

Maine Township Agency Funding Special Meeting has been videotaped.

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<http://mainetown.com/board-meetings/>

Board Members Present: Supervisor Dimond, Trustees: Jones, Horvath, Maher and Malik

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, Austin Kelso, Evan White, Karen Fay, Debra Payne, Susan Kaufman, Theresa Kopitzke, Amy Fox, Rebeca Plascencia, Karen Asta, Trisha Breitlow, Joni Kraft, Stacia Cragg, Kim Berenberg, John McNabola, Katrina M. Volkers, Melody Rose, Jessica Wright and Eva Magnowski

Supervisor Dimond called the special meeting to order at 6:29 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deputy Clerk Magnowski called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Presentations by following Agencies:

1. Center for Enriched Living (CEL)

Presentation by Karen Fay. 2023 funding request: \$3,000.

At CEL, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are part of a dynamic community where their voices are heard, choices are respected, and their hopes, wishes and dreams are pursued. CEL is open seven days a week for teens, adults and seniors. Members can choose participate in more than 60 different outcome-focused virtual or in-person programs that cover a wide variety of interests and budgets and focus on social, recreational, and employment opportunities.

See video at 2:06

2. Northwest Suburban Day Care Center

Presentation by Debra Payne. 2023 funding request: \$50,000.

The Northwest Suburban Day Care Center is a not-for-profit organization providing high-quality, affordable pre-school to low-income families through the IL Department of Human Services Child Care Assistance Program. Their services are provided year-round, on a sliding fee scale to children ages 15 months to five years, thus enabling the parents to maintain full time employment or attend school. They promote a community-wide referral system to help parents and children in time of need.

See video at 9:39

3. Orchard Village

Presentation by Susan Kaufman and Theresa Kopitzke. 2023 funding request: \$2,000.

Orchard Village partners with families and communities to optimize personal outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities through a community-integrated approach. A 501(c)3 organization located in Skokie, Illinois, Orchard Village is committed to enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities by protecting and nurturing their right to control their own destiny.

See video at 15:58

4. Life Span

Presentation by Amy Fox. 2023 funding request: \$10,000.

Agency mission is to empower survivors of domestic and sexual violence to demand safety as a human right. They ensure responsive and appropriate treatment and delivery of services to survivors of abuse. Life Span is a client-centered organization whose aim is to change social attitudes toward domestic violence through accountability, community engagement, and systemic advocacy.

See video at 26:54

5. Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (NWCASA)

Presentation by – Rebecca Plascencia. 2023 funding request: \$5,000.

NWCASA works to empower individuals impacted by sexual harm and engage communities to end sexual violence. Their free services include individual, family, and group counseling for Survivors and their loved ones; medical advocacy at hospital emergency rooms; legal advocacy at local police departments and courthouses; general advocacy & referral services; crisis intervention telephone hotline; and professional training, sexual abuse prevention education, and community activism. Medical advocacy and Crisis hotline are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and many services offered are available in both English and Spanish. NWCASA does this through 3 office locations and via virtual services.

See video at 35:02

6. Resources for Community Living

Presentation by Karen Asta. 2023 funding request: \$3,000.

Resources for Community Living assists adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities to live independently in their own homes/apartments. We provide support services, housing options, social group activities, family support group, vocational services, transportation, individualized skill training, and referral/partnership with other resources and programs. RCL offers disabled Maine Township adult's opportunities to achieve greater self-esteem, dignity and participation in all aspects of community life.

See video at 43:50

Supervisor Dimond announced break due to emergency.

The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

7. Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR)

Presentation by Trisha Breitlow. 2023 funding request: \$5,000.

M-NASR typically serves over 1,300 children and adults with disabilities in more than six hundred programs, special and unique events. Their core objectives are to build high quality recreation programs around individual needs. It is their philosophy that through therapeutic recreation individuals with disabilities can have fun while increasing self-awareness, self-esteem, and confidence. M-NASR's programs are designed to aid in the enhancement of physical, cognitive, emotional, social and leisure development so that individuals with disabilities may participate fully and independently in their life pursuits.

See video at 46:44

8. Avenues to Independence

Presentation by Joni Kraft and Stacia Cragg. 2023 funding requests: \$50,000.

Avenues to Independence provides vocational and residential training programs to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those with autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome and other I/DD. Programs are located in Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Wheeling and Northwest Chicago.

See video at 57:44

9. Glenkirk

Presentation by Kim Berenberg. 2023 funding request: \$10,000.

Glenkirk provides innovative and cutting-edge programming to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in all areas of community life. Glenkirk offers a variety of residential, day and employment programs, as well as respite, medical, and behavioral health services.

See video at 1:06:47

10. Center of Concern

Presentation by John McNabola. 2023 funding request: \$50,000.

The Center of Concern is a nonprofit social service agency that provides housing, community, and older adult services to enable vulnerable residents to live with dignity and independence since 1978. All agency programs share a common purpose: supporting families and strengthening the community. In the last fiscal year, the Center of Concern provided 28,656 individualized services to Maine Township residents, including supporting older adults and individuals and families housing insecurity.

See video at 1:11:45

11. Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center.

Presentation by Katrina M. Volkens. 2023 funding request: \$3,000.

Zacharias Center’s (ZCenter) mission is to mobilize the community toward ending systemic sexual violence while amplifying the voice of survivors through trauma informed care, advocacy, and prevention education. Since 1983, ZCenter has provided crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, victim awareness, and community education for survivors of sexual abuse. Their counselors and staff serve all survivors regardless of race, gender, language, ability, sexual orientation, or religion. Services are in English, Spanish, or any other language needed. 80% of their clientele report living in poverty. In 20216, ZCenter opened a location in Skokie to better serve their clients in Cook County, including those in Maine Township. Their Hot Line is (847) 872-7799.

See video at 1:21:56

12. FISH of Park Ridge

Supervisor Dimond stated that the FISH Agency is withdrawing their application for funding, and she asked Evan White to confirm that.

See video at 1:28:39

13. The Harbour, Inc.

Presentation by Melody Rose & Jessica Wright. 2023 funding request: \$8,000.

The Harbour serves homeless suburban youth – a population that is often denied and underserved. The Harbour offers a myriad of programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness in N & NW suburban Cook County. They are nonprofit, community -based, Licensed Child Welfare Agency with nearly 50 years of experience serving youth. The facility provides short-term shelter and crisis intervention and up to 18 months of transitional housing in both supervised group homes and independent apartments with declining rent subsidies. Youth in their transitional housing programs receive intensive life skills training, health education, budgeting and financial literacy, employment skills training, and educational support.

See video at 1:31:54

Several questions were asked during presentations by the Agency Funding committee: Supervisor Dimond, Trustee Jones, Trustee Horvath, Trustee Maher, Trustee Malik, Dayna Berman, Marie Dachniwsky, and Austin Kelso which were answered by the presenters.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Horvath Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Dimond Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Horvath Yes

Trustee Maher Yes

Trustee Malik Yes

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk