

Maine Township Board Meeting February 25, 2025

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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: Trustees: Jones, Horvath, Maher, Malik, Clerk Gialamas, Assessor Moylan Krey and Highway Commissioner Beauvais.

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Dayna Berman, Vicki Rizzo, Liz Coy, Kathy Sabbini, Therese Tully, Marty McAlphin, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Jack Wisniewski, Richard Lyon, Michael Pitzafarro, Elizabeth Lynch and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Dimond was not present at the meeting.

Earlier today, during the RD Budget Hearing the Board elected Trustee Jones to be the temporary chairman.

Clerk Gialamas called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the January 25, 2025, Board Meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Budget Hearing minutes January 28, 2025

Trustee Maher Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the January 25, 2025, Road District Budget Hearing.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated January 31, 2025 and February 14, 2025 and General Assistance checks #55661 through check #55680 in the amount of \$26,788.92.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures
Payrolls dated January 31, 2025 and February 14, 2025 and Road District checks #23801 through Check #23855 in the amount of \$345,506.59.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.
Trustee Malik Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Dimond Absent
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Horvath Yes
Trustee Maher Yes
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated January 31, 2025 and February 14, 2025 and General Town Fund checks #61657 through Check #61734 in the amount of \$341,119.51.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve.
Trustee Malik Second.
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Dimond Absent
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Horvath Yes
Trustee Maher Yes
Trustee Malik Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Salary Increases
See video at 4:08
Trustee Jones stated that based on the MGT study, the Board officials have previously discussed several options for salary increases.

After a short discussion, the Board agreed to defer this matter until after an executive session.

Trustee Maher said that Supervisor Dimond, who worked hard on this issue was not at tonight's meeting and pointed out that the Board should have her input.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Town Fund/General Assistance 2025-26 Budget
See video at 6:35
Administrator Berman stated that the final 2025-26 Town Fund and General Assistance Budget was included in the Board packet. She discussed the changes that have been made to the tentative Budget such as the addition of the line-items transfer and salary increase calculations.

Questions from the Board officials.

After discussion, the Board postponed this matter for later.

Trustee Maher Motion to table the Discussion and Possible Vote on the Town Fund/General Assistance 2025-26 Budget to the March meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Town Fund/General Assistance Continuing Resolution

See video at 14:49

Trustee Horvath Motion Town Fund/General Assistance Continuing Resolution 2025-2.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of April 8, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Agenda

See video at 15:50

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the April 8, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Agenda.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Funding Mailer with QR Code for Survey

See video at 17:01

Trustee Jones stated that the Public Relations team created a survey that will help us better serve our residents. The Mailer with a QR Code for the survey will be sent to all Maine Township's households. The survey will be online and paper copies will be available also. Trustee Jones asked the Board to vote on funding the Mailer with a QR Code.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve the funding of the Mailer with QR Code for a survey.

Trustee Maher Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on BAPS Charity Walkathon

See video at 22:24

Discussion on the BAPS Charity Walkathon.

The Board would like to have more information on the BAPS Charity Walkathon.

This item was postponed for later.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Schedule of Shredding Event

See video at 26:20

Discussion.

The Board rescheduled the Shredding Event for later, maybe in May or June.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Approval of Purchase of Flooring for lower level

See video at 28:48

MaineStay Director Lyon stated that they would like to replace the 20-year-old carpet in the MaineStay area with a vinyl flooring product, which would be more durable, waterproof, and hold up better than carpet. He said that three quotes were included in the Board packet. MaineStay Director Lyon and Maintenance Director Samaan recommended Scharm Floor Covering for this project.

Questions and comments from the Board Officials.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve the hiring of Scharm Floor Covering for the lower level for \$23,920.00.
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Trustee Malk	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond	Absent
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Trustee Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Yes
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Trustee Maher	Yes
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Trustee Malik	Yes
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey reported that her office had a pretty busy month. She stated that Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and his entourage visited her office. She pointed out that Assessor Fritz Kaegi became more familiar with how the Maine Township Assessor office works and the problems that her office is facing. Assessor Krey stated that they participated in a Cook County Zoom meeting regarding the Triennial reassessment and appeals. She said that they have an educational meeting with Villages and Cities regarding permits scheduled for tomorrow.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported on the Storm Sewer Lining project that should be completed by the end of the week. He stated that it was a good project done proactively. He stated that the Highway Department and Village of Niles will start planning to fix the drainage issue by Greenwood Circle. Highway Commissioner Beauvais also said that they are working with the Niles Public Works Department on the Tire Recycling event in Golf Mill Park, in April.

Clerk Gialamas reported that Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski and he attended the TOCC Clerk's Division meeting earlier this month. They met newly elected Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon who gave a nice presentation on the upcoming Election and pledged her support to the Townships. Clerk Gialamas reminded everybody that the early voting will start on March 17th and run through March 31st, for the Election on April 1st.

Trustee Malik stated that Ramadan’s fasting starts on Saturday, March 1st. He announced that with Patel Brothers and Care & Cure’s help food will be distributed to the Maine Township residents on Friday, February 28th, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm, at ICCD. Trustee Malik invited everybody to come and join the Holi event on Saturday, March 15th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Trustee Malik stated that he attended the Asian American Coalition of Chicago Gala Dinner where he was honored with an Exemplary Community Service Award for his work in the Pakistani Community.

Trustee Maher commended and congratulated MaineStay Assistant Director Arielle Kalvelage and MaineStay Director Lyon on the great story about bullying, which is a big problem in our society.

Trustee Horvath stated that whoever did not see the musical “Matilda” at Maine East High School has two more chances on February 28th, and March 1st.

Trustee Jones invited everybody to the next Neighborhood Watch on March 5th, at 7:00 pm. Trustee Jones reported that together with Assessor Krey and Clerk’s Gialamas wife, she attended a very nice Mainstreamer’s event: “Uncork, Unwind”. She encouraged residents ages 55 and up to sign up for MaineStreamers to participate in very interesting events.

For more detailed Officials’ Reports see the video at 36:27

Agenda Item: Closed/Executive Session for the purpose of discussing (1); security procedures, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; (2) discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and (3) review and approval of 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 Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Vote on Hiring Dan Brueck as Part-Time Lift Van Driver

Trustee Horvath Motion to hire Dan Brueck as a Part-Time Lift Van Driver.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Malik Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Absent

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk