Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting September 22, 2026

Maine Township Agency Funding Special meeting has been videotaped.
For more detailed reports and discussions please refer to the recorded meeting at:
https://mainetown.com/government/agendas_minutes.php

Board Members Present: Supervisor Jones arrived at 6:04; Trustees: Maher and Lynch. Trustee Horvath arrived at 6:09 p.m. Trustee Malik was absent for the meeting.

Others in attendance: Vicki Rizzo, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Richard Lyon, Marty Cook, Iain Parker, Jessi Moon, Maile Nguyen, Mindy Haglund, Lina Modesta, Stephen Kray, Brenda Werth, MK Barley-Jenkins, Rebecca Plascencia, Trisha Breitlow, Kim Berenberg, Joseph Like, Angelica Schab, Jennifer Sultz, Julianne Rooney, Amy Fox, Arshia Hasnain, Anne Cauley, Fredrick Smith, Karen Fay and Jessica Guzman.

Trustee Maher called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deputy Clerk Guzman called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Oakton College Educational Foundation
Presentation by Jessi Moon. 2027 funding request: $25,000
Oakton College is a public community college serving students and communities throughout northern Cook County. The Oakton College Educational Foundation helps reduce financial barriers that can prevent students from continuing their education. Support includes scholarships and emergency assistance, as well as help with transportation, technology and other essential student needs. The Foundation also supports academic and workforce programs intended to help students remain enrolled, complete their education and prepare for employment.
See video at 1:43

2. KAN-WIN
Presentation by Maile Nguyen. 2027 funding request: $5,000.
KAN-WIN provides survivor - centered services to individuals and families affected by domestic and sexual violence, with an emphasis on culturally and linguistically accessible support. Services include crisis intervention, counseling, legal and medical advocacy, transitional housing and support groups. The organization also provides community education, outreach and economic-empowerment services designed to help survivors increase safety, stability and independence.
See video at 7:49

3. Advocate Lutheran-Older Adult Services – Home Delivered Meals
Presentation by Lina Modestas and Mindy Haglund. 2027 funding request: $6,000.
Older Adult Services provides community - based programs intended to help older adults remain safe, independent and connected to needed resources. Services include information and referral, emergency - response support, adult day services, Medicare assistance and counseling. Programs also address fall prevention, nutrition and other needs through education and home-delivered meals, helping older residents remain in their homes and communities when possible.
See video at 18:45

4. Avenues to Independence
Presentation by Stephen Kray. 2027 funding request: $56,000
Avenues to Independence serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential services, community employment, vocational supports and day programming. Programs are

designed around individual abilities and goals and provide opportunities to strengthen daily-living, social and employment skills. The organization works to increase independence, meaningful community participation and long-term quality of life for individuals it serves.

See video at 30:50

Department Head Marty Cook left the meeting at approximately 6:37 p.m.

5. Josselyn

Presentation by Brenda Werth and MK Barley-Jenkins. 2027 funding request: $70,000.

Josselyn is a nonprofit Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) providing behavioral health services to children, adolescents and adults. Services include individual and family therapy, psychiatry, case management and other clinical supports. Josselyn also provides school-based and community services, psychological testing, employment related supports and resources for individuals experiencing significant or urgent mental health needs, with a focus on improving access to ongoing care.

See video at 37:55

6. Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (NWCASA)

Presentation by – Rebecca Plascencia. 2027 funding request: $15,000.

Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (NWCASA) provides free and confidential services to survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. Services include counseling, crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy and access to a 24-hour crisis hotline. The organization also provides prevention education, professional training and community outreach in English and Spanish to increase awareness, improve access to support and assist survivors throughout the healing and advocacy process.

See video at 47:39

7. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR)

Presentation by Trisha Breitlow. 2027 funding request: $9,000.

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) provides recreational and leisure opportunities for children, teens and adults with disabilities in partnership with local park districts. Programs include athletics, fitness, aquatics, camps, Special Olympics and a variety of social and community activities. The programs are designed to provide inclusive opportunities for participants to develop skills, build friendships, increase independence and remain actively involved in their communities.

See video at 53:33

8. Glenkirk

Presentation by Kim Berenberg. 2027 funding request: $5,000

Glenkirk provides services and supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities., with programs designed to meet varying levels of need throughout adulthood. Services focus on community living, employment and vocational opportunities, skill development and individualized supports. The organization work to help participants increase independence, make personal choices and take part in meaningful activities within their communities.

See video at 1:01:22

Supervisor Jones announced a short break at 7:11 p.m.

The Board meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m.

9. Orchard Village

Presentation by Joseph Like. 2027 funding request: $5,000.

Orchard Village supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential services, educational and vocational programming, employment support and behavioral health services. The organization also provides transition related supports that help individuals develop daily-living and employment skills as they move toward greater independence. Programs are intended to promote stability, personal growth and meaningful participation in the community.

See video at 1:10:34

10. East Maine School District 63 Foundation

Presentation by Angelica Schab. 2027 funding request: $28,000.

The East Maine School District 63 Foundation supports students and families by helping fund educational, enrichment and family support opportunities that may not otherwise be available through regular school resources. Programs include expanded learning, recreation, family resources and assistance with essential needs. The Foundation's work is intended to reduce barriers for students and families experiencing financial hardship while supporting academic participation, social development and access to enrichment opportunities.

See video at 1:21:04

11. Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center

Presentation by Jennifer Sultz and Julianne Rooney. 2027 funding request: $60,000.

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center provides community based mental health services, including individual and group therapy, case management, residential support and crisis intervention. Its programs serve individuals with a range of behavioral health needs and are intended to provide continued support in the community. Turning Point's Living Room programs offer a welcoming alternative to an emergency room setting for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and connect visitors with appropriate support and resources.

See video at 1:28:59

12. Life Span

Presentation by Amy C. Fox. 2027 funding request: $15,000.

Life Span provides services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Services include counseling, legal presentation and advocacy, education and crisis intervention, with support tailored to the needs and safety concerns o each survivor. The organization assist survivors in navigating legal and community systems while working toward increased safety, stability and access to longer term supportive resources.

See video at 1:41:13

13. Empowering Women

Presentation by Arshia Hasnain. 2027 funding request: $20,000.

Empowering Women NFP provides services to survivors of gender-based violence with an emphasis on safety, recovery and economic independence. Services include counseling, legal assistance, work force development, job-placement support, wellness programming and short-term emergency shelter. The organization also conducts community outreach and employment related training to help participants strengthen job skills, obtain employment and work toward greater financial stability.

See video at 1:45:29

14. Arts of Life

Presentation by Anne Cauley. 2027 funding request: $5,000.

Arts of Life provides artistic, vocational and professional development opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Participants are supported in developing their artistic practices while building social, communication and professional skills. Through studio programming, exhibitions and community engagement, the organization promotes creative expression, independence and inclusion while recognizing participants as working artists and contributing members of the community.

See video at 1:50:49

15. Maryville- Family Behavioral Health Clinic

Presentation by Fred Smith. 2027 funding request: $20,000.

Maryville's Family Behavioral Health Clinic provides behavioral health services to children, adolescents, adults and families. Services include individual and family therapy, trauma-informed care, DUI risk education, school-based support and telehealth options. The clinic works to make behavioral health care accessible to individuals and families who need ongoing counseling and supportive services and connects clients with appropriate resources based on their individual needs.

See video at 1:59:58

16. Center for Enriched Living

Presentation by Karen Fay. 2026 funding request: $6,000.

Center for Enriched Living provides programs for youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote social connection, independence, employment, recreation and lifelong learning. Programming includes opportunities to build life and employment skills, participate in social and recreational activities and develop meaningful relationships. CEL also provides mental and behavioral health supports and school-based disability-inclusion programming intended to strengthen participation and belonging in the broader community.

See video at 2:11:08

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding committee: Supervisor Jones, Trustee Horvath, Trustee Maher, Trustee Lynch, Vicki Rizzo, Marie Dachniwsky, Richard Lyon and Kathy Sabbini which were answered by the presenters.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk