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This meeting will be conducted by audio or video conference without a physically present quorum of the Maine Township Board because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 public health concerns affecting the Township. Pursuant to Senate Bill 2135, which Governor Pritzker signed last Friday, the Township Supervisor determined that an in-person meeting at the Township building with all participants is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Township officials and legal counsel will not be physically present at the Township building, if that is unfeasible due to the disaster. Physical public attendance at the Township building may be limited or not feasible, so alternative arrangements for public access to hear the meeting are available here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85305288713>. To obtain password to connect to this meeting, please call Richard Lyon at 224-257-4869 prior to 6:00 p.m. on August 25, 2020. The meeting will also be audio or video recorded and made available to the public, as provided by law.

Board Members Present and other Elected Officials: Trustees: Jones, Carrabotta, McKenzie and Sweeney, Supervisor Morask, Clerk Gialamas and Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak

Others in Attendance: Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Earl Wilson, Donna Adam, Joe Kratzer and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Flood Remediation on Project for Prairie Creek and Farmers Creek; Commitment to Negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement

See video at 1:03:54.

Joe Kratzer, Managing Civil Engineer at Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) made the presentation on Flood Control Projects on Farmers and Prairie Creeks of Maine Township and Park Ridge. He spoke about projects background, projects overview and purpose, projects status, projects timeline and Maine Township maintenance requirements.

Discussion, questions and comments.

After discussion, Supervisor Morask stated that tonight we are looking for commitment to negotiate an agreement to proceed with this project.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to commit to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between Maine Township and MWRD.
Trustee Sweeney	Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Supervisor Morask and all Elected Officials agreed that this will be a great project which will help some of the Unincorporated Maine Township residents with the flooding issue.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2020 Bill Pay Review

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 27, 2020 Bill Pay Review.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of July 27, 2020 Board Meeting

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 27, 2020 Board Meeting.

Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Sweeney presented her corrections to the minutes and asked for approval.

Trustee Carrabotta Amend the motion to waive the reading and approve the amended minutes of the July 27, 2020 Board meeting.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 7, 2020 and August 21, 2020 and General Assistance checks #52875 through check #52929 in the amount of \$44,652.87.

Supervisor Jones Motion to approve.

Trustee McKenzie Second

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 7, 2020 and August 21, 2020 and Road District checks #21464 through check #21503 in the amount of \$74,703.05.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to approve.

Trustee McKenzie Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 7, 2020 and August 21, 2020 and General Town Fund checks #57942 through check #58012 in the amount of \$310,283.11.

Trustee McKenzie	Motion to approve.
Trustee Carrabotta	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Carpeting Replacement

See video at 1:56:14.

Mike Samaan, Maintenance Director stated that the second phase of carpet installation in the larger offices is scheduled for mid-September and it was already approved by the Board. He added that the next project will be replacing the carpet in the Boardroom and Mr. Samaan recommends hiring Villano Interiors, Inc., the same company that replaced the carpeting in the Township's small offices. The estimate for this project is \$10,347.00 and would be taken out of Capital Fund. The estimate carpet proposal was included in the Board packet.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to accept Villano Interiors, Inc. to install the carpet in the Maine Township Boardroom with the total amount of \$10,347.00.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Compensation for Elected Officials for Next Election Term

See video at 1:58:45.

Supervisor Morask stated that this agenda item was tabled at the last Board meeting. She thanked Administrator Berman and Doriene Prorak for their research and providing the Board with surveys regarding current term salaries from other townships.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to un-table the discussion on Compensation for Elected Officials for Next Election Term.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Discussion.

After lengthy discussion the Board decided to table voting on this subject to the next Board meeting.

Trustee Carrabotta	Motion to table the discussion and voting on Compensation for Elected Officials for Next Election Term to the September 22, 2020 Board meeting.
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Trustee McKenzie	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

For additional comments from the Board see video at 2:31:34.

Agenda Item: Personnel
None.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

See video at 2:43:57.

Trustee Sweeney commented on allowing public to participate before any vote is made and adding this subject to the Board Policy.

Supervisor Morask stated that typically Public Comments are on the beginning in the agenda and added that she made significant positive changes to the original Rules for Public Participation at Board Meetings. She suggested that Trustee Sweeney draft the proposed policy and let it be open for discussion at the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Clerk Gialamas stated that several of the other Clerks have decided to hold their Annual Town Meeting virtually.

Attorney Krafthefer stated that, right now it is still in violation of the governor's executive order to hold large meetings. She added that it could be ok if that is a small township when just a few people come to their town meetings but right now there is no legal ability to do that for our township.

Supervisor Morask asked Clerk Gialamas if the National Night Out was cancelled.

Clerk Gialamas responded that the National Night Out is rescheduled to October 6th but it also may not happen.

Trustee Sweeney asked how Recovery Connection have their meetings with over 50 participants and not violating the governor's guidelines.

Administrator Berman answered that Recovery Connection as well as MaineStreamers participating in their programs are keeping the distance by using the tents on our parking lot.

Trustee Sweeney asked Richard Lyon why non-clinical services attendance went down?

Mr. Lyon said that the reason why it went down is because there were no educational events in July.

Trustee Sweeney commented that there was a lot of donations in food pantry brought by residents and businesses. Trustee Sweeney stated that she is thankful that a couple of organizations, Northwest Suburban Day Care and Center of Concern wrote letters showing appreciation for the extra money that the Board awarded to them.

Trustee Carrabotta thanked everybody in the township for helping each other during Covid-19 time, and he also thanked everyone who participate in township's meetings.

Trustee Carrabotta suggested that the Board considers to make additional 5% or 10% extra payment for our charities and non-profit organizations that we fund.

Trustee McKenzie stated that she is very excited to help the unincorporated areas with the flooding by negotiating the commitment with MWRD on this project. She feels like the Board is doing something constructive.

Trustee McKenzie asked about status on Covid-19 reimbursement.

Administrator Berman stated that she and Vicki Rizzo have been working on FEMA applications for reimbursements and grants which will be submitted this week.

At this point the Board discussed the option of buying tents instead of renting them.

Trustee Jones thanked all the township employees for stepping up and keeping the township efficiently open and thinking out of the box with their creative solutions.

Trustee Jones attended the MaineStreamers event with Diva Mantas where several of MaineStreamers were very enthusiastic for being entertain in this difficult time.

Trustee Jones stated that she also is excited about helping the unincorporated areas with flooding. She pointed out that this is a major accomplishment by this Board.

Supervisor Morask stated that in respect to the flooding she is absolutely thrilled that the Township will be negotiating with MWRD. She added that it will make a big difference and our residents have waited for it for years. In her opinion it is a great accomplishment.

Supervisor Morask stated that the GoFundMe Group is out but John Moran found 30 people who still wanted to volunteer by shopping for Maine Township Food Pantry.

Supervisor Morask thanked Carol Langan for talking to Jewel and placing the first food order during the pandemic. She also thanked volunteers for their donations and State Senator Laura Murphy for providing a lot of fresh corn that was given to our food pantry recipients.

Supervisor Morask shared the hand written appreciation card received from Park Ridge Mayor Maloney.

For more detailed reports see video at 2:49:07.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment
Supervisor Morask Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Carrabotta Second.
All in favor.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk