

Maine Township Special Board Meeting April 17, 2018

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Indexed agenda at:

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Board Members Present: Trustees Jones, Carrabotta, McKenzie and Sweeney

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Morask, Clerk Gialamas, Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak and Assessor Moylan Krey

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer, Jeff Brown, Donna Adam, Jennifer Johnson and Wiesia Tytko

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

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Appointing a Maine Township Attorney

Supervisor Morask stated that Maine Township attorney Dan Dowd resigned on March 24, 2018 and the Board is in need to appoint a new Township Attorney.

Supervisor Morask stated that the Board received Ancel Glink, P.C. background and proposal for legal services prior to the meeting for their inspection.

Supervisor Morask stated that she had chosen the Ancel Glink firm with representation by Jeff Brown, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer and Kurt Asprooth since that firm represents numerous Illinois entities including townships for over 80 years and they had been hired to redo our personnel Manual and had done a fantastic at a very competitive price as well as handled other personnel township issues extremely well. She pointed out that Keri-Lyn Krafthefer co-authored the "Township Officials of Illinois Laws & Duties Handbook" and she is redoing our Township's Personnel Manual Policy. Jeff Brown wrote numerous articles regarding Township's Law and will be coming to the Board meetings and Keri-Lyn Krafthefer will be a name partner.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that he had used Jeff Brown's legal services many times and he did a good job.

Supervisor Morask then requested a motion for hire of the Ancel Glink attorneys asking for a motion to hire. There was no motion. Prior to any motion or second, Trustee Sweeney requested a motion. See video at the 6:00 min. mark.

Trustee Sweeney

Motion to defer this decision so that she and her fellow board members can fully consider the merits of the supervisor's recommendations as well as other options available to the board regarding the hiring of General counsel so that we can insure that we are providing the best legal representation at the best value for our taxpayers.

Trustee Carrabotta

Second.

Supervisor Morask called the motion out of order because she said "there was a current motion Pending which she was about to make".

Supervisor Morask summarized that she did do an RFP and that Ancel Glink was the only firm that replied.

Trustee Sweeney said she was not part of this process. Much later in the board meeting, Supervisor Morask said that she misspoke regarding doing an RFP.

Trustee Sweeney again asked Supervisor Morask for consideration under Robert's rules to call the vote that was motioned and seconded as it was before any attorney hire motion or second.

Supervisor Morask again refused to call the vote. See video at 10:00.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to appoint Ancel Glink with Jeff Brown, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer and Kurt Asprooth as the Maine Township attorneys at the stated rate that is listed in the agreement. See video at 11:15 mark.
Trustee Jones	Second.

The entire Board discussed in depth the process of hiring a legal counsel. There were multiple questions and objections followed by suggestions made in selecting the new attorney. The Trustees requested more than one firm to be considered for the Township's Attorney. (See video)

Supervisor Morask pointed out that the firm she selected is considered the best in the field and their rates offer the Township and its residents the best value. but she agreed to table the previous motion.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to withdraw the appointing of the Township's Attorney and table it until the April 24, 2018 Regular Board meeting, with the understanding that other law firms will be presented by the Trustees for consideration to be interviewed.
Trustee Jones	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

Supervisor Morask asked the Board for agreement to use Ancel Glink, P.C. for personnel, labor law and FOIA issues in the meantime if necessary.

Agenda Item: Closed Session for the Sole Purpose of Discussion of Performance and Compensation of Specific Employees of Maine Township

Supervisor Morask asked for a motion to go to the Closed Session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) for the sole purpose of discussion of performance and compensation of specific employees of Maine Township.

Trustee Jones	Motion to go to the Closed Session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) for the sole purpose of discussion of performance and compensation of specific employees of Maine Township.
Supervisor Morask	Second.

Trustee Sweeney stated that the performance of specific employees will be discussed in the Closed session but the discussion involving salary and raises will be in open session in the future.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Carrabotta	Yes
Trustee McKenzie	Yes
Trustee Sweeney	Yes

Motion carried.

The Maine Township Board honored the death of Barbara Bush with a moment of silence.

Supervisor Morask added that there would be no action taken in the closed session and after the Closed session and then she released township employees from the rest of the meeting.

Agenda Item: Closed Session for the Sole Purpose of Discussion of Performance and Compensation of Specific Employees of Maine Township

The Board re-convened in Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

Supervisor Morask	Motion to re-convene in Open Session.
Trustee Jones	Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Morask	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Jones	Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk