

Maine Township Board Meeting August 27, 2024

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

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Jenny Raffé, Therese Tully, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Nader Ghazaleh, Marty Cook, Nick Kanehl, Mike Samaan, Marty McAlpin, Cat Ryder, and Jessica Guzman.

Supervisor Dimond 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 July 30, 2024 Board Meeting

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 30, 2024 Board Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 2, 2024 and August 16, 2024 and General Assistance checks #55468 through check #55505 in the amount of \$32,903.60.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 2, 2024 and August 16, 2024 and Road District checks #23544 through check #23581 in the amount of \$148,160.57.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 2, 2024 and August 16, 2024 and General Town Fund checks #61232 through check #61302 in the amount of \$326,685.90.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Supervisor Dimond welcomed a new Recovery Connection employee Matthew “Matt” Bajkowski.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Roofing Contract

See video at 4:42

Trustee Jones Motion to approve 2024 Maine Township Roof Replacement Project with the performance bond.

Trustee Malik Second.

Questions from the Board officials were answered by Maintenance Director Samaan.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Adoption of Township Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2025

See video at 9:17

Trustee Horvath Motion to pass the Township Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year 2025.

Trustee Jones Second.

Discussion regarding adding a half day on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve for the Calendar Year 2025.

Supervisor Dimond postponed the discussion regarding an addition of half days on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve for the Calendar Year 2024 to the next meeting.

Trustee Horvath Motion to pass the Township Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year 2025 with the addition of the half day on Christmas Eve and half day on New Year’s Day.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Marty McAlpin presentation on Highway Dept. grants/funding
See video at 19:53

Mr. Marty McAlpin made a presentation on the Highway Department grants and funding from Cook County, State, and Federal Government. He gave an update on some of the projects that he has been working on with the Highway Department, mainly to seek out and identify sources of revenue that are going to be impactful for the Highway Department such as flood mitigation and infrastructure improvements such as bike lanes in the unincorporated area of Maine Township.

Questions and comments from the Board.

Mr. McAlpin also unveiled the National Night Out video.

The Board thanked Mr. McAlpin for the presentation.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey complimented Clerk Gialamas on the fantastic National Night Out and Trustee Malik on the terrific India and Pakistan Cultural events. She said that on August 15th the Assessor's office held a Property Tax Appeal workshop along with Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Samantha Steele, State Senator Laura Murphy, Commissioner Maggie Trevor, and Commissioner Kevin Morris.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais commented on Trustee Malik's Cultural Days and stated that he should be proud of all the work that he did, and apologized that he missed the events. Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that the Highway Department staff is working overtime to wrap up the construction season. He stated that Washington School thanked him for the improvements done around the school and for making it a safer zone for the kids.

Clerk Gialamas thanked everybody who helped out with National Night Out to make it a success again. He also complimented Trustee Malik on his Cultural Days.

Trustee Malik thanked all Board members and Maine Township staff for attending India and Pakistan Cultural Day events. He expressed special thanks to Highway Commissioner Beauvais and his staff for their help, Maintenance Director Mike Samaan, and Code Enforcement Nader Ghazaleh for volunteering during both days.

Trustee Maher thanked Clerk Gialamas and Trustee Malik for their excellent events.

Trustee Horvath also said that both events were very wonderful.

Trustee Jones stated that National Night Out was exceptional again and Clerk Gialamas did an excellent job along with the Board and Park District. She said that this is one of the favorite evenings for the Township seeing how much fun little kids have. She commented on Trustee Malik's events as well that they are getting better and better every year. Trustee Jones extended her invitation to the next Neighborhood Watch on Wednesday, September 4th, at 7:00 pm. She wished everybody a happy and healthy Labor Day weekend.

Supervisor Dimond stated that she attended and enjoyed all the mentioned events. She said that also she went along with Trustee Jones, Assessor Krey, and Clerk Gialamas to the Employee Cookout which served wonderful food. Supervisor Dimond reported that she had a meeting with Michael Flood to discuss many issues related to garbage pickup due to many residential complaints. She also reported that the company that does our salary survey would meet with us next week via Zoom.

Trustee Jones congratulated Recovery Connection Director Cook on reaching 500 readers on the Newsletter.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 39:44

Agenda Item: Closed/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) litigation which is probable or imminent; (2) discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and (3) Review and approval of the Closed Session Minutes (ILCS 5-120-2(c)(1)).

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Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:32 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring a part-time employee for the Clerk's Office
See video at 53:00

Trustee Jones Motion to hire Vivian Kalish as a part-time employee for the Clerk's Office.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk