

Maine Township Board Meeting July 28, 2026

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For more detailed reports and discussions please refer to the recorded meeting at:

https://mainetown.com/government/agendas_minutes.php

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Megan Mack, Commander Bonnie Bushing, Vicki Rizzo, Daniela Milito, Cat Ryder, Allison Zanolli, Arielle Kalvelage, Robert Flinn, Marty Moylan, Michael Flood, Josh Molnar, Shawn Flood, Will Noorlag, Bill Kenney, Richard Lyon and Eva Magnowski.

Supervisor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chief Deputy Clerk Magnowski called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of June 30, 2026 Board Meeting

Trustee Lynch	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the June 30, 2026 Board Meeting.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated July 3, 2026, and July 17, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57792 through check #57814 in the amount of \$ 75,832.43.

Trustee Malik	Motion to approve.
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Trustee Lynch	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated July 3, 2026, and July 17, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #25943 through check #25986 and authorize the Supervisor to issue Checks in payment of \$ \$272,962.40.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated July 3, 2026, and July 17, 2026, Ach/Wire Payments and General Town Fund checks #63633 through check #636684 in the amount of \$1,301,658.85.

Trustee Maher	Motion to approve.
Trustee Malik	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Introduction of Cat Ryder, Finance Assistant

See video at 3:19

Supervisor Jones introduced Cat Ryder, formerly Deputy Clerk, as the new Deputy Finance Assistant. She welcomed Cat to the administrative team and expressed confidence in her ability to succeed in the new role.

Agenda Item: Introduction of Allison Zanolli, Family Therapist

See video at 3:43

Supervisor Jones welcomed Allison Zanolli, the new Family Therapist and commended her for the great work she has been doing.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 4:00

Maine Township resident Bina Mangattukattil raised concerns about an ongoing rat problem in her neighborhood, stating that she and several neighbors have observed rats in their yards. She reported being referred between Maine Township, Cook County, and other agencies without receiving assistance. Ms. Mangattukattil expressed concern about potential public health risks, particularly for children and elderly residents, and requested that the Township provide guidance or support in addressing the issue.

Ms. Qureshi, a Potter Road resident, also raised concerns about rats, missing streetlights, limited parking, and garbage placement noting safety issues when returning home late at night.

Another Maine Township resident, Osama Siddiqui raised concerns about pedestrian safety and speeding on Potter Road, noting that drivers do not always yield to pedestrians, including elderly residents, children, and wheelchair users, who cross to access nearby places of worship. He requested flashing pedestrian warning lights to improve visibility and safety.

Commander Bonnie Bushing explained that the area is not a designated crosswalk and advised pedestrians to use the nearby traffic light.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais suggested contacting the Cook County Commissioner to request a traffic study, noting that Potter Road is under Cook County jurisdiction.

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

See video at 19:02

Administrator Rizzo stated that the vendors submitted pricing based on the same RFP terms. She recommended a five-year contract term as a reasonable middle option, providing vendor stability while allowing future Boards to reassess the contract, consider community input, and conduct a new RFP if needed.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve Flood Brothers for the 5-year contract.
Trustee Malik	Second.

The Board Officials expressed satisfaction with the current vendor's services and positive community feedback. While all vendors submitted strong proposals, Flood Brothers was identified as the preferred proposal based on the overall evaluation.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to approve agreement with Martin Moylan, Innovative Government Solutions for Contract Lobbying Services
See video at 24:10

Trustee Lynch	Motion to discuss an agreement with Martin Moylan, Innovative Government Solutions for contract lobbying services.
Trustee Malik	Second.

The Board Officials discussed the need for independent lobbying services and the process for selecting a firm. Trustees expressed differing views on the need for a lobbyist but generally agreed that additional research and due diligence are needed. The Board Officials also discussed issuing an open RFP, reviewing legal and ethics requirements, and contacting other townships about their experiences.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to postpone this until we have more information and can review multiple options through an RFP.
Trustee Malik	Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business, TOI Registration
See video at 35:03

Administrator Rizzo announced that registration for the TOI Conference is open, with early-bird registration ending August 3rd. She encouraged everyone to register early to take advantage of the discounted registration rates.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion about North/South Stop Signs at Corner of Western/Lyons St.
See video at 36:22

Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported on a request for northbound and southbound stop signs at Lyons and Western. A community survey received five responses, all in favor of the stop sign, with one resident expressing concern about the proposed location. Highway Commissioner Beauvais noted that Option 1 is preferred due to better visibility and safety. A traffic study has been commissioned and is expected to take six to eight weeks.

The matter will be brought back to the Board for further consideration once the study is completed.

Agenda Item: New Business, Notice of Completed Treasurer's Report

See video at 40:14

Supervisor Jones reported that the annual Treasurer's Report has been completed and will be available on the township website and published in the newspaper for public review.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Resolution 2026- 8; Resolution Authorizing the Supervisor to Pay Routine Invoices and Expenditures and to Enter into Contracts Provided for in the Budget Not to Exceed a Certain Amount

See video at 41:02

The Board discussed increasing the Supervisor's spending authority from \$3,000 to help expedite routine expenses, maintenance, and smaller projects. The increase would allow necessary work to move forward without waiting for the next Board meeting, while still following competitive bidding requirements.

Trustee Maher	Motion to approve Resolution 2026- 8 - a resolution authorizing the Supervisor to pay routine invoices and expenditures and to enter into contracts provided for in the budget not to exceed \$10,000.00.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Hireback Agreement between the County of Cook County on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Maine Township

See video at 45:45

Administrator Rizzo and Commander Bushing presented the proposed Cook County Sheriff's Office hire-back agreement. The discussion focused on the increase from the current \$40 hourly rate to \$70 per hour for officers, plus \$10 for the vehicle. The revised agreement maintains the same budgeted cost while focusing patrol coverage on higher-activity evening, weekend, and holiday hours.

Trustee Maher acknowledged the need for additional patrol coverage and praised Commander Bushing's performance but expressed concern that the cost of the hire-back agreement was too high.

Trustee Lynch	Motion to approve the Hireback Agreement between the County of Cook County on behalf of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and Maine Township.
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Trustee Malik	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion of Potential Agency Funding Hearing Dates

See video at 51:05

Supervisor Jones asked the Board officials to choose two dates for the Agency Funding Hearings.

After a short discussion, everyone was in favor of scheduling said hearings for Tuesday, September 22nd and Tuesday, October 6th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Highway Commissioner Beauvais voiced support for township lobbyists, noting that having representation in Springfield has helped secure significant funding for the Highway Department. He also thanked everyone who attended Market After Dark and looked forward to National Night Out.

Trustee Lynch thanked Mainstay staff for providing informative presentations to parents at District 62 in multiple languages. She emphasized the importance of community outreach and making residents aware of the services and resources available to them. Trustee Lynch also commended the staff for their continued efforts to support the community.

Trustee Malik reported on the successful America 250th anniversary celebration held at Ali's Nihari restaurant and thanked the elected officials and community leaders who attended.

He thanked the elected officials and community leaders who attended, especially Supervisor Jones, Trustee Maher, Clerk Gialamas, Senator Laura Murphy, Niles Mayor Alpogianis, and Des Plaines Mayor Goczkowski. Trustee Malik also announced that the Pakistan Independence Day celebration has been rescheduled from August 16 to August 23 and will be held at Dee Park from 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Trustee Maher expressed appreciation to Supervisor Jones and staff for their diligent work on the Treasurer's Report. He also thanked Trustee Malik and Recovery Connection Director Cook for their community events, including the Rosemont Dogs baseball game benefiting Recovery Connection. Finally, Trustee Maher commended OEM Director Wisniewski for his efforts to enhance weather reporting and help prepare for potential severe storms and flooding.

Supervisor Jones thanked staff, volunteers, and Trustees for their strong participation in the Fourth of July parades and expressed appreciation to Trustee Malik for the invitation to the 250th anniversary celebration. She encouraged residents to attend the upcoming Pakistan Day and National Night Out (NNO) events, highlighting the community activities and Cook County support planned for NNO. She also announced that Neighborhood Watch will not meet this month due to the timing of the event.

For more detailed Officials' Reports see the video at 50:04

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)(6) of the Open Meetings Act the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. (ILCS 5/120/2.06).

Trustee Lynch Motion to go into Closed Session.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Board re-convened in an Open Session at 8:46 p.m.

Trustee Lynch Motion to return to open session.

Trustee Malik Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas