

Maine Township Board Meeting January 27, 2026

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Kurt Asprooth, Ruba Al Ayed, Stephanie Janas, Robert Flinn, Richard Lyon, Michael Pitzafarro and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of December 23, 2025 Board Meeting

Trustee Lynch Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the December 23, 2025 Board Meeting.

Trustee Maher 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 January 2, 2026 and January 16, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57655 through check #57671 in the amount of \$36,736.10.

Trustee Lynch 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 January 2, 2026 and January 16, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #25667 through check #25712 and authorize the Supervisor to issue Checks in payment of \$176,599.51.

Trustee Malik 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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated January 2, 2026 and January 16, 2026, Ach/Wire Payments and General Town Fund checks #63197 through check #63267 in the amount of \$300,320.55.

Trustee Horvath	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: Introduction of General Assistance Assistant Director
See video at 3:34
Supervisor Jones introduced Stephanie Janas, a former General Assistance Office Manager as the new General Assistance Assistant Director and congratulated her on the position.

Agenda Item: Proclamations Honoring Dawne Scheel Hayman on the Occasion of her Retirement
See video at 4:01
Supervisor Jones read aloud the proclamation honoring Dawne Scheel Hayman on the occasion of her retirement.

The Maine Township Board recognized and honored Dawne Hayman for her outstanding service, dedication, and lasting contributions to the Township, and extends its deepest gratitude and best wishes as she enters her well-deserved retirement.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Amend Resolution 2025-10 Schedule of Regular Board Meetings
See video at 6:55

Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski stated that to allow sufficient time to adopt the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting without the need to schedule a special meeting, the regular meeting currently scheduled for the last Tuesday of March - March 30, 2026 - must be rescheduled to the fourth Tuesday of the month, March 24, 2026. The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026. Pursuant to statutory requirements, the Township Board must adopt the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting not less than fifteen (15) days before the meeting. The agenda must include any elector items properly submitted by March 1st, before the Annual Town Meeting. Rescheduling the March meeting will ensure compliance with these requirements and allow for the timely adoption of the Annual Town Meeting agenda.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve Resolution 2026-1, Amended Schedule of Regular Board Meetings.
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: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Town Fund and General Assistance Line-Item Transfers

See video at 11:15

Supervisor Jones asked the Board to approve transfers within the Town Fund and General Assistance budgets due to shortfalls in several line items. These shortfalls occurred because certain expenses were not included in last year's approved budget. Specifically, additional employees were hired, some salary increases were approved after the budget was adopted, and expanded services resulted in higher costs. To address these budget gaps, funds will be transferred from the contingency fund to the affected line items.

Trustee Maher Motion to approve the Town Fund line-item transfers as stated in the memo dated January 27, 2026, in the amount of \$80,315.00, and to approve the General Assistance line-item transfer in the amount of \$3,750.00, as outlined on the second page of the memo.

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 Township Vehicle Use Policy

See video at 14:01

Supervisor Jones stated that after purchasing a truck from the Highway Department for \$1.00, a policy is being proposed to regulate employee use. She pointed out that a township vehicle-use policy is necessary to protect public safety, reduce legal and financial risks, and ensure vehicles are used responsibly and only for official business. She noted that it establishes clear expectations for employees, supports insurance and risk management requirements, and promotes consistent and fair practices across departments.

Trustee Lynch Motion to approve the Township Vehicle Use 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: New Business, Discussion of Summer Parades

See video at 15:21

The Board Officials discussed participation in Memorial Day and 4th of July parades. For Memorial Day, there was interest in attending both the Park Ridge Parade and the Des Plaines observance, despite timing challenges. For the 4th of July, Niles and Des Plaines parades were considered, with strategies to cover both. Ideas for celebrating the township's 250th anniversary, such as themed decorations or t-shirts, were suggested. Also, encouraging more staff and families to participate, possibly with comp time, was also discussed to make the events more community-focused.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey praised Dawne Hayman for her helpfulness and said the recognition she received was well deserved. She extended congratulations to Highway Commissioner Beauvais for his Night of the Stars nomination. Assessor Krey also shared that she attended *White Christmas*, organized by MaineStreamers, at the Paramount Theater in Aurora. Finally, Assessor Krey noted that the first installment Property Tax Bills are expected to be mailed in mid-February, due April 1st.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais thanked Supervisor Jones for the proclamation honoring Dawne Hayman, noting she will be greatly missed for her calm guidance and support at the department. Additionally, he informed the board about increased overtime costs due to new JULIE law requirements, which mandate a two-hour response to emergency locates, resulting in more late-night call-outs for staff and a significant payroll impact.

Clerk Gialamas also congratulated Dawne Hayman, recalling that she was one of the first to offer a warm welcome when he started and has always been kind and supportive. Clerk Gialamas wished her the best.

Trustee Lynch noted the extreme cold this month and emphasized how important township services are during harsh weather. She highlighted that the General Assistance provided utility assistance to 127 Maine Township residents this month. The Office of Emergency Management acquired two thermal imaging devices, strengthening the township's ability to assist during emergencies. MaineStreamers organized a special Siberian Husky sleigh ride event for seniors. Trustee Lynch expressed appreciation for the staff's continued dedication to supporting the community.

Trustee Malik congratulated the Highway Commissioner Beauvais on receiving a Community Star Award from Park Ridge. Trustee Malik reported that last week Trustee Maher and he attended the Niles Leadership Luncheon.

Trustee Maher stated that he attended the Niles Leadership Luncheon with Trustee Malik, praising the Chamber of Commerce's events. He also conducted the Neighborhood Watch meeting in January, noting progress. Trustee Maher congratulated Highway Commissioner Beauvais on his award. Finally, Trustee Maher commended OEM Director Jack Wisniewski for his contributions to facility upgrades, infrastructure improvements, and communications enhancements.

Trustee Horvath invited anyone who enjoys music to attend the Maine East musical, *Anything Goes*. Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 20th - 21st at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, February 22nd, and the following Friday and Saturday, February 27th - 28th, also at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Jones noted that it has been a relatively slow month for events but highlighted attending the holiday luncheon with 237 attendees and great entertainment. She reminded everyone about the Neighborhood Watch meeting next week at 7:00 p.m., led by Trustee Malik, and encouraged community participation. Supervisor Jones congratulated Highway Commissioner Beauvais on his Community Stars Award and said that we are very proud of all the work he does for Maine Township. Supervisor Jones recognized Dawne Hayman as a knowledgeable and supportive friend who will be deeply missed, noting that she will stay connected through social events and continued communication despite no longer being at the township.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 20:55

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
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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.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 7:47 p.m.

Trustee Horvath Motion to return in open session.
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 to Hire of Shuttle Bus Driver
See video at 33:15

Trustee Lynch Motion to hire David Waite as a Shuttle Bus Driver.
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 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 7:48 p.m.