

Maine Township Board Meeting October 28, 2025

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Liz Coy, Marie Dachniwsky, Luz Meneses, Robert Flinn, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Michael Pitzaferro, Richard Lyon, Mr. Sompolski, Michael Kubacki and Eva Magnowski.

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 September 30, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Lynch Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the September 30, 2025 Board Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Abstain

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 30, 2025 Road District Budget Meeting

Trustee Lynch Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the September 30, 2025 Road District Budget Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Abstain

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2025 Agency Funding Special Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the October 7, 2025 Agency Funding Special Meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 10, 2025 and October 24, 2025, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57599 through check # 57617 in the amount of \$ 34,484.17.

Trustee Lynch 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 Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 10, 2025 and October 24, 2025, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #25553 through check #25591 and authorize the Supervisor to issue Checks in payment of \$181,525.11.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 10, 2025 and October 24, 2025, Ach/Wire Payments and General Town Fund checks #63000 through check #63060 in the amount of \$320,392.91.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 4:07

Mr. Sompolski said the rodent problem he mentioned at the last meeting has improved from bad to moderate, and the situation continues to get better.

Another Maine Township resident, Michael Kubacki, reported ongoing delays with the Highway Department regarding permit approvals for his home addition. This project has been stalled for two months, causing financial loss. He requested help and a meeting with the Highway Commissioner.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that he will determine exactly what happened. He requested Mr. Kubacki's contact information and will follow up with him within the next few days.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Little Library and Little Pantry Introduction

See video at 9:05

Supervisor Jones reported that the project, which involved building a Little Free Library and a Little Free Pantry with assistance from the Boy Scouts, had been successfully completed. Both structures were designed to complement the main building and are now installed.

Supervisor Jones introduced the grand opening of the Little Free Library and the Little Free Pantry tonight.

Supervisor Jones called a brief break so that the Board could take a commemorative picture.

The Board meeting restarted at 7:16

Agenda Item: New Business, M3 Marketing Township Overview Video

See video at 10:07

Public Relations Consultant Robert Flinn from M3 Marketing presented a new updated video designed to give a quick overview of everything the township does. He noted that the goal is to keep these videos around one minute, aligning with modern attention spans. Mr. Flinn mentioned that they plan to create more videos of this type in the future and invited the Board officials to suggest ideas for future topics.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Closed Session Minutes – Resolution 2025-9

See video at 13:05

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve Closed Session Minutes – Resolution 2025-9
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Road and Bridge Estimated Levy

See video at 14:18

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the Highway Department again would like to keep the Levy flat this year.

Trustee Maher thanked Highway Commissioner Beauvais for all his hard work.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to adopt Road and Bridge Estimated Levy.
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey announced that they are finished with the property tax appeals for 2025. She also reported that there is still no confirmed release date for the tax bills, but once they are issued, taxpayers will have 30 days to pay them. Because the tax bills are delayed, her office submitted a large number of certificates of error and sent out approximately 190 letters to affected residents. Additionally, Assessor Krey reminded everyone about the Cook County Homeowner Relief Fund. She noted that residents are now eligible to apply if their tax increase was 30% or more, instead of the previous

50% threshold, making the program accessible to many more homeowners. Applications can be submitted until October 31.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported on the Church and Western project and expressed gratitude to everyone involved, especially his staff, Cook County, and all intergovernmental partners for helping move the project forward. The sidewalk is now installed, and crews are repairing driveways, fixing concrete, and adding new concrete as needed. Paving and striping at Church Street and Western will continue over the next two weeks, with the bike lane expected to be ready for winter. He will update the Board when all work is complete and hopes to celebrate the new bike lane on-site.

Clerk Gialamas noted that he attended the volunteer appreciation dinner we hosted for our Food Pantry volunteers, which was a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude for their service. He added that, in the coming weeks, the Food Pantry will likely become even more essential to Maine Township residents, especially with SNAP benefits set to expire. Again, he thanked our volunteers, and also, Food Pantry Director Pitzafferro for running the department so well and so efficiently. Clerk Gialamas wished him all the best in the weeks ahead.

Trustee Lynch echoed Clerk Gialamas, noting an article in The Journal & Topics about staff preparing for the surge. She said community needs have already increased and thanked General Assistance and the Food Pantry for their efforts. Trustee Lynch also congratulated Richard Lyon on being named Director of the Year by the Association of Illinois Townships Committee on Youth.

Trustee Maher reported that he attended last month's Neighborhood Watch meeting, noting improved attendance. He also attended Marty Cook's event, which he described as outstanding, featuring a speaker with an inspiring story. Trustee Maher congratulated several departments, including Clerk Gialamas and his staff, whose office processed 1,399 passport applications last year, which is a remarkable achievement. He also praised MaineStreamers Director Dachniwsky and her team for raising a record \$6,468 at the Alzheimer's Walk. Additionally, he congratulated Richard Lyon and volunteer Art Mullenhauer on their recent awards.

Trustee Horvath reported attending several agency meetings last month, which she called her favorite of the year. She highlighted how valuable it is to see the wide range of organizations supporting the community, especially during challenging times. Trustee Horvath expressed excitement about the board's upcoming funding decisions.

Supervisor Jones confirmed Trustee Horvath's comments, noting that agency meetings are valuable because they relate to one of the township's mandated tasks in general assistance and health. Supervisor Jones reported a record week at the Food Pantry, with 300 families served and 21 new sign-ups today. She noted the township is monitoring national developments and will attend a Zoom session on SNAP. Supervisor Jones also noted that last Sunday, the Food Pantry Director Pitzafferro and she participated in the Crop Walk, which was very successful. It was a beautiful day with many participants, and a generous donation is expected from the event. Supervisor Jones mentioned that Administrator Rizzo, Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski and she attended the TOCC Conference, which was informative and engaging. Additionally, Administrator Rizzo and she attended a ribbon-cutting in Niles yesterday for Magic Pepper, a new Indian restaurant. They sampled the food, which she described as wonderful, emphasizing the importance of supporting local businesses in Maine Township and Niles.

Supervisor Jones announced upcoming events: the Third Annual Trunk or Treat Night this Thursday, October 30th, the Neighborhood Watch meeting on November 5th, at 7 pm, with the Sheriff and Fire Department representatives, the Veterans Recognition Event on November 7th, Electronics Recycling on November 14th, and Trustee Malik's Annual Turkey Giveaway on November 22nd.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 15:24

Agenda Item: Closed/Executive Session – pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act litigation which is probable or imminent; and review and approval of closed session minutes (ILCS 5/120/2.06)

Trustee Horvath	Motion to go into Closed/Executive Session – pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act litigation which is probable or imminent; and review and approval of closed session minutes (ILCS 5/120/2.06).
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:41 p.m.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to return in open session.
Trustee Lynch	Second.

All in favor.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Handicap Accessible Shuttle Bus Driver
See video at 31:23

Trustee Lynch	Motion to hire James Doherty as Handicap Accessible Shuttle Bus Driver
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Deputy Administrator
See video at 31:50

Trustee Lynch	Motion to hire Ruba Al Ayed as a Deputy Administrator.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of General Assistance Director
See video at 32:30

Trustee Maher	Motion to hire Luz Meneses as a General Assistance Director
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Approval and/or Release of Closed Session Minutes for Release to the Public
See video at 33:20
This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Lynch	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Horvath	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas