

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting for Maine Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Peter Gialamas. Clerk Gialamas welcomed everyone in attendance to the Maine Township 171st Annual Town meeting and stated that it would be 172nd, but there was none in 2020.

Clerk Gialamas asked everyone to rise and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Gialamas announced that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the electorate of our Township's financial status and to act upon certain resolutions to be presented at the meeting.

Clerk Gialamas introduced his most efficient staff: Deputy Clerks Banu Siva, Jessica Guzman, and Chief Deputy Clerk Eva Magnowski. Clerk Gialamas stated that these employees are responsible for making the Clerk's office operate smoothly and he thanked each and every one of them.

Clerk Gialamas said that former Chief Deputy Tytko, who was with us for 22 years retired last Friday. He wished Ms. Tytko well and said that we miss her here.

Clerk Gialamas stated that he is proud to announce that in the fiscal year 2021-2022, his office processed 1795 passport applications. He noted that with almost 700 acceptance facilities in the Chicago Passport Agency Region, his office was recognized as one of the best and received a thank you letter from the Chicago Passport Agency for the outstanding achievements in our operation of the passport acceptance program.

He thanked his staff, and added that once again it proves how hard his staff works on a daily basis.

Next Clerk Gialamas introduced Maine Township Elected Officials, starting with Trustees the Honorable: Kimberly Jones, Kelly Horvath, James Maher and Asif Malik, Highway Commissioner, the Honorable Ed Beauvais, and Assessor, the Honorable Susan Moylan Krey. Lastly, Clerk Gialamas introduced Maine Township Supervisor, the Honorable Karen Dimond. Clerk Gialamas welcomed guest: previous Collector, Audrey Nankervis.

Clerk Gialamas recognized Trustee Jones for the purpose of making a nomination for a moderator. Trustee Jones nominated Mayor Des Plaines, Mr. Andrew Goczkowski to serve as Moderator of the meeting. There were no other nominations and it was seconded by Ms. Horvath. The motion was approved and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Clerk Gialamas administered the Oath of Moderator to Mr. Andrew Goczkowski.

Moderator Goczkowski stated that the next order of business was to appoint a Parliamentarian. Clerk Gialamas appointed Maine Township Attorney, Robert Hoban as Parliamentarian.

Moderator Goczkowski asked Clerk Gialamas to present the minutes of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting for approval. Clerk Gialamas stated that the minutes were distributed earlier and requested that the minutes be approved and that the reading be waived.

Trustee Jones made a motion to approve the 2021 Annual Town Meeting minutes and it was seconded by Trustee Horvath. The motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Moderator Goczkowski asked if there were any special meetings held during the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Clerk Gialamas stated that there were two (2) special meetings in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, on March 11th and March 15th of 2021.

Moderator Goczkowski asked Clerk Gialamas if the Annual Financial Reports for the General Town, General Assistance, and Road & Bridge Funds were distributed prior to the Annual Town meeting. Clerk Gialamas stated that the Annual Financial Reports were distributed before the Annual Town meeting and they are in the boardroom. He also stated that the Supervisor's Report was presented in the Mainely News.

Moderator Goczkowski asked Supervisor Dimond to present her Annual Report and introduce the Maine Township staff.

Supervisor Dimond presented the Supervisor's Annual Report.

See attached

Supervisor Dimond welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the Annual Town Meeting. She stated that she was proud and honored to be the current Supervisor of this government body that has been serving its residents for so very long.

Supervisor Dimond reported on many of the services and activities that have been provided by Maine Township during the past year. She pointed out that thanks to our hard-working staff and dedicated officials Maine Township is a better place to live.

Supervisor Dimond on behalf of the Maine Township Food Pantry welcomed and thanked Debbie Oates and Julie Halley, and Associate Pastor Amanda Joria from Park Ridge Presbyterian Church for the extremely kind donation of \$51,695.00. She stated that we are overwhelmed by the congregation's generosity. She also acknowledged donations of over \$21,000 from various members of the public and over \$34,000 in donations from local businesses and organizations. Supervisor Dimond said that the money will be used wisely to fight hunger and malnutrition here in Maine Township. Supervisor Dimond presented Maine Township's guests with thank you certificates and invited them to visit our Food Pantry any time.

Supervisor Dimond introduced the Maine Township Department Heads: Richard Lyon, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Marty Cook, Liz Coy, Mike Samaan and Administrator Dayna Berman. She briefly presented the services of each department and their importance. All Department Heads introduced their office Staff. Finally, Supervisor Dimond thanked the retired Supervisor's Assistant Doriene Prorak, and the current Supervisor's Assistant Alicia Brzezinski.

Supervisor Dimond thanked also the other retirees: Food Pantry Director Carol Langan, Karen Cohen from General Assistance, and Chief Deputy Clerk Wiesia Tytko, and wished them well.

Supervisor Dimond made special recognition for the Maine Township staff for their years of service and presented a 10-year pin for 10 years of service to Faris (Sam) Dababneh and Oksana Bukaczyk. Supervisor Dimond presented with a 20-year pin and a certificate to Marie Dachniwsky. Highway Commissioner and Highway Department staff accepted the 25-year pin and a certificate on behalf of Peter Douvalakis.

Moderator Goczkowski asked Clerk Peter Gialamas to present the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award.

Clerk Gialamas with great pleasure announced that the winner of the 2022 Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award is Jim Argionis of Park Ridge. Clerk Gialamas stated that throughout Mr. Argionis's career as a successful attorney in the Commercial Litigation practice of Cozen O'Connor Chicago office has distinguished himself through his unwavering community service. He dedicated significant hours to pro bono legal representations within the practice and held numerous leadership positions outside the office in a host of community organizations as well. Mr. Argionis has volunteered in District 64 and District 207 School Systems, the Park Ridge Police Parent Patrol, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, and the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. For the past four years, he has also volunteered his formidable legal and mentoring skills to assist the Maine South High School Mock Trial Team, in their regional and annual Illinois State competitions. Cancer survivor Gwen Argionis and Jim Argionis founded Sock'N it to Cancer, a grassroots effort that donates socks to local cancer centers to help with the treatment side effect of cold feet. Clerk Gialamas stated that Mr. Argionis's involvement with the Park Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission has pushed to revise and update the city's zoning ordinances.

Jim Argionis thanked Maine Township very much for this honor.

Moderator Goczkowski requested that Supervisor Dimond present the resolutions for approval by the electors.

Supervisor Dimond presented Resolution 2022-5 setting the next Annual Town Meeting for April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Supervisor Dimond presented Resolution 2022-6 to approve compensation for the Moderator in the amount of \$75.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Horvath and it passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Moderator Goczkowski stated that he was really honored to participate in the Maine Township Annual Town meeting and he would donate \$75 to the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry.

Moderator Goczkowski announced that the business of the meeting was now concluded and asked if there were any more comments.

Moderator Goczkowski entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Jones moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Horvath and passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

