

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 08, 2025**

The Annual Town Meeting for Maine Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Peter Gialamas. Clerk Gialamas welcomed everyone to the Maine Township 174th Annual Town Meeting.

Clerk Gialamas asked everyone to rise and the Park Ridge Boy Scouts Troop #1 presented the Colors and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Gialamas announced that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the electorate of our Township's financial status and to act upon certain resolutions to be presented at the meeting.

Clerk Gialamas introduced his most efficient staff: Deputy Clerk Jessica Guzman, Deputy Clerk Cat Ryder, Deputy Clerk Vivian Kalish, and Chief Deputy Clerk Eva Magnowski.

Clerk Gialamas said his staff was responsible for keeping the office running each day and for consistently providing exceptional customer service while prioritizing township residents. He said the Clerk's Office offers services including passport applications, voter registrations, temporary handicap placards, bus passes, license plate renewal stickers, fishing and hunting licenses, notary services, and Polish and Spanish translation assistance.

He reported a successful 2024–2025 fiscal year, with 1,339 passport applications processed, generating nearly \$47,000 in revenue, and 191 license plate renewal stickers sold, generating \$1,100. He added that \$1,000 from annual passport processing fees is dedicated to supporting Honor Flight Chicago.

Clerk Gialamas also noted that National Night Out was successfully held at Dee Park on August 6th, and invited residents to attend the next event on August 5th. He announced that beginning April 14, 2025, the Clerk's Office would extend its hours until 7:00 p.m. and encouraged residents to call ahead for certain appointments. He concluded by thanking his staff for their hard work.

Next, Clerk Gialamas introduced the Maine Township elected officials. He began with the Trustees, the Honorable Kimberly Jones, Kelly Horvath, James Maher, and Asif Malik, noting that Horvath was unable to attend. He then introduced Highway Commissioner, the Honorable Ed Beauvais, and Assessor, the Honorable Susan Moylan Krey. Lastly, Clerk Gialamas introduced Maine Township Supervisor, the Honorable Karen Dimond.

Clerk Gialamas also welcomed and introduced the guests in attendance, including former City of Des Plaines Clerk Gloria Ludwig and Trustee-Elect Elizabeth Lynch, who will be joining the Board in May.

Clerk Gialamas recognized Trustee Jones to make a nomination for a moderator.

Trustee Jones nominated Honorable Rene Mandin to serve as Moderator of the meeting.

There were no other nominations and it was seconded by Assessor Krey. The motion was approved and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Clerk Gialamas administered the Oath of Moderator to Honorable Rene Mandin.

Moderator Rene Mandin appointed Maine Township Trustee Maher as Parliamentarian.

Moderator Rene Mandin asked Clerk Gialamas to present the minutes of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting for approval.

Clerk Gialamas stated that the minutes were distributed earlier and requested that the minutes be approved and that the reading be waived.

Supervisor Dimond made a motion to approve the 2024 Annual Town Meeting minutes and it was seconded by Trustee Malik.

The motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Moderator Rene Mandin asked if there were any special meetings held during the fiscal year 2024-2025. Clerk Gialamas stated that we did not hold any special meetings.

Moderator Rene Mandin asked Clerk Gialamas if the Annual Financial Reports for the General Town, General Assistance, and Road & Bridge Funds were distributed before the Annual Town meeting.

Clerk Gialamas stated that the Annual Financial Reports were distributed before the Annual Town meeting.

Moderator Rene Mandin asked Supervisor Dimond to present her Annual Report and introduce the Maine Township staff.

Supervisor Dimond presented the Supervisor's Annual Report.
See attached.

Supervisor Dimond welcomed everyone to the Maine Township's Annual Town Meeting and acknowledged the township's long history. She reassured residents that, despite national concerns about government layoffs and service cuts, Maine Township will continue to keep its employees and maintain services.

She highlighted a wide range of programs that support residents' health and safety, including mental health services for youth, addiction recovery support, an expanded food pantry serving hundreds of families, general assistance programs, transportation to medical appointments, and social and wellness programs for seniors.

Supervisor Dimond also discussed public safety initiatives, community events, and efforts to improve and maintain infrastructure, enforce codes, and expand recycling and beautification programs. She mentioned the township's educational workshops and outreach efforts for residents.

Regarding taxes, Supervisor Dimond emphasized transparency, maintaining a stable tax levy, securing grants, and using donations and volunteers to reduce costs. She concluded by thanking staff for their work, announcing she will not seek reelection, and expressing confidence in the township's ongoing success.

Supervisor Dimond gave special recognition to Maine Township officials and staff for their years of service. She presented a 10-year pin and certificate to Trustee Kimberly Jones, a 20-year pin and certificate to Deputy Assessor Dee Phillips, and a 25-year pin and certificate to MaineStreamers Program Coordinator Monika Jaroszewicz and Monitor Robert Carrozzo.

Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais thanked his staff for their hard work and introduced the Highway Department employees.

Moderator Rene Mandin asked Clerk Peter Gialamas to present the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award.

Clerk Gialamas proudly announced that the recipients of the 2025 Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award are Sam and Carol Ricchio.

Sam and Carol Ricchio have shown exceptional kindness and generosity through their support of children and families. They prepare and deliver personalized holiday treats for children served by MaineStay Youth & Family Services, the Maine Township Food Pantry, and visitors. Their regular food donations also support the community. Each treat bag is carefully assembled to reflect the holiday spirit, helping low-income children feel valued. Their contributions bring joy and support, impacting both recipients and staff. Humble and selfless, they seek no recognition. Their ongoing generosity and dedication embody the true spirit of a Good Citizen, making a lasting difference in Maine Township and deserving of this award.

Mr. and Ms. Ricchio shared their gratitude for helping others, emphasizing kindness and hoping to brighten children's days through their support.

Moderator Rene Mandin requested that Supervisor Dimond present the resolutions for approval by the electors.

Supervisor Dimond presented Resolution 2025-5 setting the next Annual Town Meeting for April 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge.

Motion by Assessor Krey, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Supervisor Dimond presented Resolution 2025-6 to approve compensation for the Moderator for \$75.00.

Motion by Trustee Maher, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Moderator Rene Mandin announced that the business of the meeting was now concluded and asked if there were any more comments.

Moderator Rene Mandin entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Richard Ludwig moved for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gloria Ludwig and passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Town Clerk