Gialamas extended his congratulations to Supervisor Kim Jones on her new position. He expressed his enthusiasm for collaborating with the Board to accomplish a lot more for another four years.

Trustee Horvath extended her congratulations to the Board for their successful reelection. She commended Trustee Lynch and Supervisor Jones on their new positions.

Trustee Maher also congratulated the Board officials on their victory. Additionally, he thanked Senator Laura Murphy for the opportunity to attend an event on the statuses and roles of Trustees held on May 3rd in Hanover Township.

Trustee Malik welcomed the new member of the Board, Trustee Lynch. He reported that he attended Des Plaines American Legion Post 36 and 90 Plus Birthday events. Trustee Malik announced two upcoming events: Pakistani Cultural Day on August 16th and Indian Cultural Day on August 17th. He invited everybody to join the events and said that any help would be appreciated.

Trustee Lynch expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome she received and stated that she is looking forward to working with all for the next four years. She mentioned that she received her first Board packet and read amazing stories and the reports from the Staff that reminded her why the work and everything that we are doing is so important. Trustee Lynch thanked the Staff for all the good work.

Supervisor Jones reported that she attended three MaineStreamers events: the awesome Tulip Festival in Michigan, the inspiring 90 Birthday Party and the Crosstown Classic – Chicago Cubs vs Chicago White Sox. She pointed out that the Neighborhood Watch program is scheduled for the next Wednesday. Supervisor Jones reminded everyone that the Shredding event is taking place on Saturday, May 31st, starting at 9:00 a.m.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 20:06

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 Horvath 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; (3) litigation which is probable or imminent.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Salary Increases

See video at 31:13

Trustee Malik Motion to approve the salary increases as presented.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Security and Access Control System

None.

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

See video at 30:24

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the contract with SMC Construction Services.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on the Hiring of Full Time General Assistance Senior & Disability Advocate

See video at 31:54

Trustee Maher Motion to hire Grant Vreuls as General Assistance Senior & Disability Advocate

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on the Hiring of Part Time Food Pantry Assistant

See video at 32:47

Trustee Lynch Motion to hire Daniela Milito as part time Food Pantry Coordinator.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Malik	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk