

Maine Township Board Meeting August 26, 2025

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Vicki Rizzo, Ruba Al Ayed, Liz Coy, Marie Dachniwsky, Kathy Sabbini, Robert Flinn, Marty Cook, Jim Naughton, Nick Kanehl, Mike Samaan, Michael Pitzafferro, Jack Wisniewski, Richard Lyon, and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Jones 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 29, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the July 29, 2025 Board Meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2025 Special Board Meeting

Trustee Lynch Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the August 12, 2025 Special Board Meeting.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 1, 2025 and August 15, 2025 and General Assistance checks #57547 through check # 57574 in the amount of \$ 44,387.40.

Trustee Horvath Motion to approve.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 1, 2025 and August 15, 2025 and Road District checks # 25476 through check #25508 in the amount of \$116,592.33.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 1, 2025 and August 15, 2025, and General Town Fund checks #62838 through check #62921 in the amount of \$395,903.35.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None

Supervisor Jones asked the Board to move up the Agenda's item: "Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Administrator", which was originally scheduled after the Closed Session.

No objections from the Board.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Administrator

See video at 3:51

Supervisor Jones stated that, during the last Closed Session, the Board interviewed several strong candidates and reached a consensus to hire Vicki Rizzo, who is currently serving as Administrator. She noted that it was a difficult decision, but Vicki Rizzo is doing an excellent job and has proven herself.

Trustee Horvath Motion to hire Vicki Rizzo for the position of the Township Administrator.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Abstain

Trustee Malik Yes

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Big Brothers Big Sisters Anniversary Proclamation
See video at 5:44

Supervisor Jones shared that the MaineStay Department held a great event last week to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters. She read aloud the Proclamation honoring MaineStay and Family Services and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago, who have generously shared their time, hearts, and wisdom to guide, encourage, and empower the next generation, which the Board officials then signed.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Memorandum of Agreement Between Cook County Health and Maine Township for installation and operation of Naloxone Vending Machine

See video at 9:04

Supervisor Jones highlighted the serious drug problem in the country and the loss of many families and community members. Recovery Connection Director Cook and Community Outreach Coordinator Naughton have collaborated with Cook County Health Department to install Narcan vending machines, which aim to save lives and be accessible to anyone who needs them.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement Between Cook County Health and Maine Township for installation and operation of Naloxone Vending Machine.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor 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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Trustee Lynch	Yes
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, International Overdose Awareness Day Recognition - Introduction of Narcan Vending Machine at Townhall and Narcan Training

See video at 11:57

Recovery Connection Director Cook stated that, unfortunately, the drugs being manufactured today are stronger than ever before. He emphasized that Narcan is a life-saving medication and noted that its availability can make a critical difference in preventing overdose deaths. Given that we are a government agency and have Recovery Connection on-site, it makes sense for us to offer this service to the community. Narcan will now be available here, free of charge.

Community Outreach Coordinator Naughton provided a brief Narcan presentation and training. He explained that Narcan is simply a brand name for Naloxone, the medication used to reverse opioid overdoses. Mr. Naughton highlighted that Narcan is safe, easy to use, and approved for use by anyone – no medical training is required.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Volunteer Recognition Dinner
See video at 32:30

Supervisor Jones reminded everyone that last month, during the hottest days of the year, our elevator broke down. Despite this, the Food Pantry volunteers went above and beyond to ensure uninterrupted food distribution to our residents. She stated that, to honor and thank the volunteers for their hard work and dedication, the town would like to host a dinner for them on September 26, 2025, at the town hall. Supervisor Jones informed the Board that the expense might exceed her spending limit and requested approval to spend over \$3,000, if necessary.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve funding for Volunteer Recognition Dinner.
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Trustee Horvath	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
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Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of the Highway Department's Tentative Amended Budget Proposal

See video at 35:03

Highway Commissioner Beauvais indicated that Invest Cook funds were originally expected to be used this year; however, those funds must now be allocated to next year's budget. As a result, there is a need to increase the current budget by \$500,000, which will be recouped in the next fiscal year. A legal notice regarding the availability of the Tentative Amended Budget for public inspection will be published in the newspaper tomorrow, and a final vote for approval is scheduled for September 30th.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Email Hosting Renewal

See video at 37:00

MaineStay Director Lyon informed the Board that Maine Township's accounts have been hosted with GoDaddy for over twenty years. The current hosting agreement is set to expire on September 18, 2025. He noted that a memo outlining available pricing options was included in the Board Packet. After evaluating alternative providers to identify potential cost savings, it was determined that switching providers would not yield significant financial benefits. GoDaddy has consistently demonstrated flexibility, understanding, and a willingness to work with the Township, regularly offering discounted rates.

Short discussion.

Trustee Maher	Motion to renew the Maine Township's email hosting contract with GoDaddy at the three-year rate with a 39% discount.
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on the Purchase of iPads, Cases and Keyboards for Digital Board Packets

See video at 42:06

MaineStay Director Lyon stated that he has researched the purchase of iPads with a case and a keyboard for the Digital Board Packets. He asked the Board to approve the purchase of 8 iPads and 8 cases with detachable keyboards at a cost of \$3,984.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to purchase the iPads and 8 cases with detachable keyboards at a cost of \$3,984.
Trustee Malik	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Abstain
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Building Monitor Position

See video at 46:14

Director Lyon, Administrator Rizzo, and Maintenance Director Samaan discussed the need to hire an additional Building Monitor to support evening operations and ensure adequate coverage at both the Maine Entrance Desk and the MaineStay/GA Entrance Desk. They noted that the volume of evening programs, meetings, and appointments has increased substantially in recent years. Additional staffing was deemed necessary to maintain safety and provide a positive experience for clients and visitors.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to hire part-time building monitor.
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Highway Commissioner Beauvais announced that construction on Gregory Lane will officially commence next week on Tuesday, following Labor Day.

Clerk Gialamas thanked everyone who participated in this year's National Night Out (NNO), calling it one of the best community events in quite some time—if not ever. Attendance was strong, the weather was favorable, and the petting zoo was a big hit. He expressed his appreciation to all who gave their time to support the event. Clerk Gialamas apologized to Trustee Malik for not being able to attend the recent Indian cultural event, because of his earlier arrangements and said that he had planned to attend the Pakistani cultural event, but it was canceled due to bad weather.

Trustee Horvath shared that she had a great time at this year's National Night Out (NNO). She noted that it is always an exciting event that her entire family looks forward to and enjoys each year. Trustee Horvath also gave a shoutout to Maine East High School, announcing that their fall play will take place from September 25th through 27th. The production will be based on the classic film "12 Angry Men". She encouraged everyone to attend, stating that it promises to be a great performance.

Trustee Maher reported that he recently attended a Chamber of Commerce event where many good ideas were discussed regarding potential agreements we could implement with other agencies and private entities. He emphasized the importance of fostering a stronger relationship with the Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Trustee Maher reminded everyone about the upcoming "Night at the Ballpark" event taking place this Thursday, August 28th, in Schaumburg. The Boomers game will begin at 6:30 pm and is sponsored by Senator Laura Murphy.

Trustee Malik provided an update on the Pakistani and Indian festivals. He reported that the event scheduled for August 16th, was canceled due to severe weather. Trustee Malik expressed sincere appreciation for the support of the mentorship staff, particularly OEM Director Wisniewski and for staying on-site until 7:00 pm to ensure everyone's safety. He reported that the event was successfully rescheduled and held on August 17th. Trustee Malik extended his gratitude to Mike, Nader, and Jonathan for their instrumental assistance in cleaning up the site. He also acknowledged and thanked staff members Eva, Vicki, Marie and Monika for their attendance and support at the event. Special thanks were extended to Highway Commissioner Ed Beauvais and his staff for their valuable assistance with both events, as well as to Trustee Maher and Assessor Krey.

Trustee Lynch noted that the school year has started and expressed her gratitude to the MaineStay staff for their ongoing dedication. She thanked the staff for ensuring that children are prepared for school and for the academic support provided throughout the year. She highlighted the Township's affordable tutoring services as an important resource for the community, helping all children succeed. Trustee Lynch also emphasized the staff's expertise in non-academic areas, particularly in social-emotional skills, which are critical to classroom success. She commended the staff for their creativity and commitment to providing meaningful opportunities that support students in multiple areas.

Supervisor Jones expressed pride in the recent National Night Out (NNO) event, calling it one of our best yet. Supervisor Jones shared that she had the privilege of participating in the Mainstreamers' Mystery Tour, "Hidden Gems of Chicago," which she described as an amazing experience. Additionally, she attended the awesome Big Brothers Big Sisters event. Supervisor Jones apologized for not being able to attend the Pakistani-Indian Festival this year, but acknowledged it as a consistently great event based on her previous participation.

Supervisor Jones announced several upcoming events, including Neighborhood Watch on September 3rd, at 7 pm., an identity theft prevention presentation on the same day, and a big annual garage sale on September 13th that funds our summer camp for kids. She also mentioned free Hearing and Retinal Screenings on September 12th, a Mobile Vet Clinic on October 4th, and four sessions of the "Do I Need a Lawyer?" educational classes in October.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 53:40

Supervisor Jones announced that after the Closed Session the Board will not vote on hiring of Handicap Accessible Shuttle Bus Driver because the candidate has accepted a position elsewhere.

Agenda Item: Closed/Executive Session – pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act litigation which is probable or imminent

Trustee Horvath	Motion to go into Closed/Executive Session – pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act; discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act litigation which is probable or imminent
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Trustee Lynch	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor 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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Trustee Lynch	Yes
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Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:19 p.m.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to return in open session.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor 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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Trustee Lynch	Yes
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Emergency Management Specialist
See video at 1:05:43

Trustee Horvath	Motion to hire Michael Lorkiewich as an Emergency Management Specialist.
Trustee Lynch	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Handicap Accessible Shuttle Bus Driver
See video at 1:04:15

This Agenda item was canceled earlier.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Hiring of Administrator
See video at 3:51

The Board officials voted earlier on hiring an Administrator.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Lynch	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Malik	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk