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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, Monika Jaroszewicz, Kathy Sabbini, Liz Coy, Martin McAlpin, Nader Ghazaleh, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Richard Lyon, Jack Wisniewski, Emily Toomey, Summer Zumbrock, Vrisha Kotak, Nidhi Kotak, Martin Zimmerman, Jim Naughton, James McGrath, Ron Wolflick 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.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2024 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the October 29, 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 Minutes of November 7, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Trustee Jones	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the November 7, 2024 Special Board Meeting.
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 Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 8, 2024 and November 22, 2024 and General Assistance checks #55575 through check #55603 in the amount of \$30,548.84.

Trustee Joens	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 November 8, 2024 and November 22, 2024 and Road District checks #23674 through Check #23717 in the amount of \$172,461.12.

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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated September November 8, 2024 and November 22, 2024 and General Town Fund checks #61427 through Check #61516 in the amount of \$345,430.80.

Trustee Malik 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: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Introduction of New Employees, Marty Zimmerman and Jim Naughton
See video at 4:26
Recovery Connection Director Cook introduced his new employee, Community Outreach Coordinator Jim Naughton.

Supervisor Dimond also introduced a new Maine Township employee, Handicap Accessible Shuttle Bus Driver Martin Zimmerman

The Board welcomed the new employees.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Presentation of Check to Honor Flight Chicago / Ron Wolflick
See video at 6:41
Supervisor Dimond stated that November is a month in which we honor our Veterans. She asked Clerk Gialamas to present a check to Honor Flight Chicago.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he took over the tradition of donating \$1,000 to Honor Flight Chicago from the previous Maine Township Clerk, Gary K. Warner, which was near to his heart that he started years ago. The money is from the revenues raised from processing passport applications and is not taxpayer money funded. Clerk Gialamas and other Elected Officials presented a \$1,000.00 check to the organization.

Ron Wolflick, Chair of the Operation Locate a Hero, thanked the Maine Township Board for their generosity. He stated that Honor Flight Chicago is a non-profit organization that sends senior war veterans once a month to Washington, D.C. for a day of honor, thanks, and inspiration. Mr. Wolflick stated that these trips are free to the veterans.

Agenda Item: New Business, Acknowledgement of Food Pantry Donation from VFW

See video at 14:55

Supervisor Dimond acknowledged a Food Pantry donation by Niles Memorial VFW Post 3579 represented by Commander James McGrath.

Commander James McGrath thanked Supervisor Dimond and the Maine Township Board for the invitation. He stated that their veteran's organization raises money through fundraising drives and they donate the money throughout the community. This year the organization decided to donate the money to the Maine Township's Food Pantry.

Agenda Item: New Business, Acknowledgement of Gifts from Catholic Charities

See video at 17:55

Supervisor Dimond postponed this item to the next Board meeting because a representative from Catholic Charities could not attend this meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, TOI Conference Awards and Arrangements

See video at 18:06

Supervisor Dimond stated that at the TOI conference in Springfield, it was a pleasure and a source of pride to hear that our staff members won 3 awards.

MaineStay Director Lyon presented the awards to MaineStay Volunteer Vrisha Kotak and Family Therapist Summer Zumbrock.

Supervisor Dimond presented the award to MaineStreamers Director Dachniwsky and her Department for Innovative Senior Program of the Year - the Annual Mystery Trip.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Reimbursement of TOI Expenses Per Resolution 2024-4

See video at 24:36

Trustee Jones Motion to approve reimbursement of the TOI expenses per Resolution 2024-4 for the Maine Township members.

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: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Adopting Road and Bridge Levy

See video at 25:46

Highway Commissioner Beauvais confirmed that the Road and Bridge Levy will stay flat.

Trustee Horvath Motion to adopt Road and Bridge Levy.

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 and Vote on Adopting Town Fund & General Assistance Levies

See video at 26:57

Supervisor Dimond asked the Board if the Town Fund & General Assistance Levies should stay at a flat rate.

The Board officials agreed to keep them flat.

Trustee Jones Motion to adopt Town Fund & General Assistance Levies at a flat rate.
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: New Business, Discussion and Vote on Joining MTA

See video at 30:05

Supervisor Dimond stated that the Metropolitan Township Association focuses mostly on issues that are of concern to large Townships around the Chicago area. The information about the MTA organization and membership rate was included in the Board packet.

After a short discussion, the Board agreed to join MTA.

Trustee Maher Motion to join Metropolitan Township Association.
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: New Business, Preliminary Discussion of Agency Funding Allocation

See video at 33:54

MaineStay Director Lyon stated that the 2025-2026 Agency Funding allocation spreadsheet with recommendation amounts from the Administrator and Department Heads was included in the Board packet. He asked the Board of Trustees to return their recommendations by December 6th, to Agency and Program Coordinator Parker. Mr. Lyon stated that the Trustees' recommendations will be added to the chart and then the average from the Board and Staff will be calculated. He stated that the 2025-2026 Grant will be presented for discussion and approval at the next Board meeting in December.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Purchase of Communication Radios

See video at 37:44

OEM Director Wisniewski made a presentation on the purchase of Communication Radios. He discussed the necessity, importance, and benefits of portable radios. Mr. Wisniewski stated that it was an

honor and privilege to work on this project with Highway Department Commissioner Beauvais and thanked him for his support on this matter.

Supervisor Dimond thanked Highway Department Commissioner Beauvais for paying for the Communication Radios out of his budget.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Employee Holiday Party

See video at 46:58

Supervisor Dimond thanked the Maine Township Departments Staff for the extraordinary job done during the past month working and helping at the Food Pantry due to personnel shortage. She proposed holding an evening employee holiday party at Club Casa.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve employee holiday party at Club Casa
On December 17th.

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 reported that the decisions from the Cook County Board of Review are in. She wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everybody.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that it was a busy month. He thanked the Des Plaines Post 36 for having the Board members at the Veterans Day ceremony, and also thanked Commander Mcgraph for coming out and Ron Wolflick for doing Honor Flight. Highway Commissioner Beauvais said that the crew is ready for snow operations. He wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everybody.

Trustee Malik wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. Trustee Malik thanked Senator Laura Murphy, Trustee Jones, Trustee Horvath, and Trustee Maher for attending his Turkey Day event last Saturday. He thanked Highway Commissioner Beauvais for his support and sponsors Care & Cure and Empowering Women. He sent special thanks to Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Monika Jaroszewicz, and Eva Magnowski.

Trustee Maher attended the Neighborhood Watch, TOI conference, both: Maine Township's and Trustee's Malik Turkey Giveaway, and Trustee Horvath's Special meeting today. He wished a Great Thanksgiving to everyone.

Trustee Horvath extended her appreciation to all Board members and Staff for attending the Special meeting earlier this evening and doing a lot of brainstorming on suggestions for future programs and events. She pointed out that it was a very nice time to talk and chat. She wished everybody a nice Holiday.

Trustee Jones along with Trustee Maher attended the Neighborhood Watch and she welcomed and invited everybody to the next one on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m. She also attended both, very successful, and well-organized Turkey Days. Trustee Jones reported that she went to a very informative TOI conference as well. She congratulated MaineStay and Senior Departments on their Awards. Trustee Jones thanked all volunteers for helping during the Turkey Days and all the other events. She wished a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Supervisor Dimond reported that the roof was replaced on the North part of the building, which was a big project, and the parking lot was repaved. Supervisor Dimond also attended a very interesting and informative TOI conference. She thanked everybody who came to Turkey Giveaways.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 51:34

Agenda Item: Closed/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1) litigation which is probable or imminent; (2) Report and Discussion on Security and Access Control System Project, and (3) 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) Report and Discussion on Security and Access Control System Project, and (3) 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 8:33 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring Food Pantry Director
See video at 1:01:53

Trustee Jones Motion to hire Michael Pitzafferro as a Food Pantry Director.
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	Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath Motion to adjourn.
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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk

