Maine Township Board Meeting September 29, 2026

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Katie Nagy, Vicki Rizzo, Mike Samman, Commander Bonnie Busching, Robert Flinn, Steve Judge, Richard Lyon 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 August 25, 2026, Board Meeting

Trustee Lynch	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the August 25, 2026, Board Meeting.
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 General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 28, 2026, September 11, 2026 and September 25, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57851 through check #57883 in the amount of $102,035.69.

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 August 28, 2026, September 11, 2026, and September 25, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #26028 through check #26070 and authorize the Supervisor to issue checks in payment of $151,810.38.

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 August 28, 2026, September 11, 2026, and September 25, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and General Town Fund checks #63747 through check #63803 in the amount of $368,861.20.

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 3:22

Steve Judge introduced himself as a local attorney and a member of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce Board. He also discussed his involvement with "Pennies for Pennyville," a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families and addressing community needs through various charitable initiatives. He announced the annual Spirits of Park Ridge event, scheduled for Saturday, October 24th, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Each year, the event benefits a different organization, and this year's recipient is the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Agenda Item: Township Officials of Cook County Clerk's Division – Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Deputy Clerk Eva Magnowski

See video at 6:25

Supervisor Jones announced that the Township Officials of Cook County Clerk's Division awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to Chief Deputy Clerk Eva Magnowski. The certificate recognizes Eva's "outstanding dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public service" noting that deputy clerk's contributions often take place behind the scenes but remain essential to clerk's offices and townships.

Agenda Item: Oakton College 2026 Distinguished Alumna – Supervisor Kimberly Jones

See video at 10:05

Clerk Gialamas stated that Supervisor Jones had been selected as a 2026 Distinguished Alumna by Oakton College. He read the profile published on Oakton.edu which highlighted Supervisor Jones's achievements:

"Kimberly Jones: A career dedicated to public service. Jones, Maine Township Supervisor, has dedicated more than three decades to government and community service. A longtime Park Ridge resident, she joined the Maine Township Board in 2014 and became supervisor in 2025. She previously served on the Park Ridge City Council and the city's Flood Control Task Force. Jones has also worked for the State of Illinois for more than 37 years and currently serves as an administrator for the Division of Banking. As a supervisor, she has focused on expanding food assistance, transportation, veterans' services, and other essential resources. She has also worked to strengthen partnerships and improve access to public health, safety, and recovery resources throughout Maine Township".

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of North/South Stop Signs at Corner of Western/Lyons St.

See video at 12:53

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that a traffic study was conducted at Western Avenue and Lyons Street to evaluate the need for a multiway stop sign. Although all seven residents who responded to the neighborhood survey supported installing a stop sign, the intersection did not meet the minimum traffic volume criteria established by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).
Therefore, no stop sign will be installed at this time.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Select Cleaning Service Company for Town Hall

See video at 13:39

Maintenance Director Samaan presented cleaning service proposals from Advanced Cleaning Technologies, Inc., Building Stars, and FGK Services. He recommended Building Stars based on its professionalism and security measures. He noted that the proposed cost of $13,536 was reasonable and cost-effective compared with employing full-time staff and providing insurance and benefits.

The Board discussed implementing weekly cleaning, with the option to adjust the frequency based on feedback from staff and Board Members, particularly regarding bathroom cleanliness.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to select Building Stars Commercial Cleaning Solutions as our Town Hall cleaning service.
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.

All contract details will be finalized and presented at the October meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Maine Township Road District, Maine Township and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for Construction and Perpetual Maintenance of Flood Control Project on Prairie Creek

See video at 18:24

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), Maine Township, and the Maine Township Road District are amending their 2022 Intergovernmental Agreement to reflect final design changes to the Farmers and Prairie Creek flood control project. The amendment clarifies removed work areas and added improvements to optimize the project's benefits.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Maine Township Road District, Maine Township and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for construction and perpetual maintenance of Flood Control Project on Prairie Creek.
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 Intergovernmental Agreement with Maine Township High School District 207

See video at 20:11

Since 2024, MaineStay has provided free, on-site counseling at Maine West High School one day per week, helping students overcome barriers to mental health services. The program has demonstrated positive outcomes and receives partial funding from a $9,000 City of Des Plaines grant.

The Intergovernmental Agreement with Maine Township High School District 207, which is due for renewal, was revised to incorporate recommendations provided by Ancel Glink and was included in the board packet for review.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Maine Township High School District 207, subject to final attorney review and administrator approval and approval of any revisions requested by District 207.
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: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Website Redesign, Contract Renewal, and Accessibility Enhancements

See video at 23:51

MaineStay Director Lyon presented a proposal to renew the Maine Township's contract with Revize, redesigning the website using its new Content Management System (CMS), and implementing ClearDocs to convert PDF documents into accessible, screen-reader-friendly formats.

The website redesign would be provided at no cost, with a one-time content migration fee of $1,738 and an annual ClearDocs fee of $5,000. These improvements would enhance website functionality, improve public access to information, and help the Township meet the April 2027 federal accessibility compliance deadline. Director Lyon reviewed proposals from Revize and two competing vendors, highlighting Revize's reliable customer service, flexibility with the Township's budget, and negotiated cost savings. He estimated that renewing with Revize could save the Township between $150,000 and $200,000 over four years compared with competing providers and recommended entering into a new five-year contract.

The Board Officials reached a consensus to renew the contract with Revize for another five years locking in rates and building on the positive experience of the previous agreement.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Agreement for Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services Between Maine Township and Flood Brothers Disposal Co.

See video at 39:48

At the last meeting, Flood Brothers Disposal Company was selected as the waste hauler for the unincorporated area for five years. The agreement, which had been completed by Flood Brothers and reviewed by Ancel Glink, was presented to the Board.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve agreement for Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services Between Maine Township and Flood Brothers Disposal Company.
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: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Appoint Supervisor to Represent the Interests of the Township on the Maine Township Foundation Board

See video at 41:15

The Board discussed the proposed appointment of Supervisor Jones to the Maine Township Foundation Board to represent the Township's interests.

The Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) entity established under the statutory authority of the Township Act during partnership discussions with the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

In response to questions from the Board, Attorney Katie Nagy confirmed that appointing the Township Supervisor to the Foundation's Board would not create a legal conflict of interest.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to appoint Supervisor to represent the interests of the township on the Maine Township Foundation Board.
Trustee Maher	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: Old Business, Discussion and Vote on Resolution 2026-9, a Resolution Approving and Making a Determination on Executive Session Meeting Minutes

See video at 46:04

Supervisor Jones read aloud Resolution 2026-9, a resolution approving and making a determination on executive session meeting minutes.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve Resolution 2026-9, a resolution approving and making a determination on executive session meeting minutes.
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 reported that the Board of Review appeal window closes today at 11:59 p.m. Her office processed approximately 900 appeals and significantly more phone calls handled by her staff. The Maine Township Assessor's office faced additional challenges due to property tax bills being due and missing exemptions which were submitted to the Cook County Assessor but were not processed and resulted in not being reflected on the bill. She commended her staff for their hard work in addressing these issues and coordinating with the Cook County Assessor's Office. Assessor Krey also reported that she cohosted a Cook County Board of Review seminar on September 16th. She thanked Maintenance Director Michael Samaan and Maintenance Technician Jonathan Wolf for their assistance with setup and building preparation. Board of Review analysts were available to accept appeals, and the visit was well attended. Finally, Assessor Krey shared her appreciation for the employee picnic and thanked the staff for their hard work and contributions.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais congratulated Supervisor Jones and Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski on receiving well-deserved awards. The Commissioner announced that bids for the Maine North Area Drainage Phase One project would be released tomorrow, September 30th, and thanked MaineStay Director Lyon for promptly posting the information on the website.

Clerk Gialamas provided an update on the November 3, 2026, Gubernatorial Election. Limited early voting at courthouses will begin on October 7th, followed by expanded early voting at 56 suburban locations from October 19th through November 2nd.

Trustee Horvath reported attending the Agency Funding hearings the previous week and expressed appreciation for the participating agencies work. She also noted that she looked forward to the next meeting scheduled for the following week.

Trustee Maher attended a Niles Chamber of Commerce legislative event featuring State Representative Justin Cochran, Des Plaines Mayor Andrew Goczkowski, and Niles Mayor George Alpogianis. He encouraged others to attend future events to stay informed about legislative developments and local government initiatives.

Trustee Lynch recognized September as National Recovery Month and congratulated Recovery Connection Director Marty Cook on accepting the proclamation from the Village of Niles. She highlighted the Township's important work helping individuals rebuild their lives and sustain recovery. Trustee Lynch also thanked Administrator Vicki Rizzo for taking on scheduling for the PACE program, acknowledging the additional workload and expressing appreciation for her efforts to support the program and explore software solutions to make scheduling more manageable.

Supervisor Jones commended Administrator Vicki Rizzo for her outstanding work, exceptional multitasking abilities, and dedication. She reported that the Agency Funding hearing proceeded very smoothly and efficiently, demonstrating excellent organization, and professionalism. Supervisor Jones also congratulated Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski. Supervisor Jones thanked Senator Murphy and Representative Justin Cochran for organizing an informative evening discussion regarding Aqua's acquisition by Illinois American Water, potential water rate changes, and proposed legislation concerning water services.

Upcoming events were announced, including the Special Town Meeting of Electors on October 1st, to discuss transferring of the OEM building back to the Highway Department for additional equipment storage, the Agency Funding hearing on October 6th, and the Neighborhood Watch meeting on October 7th, at 7:00 p.m. Additional events include Vision and Hearing Testing and the Vaccine Clinic on October 8th, an informational session on understanding Medicare on October 21st, and the annual Trunk or Treat event on October 29th.

Supervisor Jones encouraged residents to participate in upcoming meetings and community events. She reaffirmed the Township's commitment to serving residents and promoting community engagement.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 51:48

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath	Motion to Adjourn.
Trustee Maher	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 8:02 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas