

Maine Township Board Meeting August 25, 2026

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

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

Others in Attendance: Attorney Katie Nagy, Vicki Rizzo, Daniela Milito, Kathy Sabbini, Marty Cook, Nick Kanehl, Commander Bonnie Busching, Marty McAlpin, Ilyas Yazdani, 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 28, 2026 Board Meeting

Trustee Horvath	Motion to waive the reading and approve minutes of the July 28, 2026 Board Meeting.
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Trustee Maher	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	Absent
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Trustee Lynch	Absent
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated July 31, 2026, and August 14, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and General Assistance checks #57815 through check #57850 in the amount of \$131,238.38.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve.
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Trustee Maher	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	Absent
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Trustee Lynch	Absent
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated July 31, 2026, and August 14, 2026, Ach/Wire payments and Road District checks #25987 through check #26027 and authorize the Supervisor to issue Checks in payment of \$503,077.35.

Trustee Maher	Motion to approve.
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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	Absent
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Trustee Lynch	Absent
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Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated July 31, 2026, and August 14, 2026, Ach/Wire Payments and General Town Fund checks #63685 through check #63746 in the amount of \$290,584.02.

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 Absent

Trustee Lynch Absent

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Introduction of Kathy Sabbini, General Assistance Director

See video at 2:58

Kathy Sabbini was welcomed back to Maine Township as the Director of General Assistance. Supervisor Jones expressed that everyone was very happy to have her return.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

See video at 3:20

Maine Township resident Ilias Yazdani reported receiving a parking ticket and having two vehicles towed during neighborhood construction. Mr. Yazdani asked the Board to eliminate towing enforcement and retain ticketing as a warning, citing financial hardship, high towing fees, and concerns regarding the towing contractor.

Highway Commissioner Beauvais explained that towing regulations are necessary to facilitate street cleaning, snow removal, and enforcement of abandoned-vehicle regulations. Residents who anticipate being late moving their vehicles were encouraged to contact the Township, when possible, to avoid ticketing or towing. Highway Commissioner Beauvais also noted that the Code Enforcement Officer may have discretion to address certain situations on a case-by-case basis, including potential ticket waivers.

Agenda Item: New Business, International Overdose Awareness Day – Marty Cook, Director, Recovery Connection Service

See video at 8:48

Recovery Connection Director Cook reported that opioid-related deaths are declining nationally and in Cook County, with local overdose-prevention efforts, including Maine Township. He discussed the importance of opioid settlement funds, which will support prevention, treatment, and recovery services in communities for years to come. Recovery Connection Director Cook noted that Maine Township has been involved in addiction and recovery services since 2015 and thanked the Township's leadership for its continued support. He specifically recognized Supervisor Jones, Clerk Gialamas, and Assessor Krey, who previously served as Trustees, for their longstanding support, which was critical to establishing these programs despite some initial opposition. He expressed his appreciation for their continued commitment to supporting addiction and recovery services in the community. He emphasized that, while challenges and stigma surrounding addiction remain, many individuals are entering recovery, rebuilding their lives, and finding renewed hope and happiness.

Nick Kanehl expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the community and help people in recovery rebuild relationships with their families. He highlighted the value of sober community activities, such as golfing, working out, and attending baseball games, and thanked Maine Township for its continued support of the program.

Supervisor Jones expressed her continued support for the Recovery Connection Program and emphasized that addiction affects individuals and families across all backgrounds. She thanked the Recovery Connection team for its work.

Maine Township will recognize International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2026, by lighting the building purple and updating the marquee.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve Memorandum of Agreement Between East Maine School District 63 and Maine Township MaineStay's Youth & Family Services

See video at 18:30

MaineStay Director Lyon presented a Memorandum of Agreement between East Maine School District 63 and Maine Township's MaineStay Youth & Family Services to provide school-based behavioral health services. Under the agreement, Maine Township will provide a therapist for 15 hours per week at District 63 schools and the Family Resource Center at a rate of \$50 per hour. The therapist will provide behavioral health support, including assessments and individual, family, and group therapy, while collaborating with school staff. The agreement is effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and may be terminated by either party with 30 days' written notice.

Trustee Maher	Motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement Between East Maine School District 63 and Maine Township MaineStay's Youth & Family Services, pursuant to the form contract, three pages long pending our attorney's approval.
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Trustee Horvath	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Establish and Approve 2027 Office Closed Schedule

See video at 26:20

Short discussion regarding the 2027 Office Closed Schedule.

Trustee Horvath	Motion to approve the 2027 Office Closed Schedule.
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Trustee Maher	Second.
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Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve a Special Town Meeting of Electors on October 1, 2026, and the establishment of an agenda for the special meeting of electors

See video at 54:12

This agenda item was moved after the Closed Session.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Discussion of Pest Control Remediation Efforts for Unincorporated Cook County

See video at 34:10

Administrator Rizzo reported on ongoing rat control concerns in the unincorporated area. Maine Township is tracking reported problem areas and providing residents with information on preventive measures,

including proper garbage storage, removing yard debris, and limiting food sources such as birdseed and wildlife feeding. Property issues that may contribute to rat activity can be referred to Code Enforcement. Administrator Rizzo also noted that the Cook County Department of Public Health does not provide direct pest control services and that staff will continue researching additional options and best practices used by other communities.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Highway Commissioner Beauvais congratulated Trustee Malik on the successful Cultural Day Event, noting that it was well attended. He also congratulated Kathy Sabbini and welcomed her back. Highway Commissioner Beauvais reported that most large-scale construction projects for the year have been completed. One major project is the Maine North Area drainage project, which is being undertaken in conjunction with the State of Illinois under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to provide a retention area for homes to the north. Phase One is expected to go out for bid in September or October.

Clerk Gialamas thanked everyone who attended and helped make National Night Out a success, along with Commander Busching and the Cook County Sheriff's Office for their participation. He noted that the helicopter landing was a highlight of the evening and a pleasant surprise for attendees. Clerk Gialamas also attended the Pakistan Cultural Event, which he described as a successful community gathering.

Trustee Horvath expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming Community Garage Sale and noted that spaces are still available for residents who wish to participate. The event will take place on September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Trustee Horvath also shared that she enjoyed attending National Night Out and felt that the event continues to improve each year. She highlighted the helicopter, dogs, petting zoo, chickens, bunnies, and pony as some of the event's memorable attractions. Trustee Horvath thanked the organizers and Commander Busching for their efforts in making the event a success.

Trustee Maher congratulated Supervisor Jones on receiving an award from Oakton Community College and commended her dedication and service to the community. Trustee Maher also recognized MaineStreamers' Director Dachniwsky and the successful Superdawg event, which was attended by approximately 90 members.

Supervisor Jones commended the success of National Night Out and thanked the volunteers, staff, Clerk Gialamas, and the Cook County Sheriff's Office for their contributions. She also praised Trustee Malik's Pakistan Night for bringing residents and community leaders together. Supervisor Jones shared her positive experience visiting the International Servant Leaders Museum in Morton Grove and highlighted its educational mission and collection honoring notable humanitarian leaders.

Supervisor Jones reminded residents of upcoming events, including Electricity Saving Sign-Up Days on August 27th, Neighborhood Watch on September 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., the Community Garage Sale on September 19th, the Vision and Hearing Testing and Vaccine Clinic on October 8th.

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 Horvath
Trustee Maher

Motion to go into Closed Session.
Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 8:38 p.m.

Clerk Gialamas called the roll.

Agenda Item: New Business, Discussion and Possible Vote to Approve a Special Town Meeting of Electors on October 1, 2026, and the establishment of an Agenda for the Special Meeting of Electors.

See video at 54:12

Trustee Horvath

Motion to approve a Special Town Meeting of Electors and finding it is necessary for the best interests of the township that we hold such a Special Town Meeting on the 1st day of October, 2026 at 7:00 pm at 1700 Ballard Rd, Park Ridge, IL 60068 for the electors to act on the following agenda:

1. Call to Order;
2. Pledge of Allegiance;
3. Selection of Moderator and Parliamentarian;
4. Introductory Remarks Regarding Purpose of Meeting;
5. Public Participation;
6. Consideration of and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of 1387 Redeker Road, Des Plaines to Maine Township Road and Bridge;
7. Consideration of and Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Declaration of Certain Property as Surplus and Approving Methods for Public Sale or Disposal, to include one Kyocera CS 5052 ci and three Kyocera Taskalfa 4002i devices;
8. Approval of Resolution for Compensation of Moderator; and
9. Adjournment.

Trustee Maher

Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath
Trustee Maher

Motion to Adjourn.
Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk Peter Gialamas