

## Maine Township Board Meeting May 26, 2026

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Katie Nagy, Vicki Rizzo, Robert Flinn, Mike Samaan, Nader Ghazaleh, Richard Lyon, Robert (Bud) Phillips, Donna Adam, Anton Sompolski, Josh Molnar, Michael Flood, Bill Flood, Cook County Sheriff Bonnie Busching, and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2026 Board Meeting

Trustee Lynch Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the April 28, 2026 Board Meeting.

Trustee Horvath Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Abstain

Trustee Malik Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 8, 2026 and May 22, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57721 through check #57740 in the amount of \$63,128.77.

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 Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 8, 2026 and May 22, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #25844 through check #25880 and authorize the Supervisor to issue Checks in payment of \$166,856.02.

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 Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated May 8, 2026 and May 22, 2026, Ach/Wire Payments and General Town Fund checks #63492 through check #63562 in the amount of \$419,566.13.

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 Absent

Trustee Lynch Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Dedication of Bench – Clean Up-Give Back Community Campaign

See video at 3:10

Robert (Bud) Phillips and Donna Adam made a presentation on the plastic bag drive. As part of a Clean Up Give Back Community Campaign, the Maine Township Food Pantry collected discarded plastic bags and packaging, which were recycled into composite plastic to create a bench. The bench will be installed at Town Hall, and the dedication recognizes Clean Up Give Back for its contribution to recycling plastic into a bench that residents will enjoy for years to come.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 9:55

Maine Township resident Anton Sompolski questioned the accuracy of a property maintenance notice and asked for help with storm-related tree debris removal. He explained that his household maintains the property without a landscaper. Mr. Sompolski also raised issues about accident-related debris at Golf and Greenwood, as well as road conditions.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais asked Mr. Sompolski's address for review and stated he would assess his concerns.

Josh Molnar of Groot Industries introduced himself as a vendor participating in the refuse collection RFP. He promoted cost savings for residents, emphasized Groot's local experience, and long-term municipal partnerships. Mr. Molnar expressed interest in earning the township's business.

Commander Busching noted that in July, the Cook County Sheriff's Office will assist with Park Ridge's fireworks event to keep pedestrians safe, particularly near viewing areas. A large crowd is expected, and attendees may arrive early to secure viewing spots. She also reported a decrease in personal injury incidents and traffic crashes in the area.

Another Maine Township resident requested a smaller garbage container and reported missed exchange requests and unclear service instructions.

Staff confirmed the resident lives in Park Ridge, advised her to contact the City of Park Ridge, and noted that her complaint was not related to the township's unincorporated service area.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote on Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Services

See video at 19:10

Administrator Rizzo reported on the RFP for a waste hauler serving the unincorporated area. Proposals and pricing have been received and are under review. Full documents are available, and public feedback is encouraged.

The Board will review the materials, consider public comments, and invite all vendors to the June meeting.

Michael Flood, representing Flood Brothers highlighted the company’s nearly 100 years of service, strong local roots, and dedication to responsive, high-quality waste collection. He thanked Maine Township for the partnership and expressed interest in continuing to serve the community.

Agenda Item: New Business, Vote to approve Town Fund/General Assistance 2026-27 Budget  
See video at 24:58

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve Town Fund and General Assistance 2026-27 Budget.
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.

Agenda Item: New Business, Township Officials of Illinois Conference Registration Opens  
See video at 25:30  
The board briefly discussed the upcoming Township Officials of Illinois Conferences scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, in Rosemont and November 9-11<sup>th</sup>, in Springfield.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Elevator Repairs  
See video at 27:05

Maintenance Director Samaan presented proposed elevator repairs and safety enhancements from Otis totaling approximately \$21,577.11. These upgrades include a door hold switch, door restrictor, and entrance protection system designed to enhance safety and support increased elevator use, especially by the Food Pantry. He noted that these improvements could be incorporated into a future elevator modernization project.

The Board Officials discussed the elevator's age, increased usage in recent years, and the possibility of future modernization or replacement. They acknowledged ongoing maintenance challenges and the importance of evaluating long-term solutions while keeping the elevator operational.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve to vote on entering into a contract with Otis for maintenance and repair of the elevator in the amount of \$21,577.11.
Trustee Lynch	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.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Hireback Agreement between the County of Cook County, on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff’s Office and Maine Township  
See video at 32:50

Administrator Rizzo reported that Maine Township’s Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Cook County Sheriff’s Office for extra-duty police services in the Township’s unincorporated areas is set to expire in June. A new agreement, which includes a rate increase, is currently being negotiated and will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. To evaluate options for managing the increased costs while maintaining effective coverage, the Township has requested shift data from the Sheriff’s Office to determine if adjustments to service days or hours are appropriate. In the meantime, the current agreement remains in effect.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Krey reported that the Senior Freeze Exemption filing period has ended. Her office continues to accept applications for Certificates of Error, which may not be reflected on the Second Instalment tax bills. The next appeal period with the Cook County Assessor is expected to open around the third week of June and will remain open for six weeks. Assessor Krey attended the Mainstreamers' annual 90 Plus Birthday Party, which was well attended and celebrated several residents over 100 years old. Additionally, she attended the Night of the Roses event hosted by the Niles Chamber of Commerce, where Food Pantry Director Michael Pitzaferrero received a well-deserved award.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that the Greenwood drainage project is nearing completion, with final grading and a walkthrough schedule before moving into asphalt repaving. He also mentioned progress on the tree program, with about \$10,000 worth of new trees being planted across the township. However, ongoing work is complicated by significant ant infestations affecting parkway trees. An arborist has inspected the trees, and crews are now treating them individually with injections to prevent further damage and reduce the risk of falling branches. Overall, crews are focused on finishing drainage work, preparing for repaving, and addressing widespread tree health issues, while also participating in local events.

Clerk Gialamas reported attending the Ninety Plus event and the Night of the Roses, and congratulated Food Pantry Director Pitzaferrero on receiving an award, noting the Food Pantry's significant growth under his leadership. He also announced that planning for National Night Out has begun and is progressing well, with the next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent to confirm details.

Trustee Horvath reported that she was unable to attend the Niles Chamber event but congratulated Michael Pitzaferrero on receiving the Public Service Excellence Award and noted the strong community support for the food pantry. She also attended the Des Plaines Memorial Day ceremony with Highway Commissioner Beauvais and Trustee Malik, describing it as a meaningful event focused on reflection and sharing community members mutual experiences.

Trustee Maher thanked Maine Township staff, particularly Administrator Rizzo and her team, for their support in helping officials attend community events. He mentioned attending several successful events, including the Night of the Roses, the 90 Plus Birthday celebration, the shredding event, and the Des Plaines Lake Park Memorial. He appreciated how well these events were organized and was pleased to see Robert Flinn and others in attendance.

Trustee Lynch highlighted several items, including an increase in free shuttle rides this month, and expressed support for the continued growth of the program. She also recognized Ian Parker for creating a new beginner pottery class and appreciated the Future Leaders Program involving MaineStay, emphasizing the importance of these opportunities for helping young people build confidence and develop skills.

Supervisor Jones stated that the Township's programs continue to expand and emphasized that the MaineStay department has grown significantly, with new initiatives regularly added to benefit youth and families within the community. She highlighted the Night of the Roses event, calling it a beautiful evening, and congratulated Michael Pitzaferrero on his well-deserved award, along with praising the dedication of the Township Food Pantry volunteers. She also reported attending the National Night Out planning meeting with Commander Bushing and Clerk Gialamas. Supervisor Jones attended the 90 Plus Birthday celebration, the shredding event, and the Memorial Day parade, noting strong attendance and a positive atmosphere at each. She commended staff for their efforts in organizing these events smoothly, and shared that the township received a compliment during the parade about how well everything runs. Finally, Supervisor Jones outlined several upcoming events, including the Park Ridge Farmers Market on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>; the Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m.; the Water and Wellness event with Commissioner Eira Sepulveda on June 6<sup>th</sup>; the Township Officials of Cook County Annual Conference; and Morton Grove Pride in the Park on June 18<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the township continues to maintain an active schedule of community engagement.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 35:08

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. (ILCS 5/120/2.06).

Trustee Horvath            Motion to go into Closed Session.  
Trustee Lynch              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 Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

Trustee Lynch              Motion to return to open session.  
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.

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Rates of Pay for 2026-2027  
See video at 48:05

Trustee Horvath            Motion to approve the cost-of-living salary increases as discussed in  
closed session.  
Trustee Lynch              Second.  
Motion on a roll call vote as follows:  
Supervisor Jones        Yes  
Trustee Horvath         Yes  
Trustee Maher            Abstain  
Trustee Malik            Absent  
Trustee Lynch            Yes  
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath            Motion to Adjourn.  
Trustee Maher              Second.

All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas