

Maine Township Board Meeting November 25, 2025

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Vicki Rizzo, Liz Coy, Marie Dachniwsky, Luz Meneses, Emily Toomey, Arielle Kalvelage, Robert Flinn, Marty Cook, Mike Samaan, Michael Pitzaferro, 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 October 28, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the October 28, 2025 Board Meeting.

Trustee Lynch Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Abstain

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 7, 2025 and November 21, 2025, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57618 through check #57635 in the amount of \$34,923.73.

Trustee Malik Motion to approve.

Trustee Horvath 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 November 7, 2025 and November 21, 2025, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #25592 through check #25632 and authorize the Supervisor to issue Checks in payment of \$1,035,936.01.

Trustee Maher 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 November 7, 2025 and November 21, 2025, Ach/Wire Payments and General Town Fund checks #63061 through check #63131 in the amount of \$351,659.66.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve.
Trustee Maher	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.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Presentation by Rex Parker of Completed Illustrations

See video at 2:58

Rex Parker did not come to tonight's meeting.

Administrator Rizzo presented the framed illustrations completed by Rex Parker.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Road and Bridge Levy Ordinance 2025-RB-4

See video at 4:25

Highway Commissioner Beauvais stated that the Highway Department again would like to keep the Levy flat this year.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to adopt the final Road and Bridge Levy, Ordinance 2025-RB-4.
Trustee Horvath	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, Presentation of Township Officials of Illinois Awards to Recipients

See video at 6:24

Richard Lyon, the Director of MaineStay Youth and Family Services, was awarded the 2025 AITCOY Director of the Year Award.

MaineStay Youth & Family Services Assistant Director Kalvelage stated that they had an honor to nominate MaineStay Director Richard Lyon for the AITCOY Director of the Year Award, recognizing his exceptional leadership and innovation in serving youth and families. She stated that Mr. Lyon helped develop over 40 programs that reduce barriers to care and support mental health, social connection, and life skills. He is active at community events and created a strong intern training program focused on strength-based practice. Ms. Kalvelage pointed out that his vision and compassionate leadership has expanded access to services and significantly strengthened youth and family support across the community.

MaineStay Director Richard Lyon said he has a fantastic, dedicated team at Mainstay who inspire him every day. He emphasized that they are all amazing and equally deserving of the award. He also thanked the Township's supportive leadership not only for enabling their past work but also for empowering them to do even more for the community. Mr. Lyon extended his thanks to all.

Agenda Item: New Business, Presentation of CivicPlus Community Impact Award

See video at 11:13

Supervisor Jones stated that CivicPlus recently chose the Maine Township as a 2025 Community Impact Award Winner for its efforts to revitalize and modernize key programs in the Township such as the Annual Community Garage Sale through CivicPlus' innovative registration and communication platform.

MaineStay Director Lyon presented the award and a video highlighting the success of the process. He mentioned that Youth Program Coordinator Emily Toomey was very involved in the project and really appreciates her willingness to try something new. She was very supportive and did a fantastic job on this initiative and on the garage sale over the past four years. Mr. Lyon said he definitely appreciates all of Emily's hard work.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Town Fund and General Assistance Tax Levy Ordinance 2025-2

See video at 20:53

Supervisor Jones stated that the levy is the amount of revenue that a township expects to receive through taxation to fund a portion of the budget. She said that the proposed Town Fund levy ordinance is an increase of 4.99% from the prior year extension. The General Assistance levy remains at zero percent increase from the prior year extension.

Administrator Rizzo explained the process and stated that the 4.99% increase in Town Fund levy would be equal to \$205,904.00. She stated that in the upcoming fiscal year, we have some capital improvements we need to do in this facility.

Short discussion.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve the estimated Town Fund and General Assistance Tax Levy Ordinance 2025-2
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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
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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, Discussion and Possible Vote on IGA between Maine Township and Maine Township Road District - Vehicle Transfer

See video at 27:08

Supervisor Jones asked the Board to table this matter because the agreement had to be changed a little bit.

The Board officials agreed.

Agenda Item: New Business, Preliminary Discussion of Agency Funding Allocation

See video at 27:37

Supervisor Jones reminded the Board of Trustees that the due date to submit their recommendations for Agency Funding Allocation is December 5th.

Discussion.

The Board officials questioned the differences in staff funding recommendations.

Committee staff explained the funding approach, outlining the factors, views, and perspectives that guided their evaluation.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Vote to Approve TOI Expenses for Township Board
Members per Resolution 2024-4
See video at 39:25

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve reimbursement of the TOI expenses per Resolution 2024-4 for the Maine Township members.
Trustee Malik	Second
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:	
Supervisor Dimond	Yes
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes
Trustee Lynch	
Motion carried.	

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey reported that her office co-sponsored a well-attended Veterans Breakfast with the Mainstreamers, remarking it was a wonderful event that should continue next year to honor local veterans. She also shared that the Trunk-or-Treat event was a great success, with her office sponsoring a trunk and many families and children participating in festive costumes. Assessor Krey reminded residents that tax bills are due December 15th. She noted that the Assessor's budget which is required to be presented 60 days in advance, will be available for review at the next meeting. Finally, Assessor Krey wished an early happy birthday to Clerk Gialamas.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais congratulated Richard Lyon on his award, noting that Richard has always been consistent in his dedication not only to Maine Township, but also to its youth. Highway Commissioner Beauvais provided an update on Maine North regarding an easement to help improve drainage for Maine North residents and to complement the future MWRD work planned along Central Road. Additionally, he reported that during last month's public participation a resident recently claimed the highway department had delayed his project for over a year. After reviewing the record, Highway Commissioner Beauvais found that the applicant submitted only a basic second-floor addition plan in April 2024, with no site improvements shown. The department requested civil plans at least four times between April 2024 and August 2025, but did not receive them until August 28, 2025. Those civil plans revealed significant property improvements that required extensive review. Highway Commissioner Beauvais noted that the delay was due, in part, to the applicant's failure to provide the required site plans.

Clerk Gialamas congratulated Richard on his well-deserved award and said it was nice to celebrate with him at the TOI conference. He noted that Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski also attended the conference. He reported that a FOIA requester/First Amendment auditor visited the office and that staff provided the required information without issue. He said that his team always does a great job, and he couldn't be prouder of the way they handle those situations, as well as the public on a day-to-day basis. Clerk Gialamas agreed with Assessor Krey that the veterans' breakfast is something we should do every year. It was a great event, and it's nice to give our veterans the recognition they so richly deserve. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Lynch commended MaineStay Director Richard Lyon on being named Director of the Year. She also recognized Family Therapist Emily Zumbrock and Director Richard Lyon for their outstanding work that earned them the Community Impact Award. Trustee Lynch wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Horvath expressed gratitude for attending the Veterans Breakfast last week, calling it a lovely and emotional celebration. She thanked the staff for doing an excellent job of making veterans feel honored. She also highlighted a moving story from the board packet about: MaineStay staff built a close relationship with a struggling student and recognized signs of suicidal ideation that others had missed, helping the student get needed care. She said it's a powerful example of the life-saving work the staff does every day. She thanked them and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Maher congratulated Arthur Mollenhauer on receiving his award. Trustee Maher stated that the turkey giveaway was an exceptional success and could not have gone better. He thanked Trustee Malik once again for originating the idea. Also, Trustee Maher expressed appreciation to Administrator Rizzo, Maintenance Director Samaan, Maine Township Staff, as well as OEM Director Wisniewski, and his crew. He noted that the event was highly efficient and very well executed.

Trustee Malik congratulated MaineStay Director Lyon on his well-deserved award. Trustee Malik acknowledged the Maine Township staff for their assistance during the Turkey Giveaway. Additionally, he extended his gratitude to elected officials including State Senator Laura Murphy, State Senator Laura Fine, Maine Township Supervisor Kim Jones, Clerk Peter Gialamas, Assessor Krey, Trustee Maher, and President of Pakistani Chamber of Commerce Naveed Anwer for their support. He reported that 275 turkeys were distributed in 45 minutes. Trustee Malik wished all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Supervisor Jones noted that it had been a busy month. She extended her congratulations to Richard and pointed out that all of our employees are doing an excellent job.

Supervisor Jones participated in the fun Trunk-or-Treat event, where 600 children enjoyed decorated trunks, showcased their costumes, and collected candy. She reported that she attended the TOI Conference, which was very informative. She felt it was a valuable experience for the employees and that it helped build camaraderie and trust within the team. She also highlighted the Veterans Breakfast, noting that the Assessor's Office and the MaineStreamers did an outstanding job. It was very special.

We also held Electronics Recycling and Turkey Giveaway events, along with a heartfelt Thanksgiving Luncheon for seniors, which was especially meaningful.

Supervisor Jones expressed her gratitude to all - staff and residents - for their efforts in making these events successful. She wished everyone a healthy Thanksgiving and reminded the community about the Neighborhood Watch meeting next Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 pm.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 41:46

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)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act litigation which is probable or imminent.

Trustee Horvath	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)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) 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
Trustee Horvath	Yes
Trustee Maher	Yes
Trustee Malik	Yes

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:31 p.m.

Trustee Horvath Motion to return in open session.
Trustee Lynch Second.
All in favor.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote on Clinical Licensure and Certification Compensation Policy

See video at 56:22

Trustee Lynch Motion to approve the Clinical Licensure and
 Certification Compensation Policy.
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: Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas