

Maine Township Board Meeting September 24, 2024

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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, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Nader Ghazaleh, Marty Cook, Nick Kanehl, Mike Samaan, Richard Lyon, Robert Flinn, Vivian Kalish and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Clerk Gialamas introduced the new Clerk's part-time employee Vivian Kalish.

The Board welcomed Ms. Kalish.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2024 Board Meeting

Trustee Malik noticed a mistake on page number two of the Minutes of August 27, 2024, that the approval of General Town Fund Expenditures was made by Trustee Maher and he also seconded.

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading as amended to show that the approval of General Town Fund Expenditures was made by Trustee Maher and seconded by Trustee Malik and approve minutes of the August 27, 2024 Board Meeting.

Trustee Jones 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 Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 30, 2024 and September 13, 2024 and General Assistance checks #55506 through check #55542 in the amount of \$34,402.73.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

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: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 30, 2024 and September 13, 2024 and Road District checks #23582 through check #23626 in the amount of \$336,489.00.

Trustee Horvath 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 General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated August 30, 2024 and September 13, 2024 and General Town Fund checks #61303 through check #61355 in the amount of \$296,695.78.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve.
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: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business
See video at 6:30
Supervisor Dimond stated that there is no Old Business to discuss.

Agenda Item: New Business, Amendment of Holiday Calendar 2024
See video at 6:35
Discussion regarding the Amendment of the Holiday Calendar 2024 and adding a half day on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, and also Wednesday, November 27th, before Thanksgiving.

Trustee Jones Motion to accept the revised Maine Township Holiday Calendar 2024 which will include the office closing at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th, Tuesday, December 23rd, and Tuesday, December 31st.
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, Discussion & Possible Vote on Resolution Approving IGA between Cook County and Highway Department
See video at 15:15
Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that Cook County awarded the Maine Township Highway Department up to \$425,000.00 for a bike lane along Church Street between Potter Road and Greenwood Avenue, a new sidewalk on the north side of Church Street between Home Avenue and

Greenwood Avenue, and a new sidewalk on the west side of Western Avenue between Church Street and Kathy Lane. He said that under the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement, Cook County requested a letter of support from the Maine Township Board.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve Resolution 2024-RB-1 a Resolution in Support of Intergovernmental Agreement.

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, Discussion & Possible Vote on Elected Officials Compensation for next 4-year term

See video at 19:06

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Board could find the previous resolution regarding the compensation of Town Officers and has to vote on the elected officials' compensation for the next four-year term.

Trustee Jones presented the current term salaries for the elected officials from various townships and stated that she would like to table this topic to the next meeting.

Trustee Maher commented and said that the language regarding insurance used in the Resolution is not clear.

Short discussion.

Supervisor Dimond asked Trustee Maher to propose some language and send it to her so she could prepare it for the next meeting.

Trustee Jones Motion to table Vote on Elected Officials Compensation for next 4-year term.

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: Discussion and Possible Vote on Re-Sealing and Striping of Parking Lot

See video at 24:50

Maintenance Director Samaan stated that the Maine Township parking lot needs resealing and striping. His recommendation was Garelli Pavement Service with the project's cost of \$4,455.00. The project would consist of cleaning all foreign material from the parking lot, treating it with petro-seal where needed, filling in the cracks, and sealing the entire lot. Restriping will follow once the sealing is cured.

Questions from the Board were answered by Maintenance Director Samaan.

Trustee Horvath Motion to enter into a contract with the Garelli Pavement Service along with the addendum prepared to the contract.

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: New Business, Update on Roof Repair

See video at 31:40

Maintenance Director Samaan gave an update on the roof repair project that will start on October 28th, and it will take three to five days.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Planning of Events for Next Year and Possible Additional Board Meetings

See video at 33:04

Trustee Horvath suggested scheduling separate, informal meetings that everybody could attend. She said that the idea of these meetings is that the Board members and Staff, who would be interested, could help plan the upcoming programs and events.

Discussion.

The Board agreed to meet on November 26th, at 5:30 p.m., before the regular Board meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Closed Session Minutes

See video at 41:32

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-11, A Resolution Approving and Making a Determination on Executive Session Meeting Minutes.
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: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey expressed her concerns about the Closed Sessions that take place every month and stated that she thinks that some of them are unnecessary.

Assessor Krey stated that today she participated in a well-attended, very informative symposium in Naperville. She reported that the Assessor's Office has gotten so far over \$1,062,000.00 in Certificate of Error and the process is not done yet. Assessor Krey discussed that residents who filed a Certificate of Error with her office are still waiting on the Cook County Assessor to enter it into their system. The delay has caused the resident to pay extra charges for interest on the property tax bill. It has caused financial hardship for seniors because their mortgage company is re-escrowing their taxes due to the delay in processing the Certificate of Error promptly.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that the construction season will be wrapped up by the end of this month and his department will start planning for the next year's projects. He stated that they received an overwhelming response for the community survey with many good points made by the residents.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais invited everybody on Saturday, to the last Market After Dark in Park Ridge.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he attended a fantastic MaineStreamers' event, a trip to Wrigley Field and the Bohemian Cemetery. He complimented the MaineStreamers on the great job that they are doing.

Trustee Jones stated that she was at the MaineStay garage sale, which was very well attended, well organized, and always for a good cause. She pointed out that MaineStay Staff and all Maine Township's employees did a great job volunteering. Trustee Jones reminded everybody that the next Neighborhood Watch is on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 7:00 pm.

Supervisor Dimond stated that there were great bargains at the Garage Sale. Supervisor Dimond complimented Erin Callahan from MaineStay. Ms. Callahan quickly responded and helped one of the vendors who started to faint during the Garage Sale and prevented her from getting injured.

Trustee Horvath stated that she also attended the MaineStay Garage Sale. She invited everybody to the Fall play at the Maine East High School - "Wendy and Peter Pan" on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m., and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Maher echoed some of the Assessor Krey's comments regarding the Closed Sessions. He also stated that items that are not listed on the agenda should not be voted on.

Supervisor Dimond explained the reasons for Closed Sessions.

Trustee Maher said that he attended the Garage Sale which was a great event and commended MaineStay Director Richard Lyon and his people. He also commended MaineStreamers Director Dachniwsky on the wide, great variety of activities organized for the people at the Maine Township. He thanked the staff who work at MaineStreamers.

Trustee Malik also commented on the Closed Session and suggested that the hiring procedure should be done in the open session. Trustee Malik stated that the Free Giveaway Turkeys will be on November 23rd. The location will be announced later but it will not be in the Maine Township parking lot.

Food Pantry Director Kanehl stated that Catholic Charities are closing its doors for the Food Pantry on Thursday and it would affect us because their clients will come to our place. He said that we will try to get Catholic Charities' equipment.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 45:50

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.

Trustee Jones 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.

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 8:35 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on hiring Part-Time Van Driver(s)
See video at 1:03:44

Trustee Horvath Motion to hire Martin Zimmerman as a Part-Time Van Driver.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on creating additional Part-Time Van Driver Position
See video at 1:04:27

Trustee Jones	Motion to create additional Part-Time Van Driver Position.
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	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Jones	Motion to adjourn.
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	Absent

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk