

# SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

April 8, 2014

I want to welcome everyone here tonight to Maine Township's 164<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting.

It is my pleasure to report to you the wonderful things that took place in this Building from

From March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014. Much was accomplished which I attribute

To our dedicated and loyal staff. I am extremely proud of our Administrator, Department

Heads and Staff. They do their jobs day in and day out and have earned my respect and

The respect of the residents.

First I would like to recognize my administrative assistant, Doriene Prorak. Doriene

Embodies professionalism and integrity. She is my right and left hand and always has

A smile for fellow staff and residents. Doriene, please rise.

Nest I would like to introduce our capable administrator, Dayna Berman. Since taking on  
The position in 2005, Dayna has performed with the utmost professionalism and has  
Earned the respect of both the staff and Elected Officials. Dayna will you please rise  
And introduce our Administrative staff and then the various Department Heads.

Thank you one and all for your service to the Township. It is certainly a pleasure to work  
With you here on a daily basis.

It is my distinct pleasure to introduce the rest of my fellow Township Board Members:

Clerk Gary K. Warner

Trustees: Laura J. Morask

Assessor Tom Rueckert  
Hwy. Commissioner Robert Provenzano

Walter Kazmierczak  
Susan Moylan Krey

Peter Gialamas

I consider it a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. You each bring your  
Own expertise and talents to Township Government.

The General Assembly voted to abolish the office of Township Collector in Cook County  
Townships. Therefore, we had to say good-bye to Collector Mary Rohde.

This evening we would like to give special recognition to the following staff and Elected Official for their years of service and dedication to Maine Township.

Michael Samaan	10 years
Vicki Rizzo	10 years
Monika Jaroszewicz	15 years
Kathy Sabbini	15 years
Robert Cohen	20 years
Carol Teschky	25 years

We offered residents a chance to destroy important documents and papers through Secure Data Destruction. It was a very popular recycling event and we have scheduled One for this year also.

Speaking of recycling, the Township and the Road District co-sponsored TWO Electronics Recycling Events with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Close to 400 cars came through at each event to drop off their electronics which by State Law cannot be dumped into landfills.

The Coast 2 Coast free prescription drug card provides enormous savings on most Prescriptions to any resident. Over the past 12 months, this program has saved Individuals using the program over \$356,229 on over 4143 prescriptions filled.

The Township collected royalties this past year of over \$3,300.

Our Assessor's Office assisted over 17,700 residents which includes processing Homeowner's exemptions, senior and senior freeze exemptions, disabled and Disabled veterans exemptions. During the 2013 Triennial they processed 2800 appeals To both the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review. Additionally They submitted 4800 building permits to the County Assessor's office.

The Clerk's Dept. registered 21 voters, sold 11,612 vehicle stickers for Cook County, Processed 224 RTA passes, 1,673 Passport Applications and 1,536 Maine Lines Tickets, which are subsidized cab rides for disabled and low income seniors. They Also issued 29 Handicapped Parking Cards, and 129 Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

Our ever popular MaineStreamers welcomed 360 new members. Our total membership Is now over 3,500. There were a grand total of 13,106 participants in all programs.

We continue to partner with Golf Mill for our ever popular Senior Expo each spring.

MaineStay Youth & Family Services Dept. offered low-cost counseling to 1,326 Families which consisted of 4,796 individuals. Clinical groups offered included Parent Education, Anger Management and Anxiety Management. MaineStay also Sponsored Government Days for high schoolers, an after school children's art Program, an adult/child weekly mentoring group and the four-week Adventure Day Camp for at risk children ages 8-13.

We also provided reservation phone service for the volunteer drivers for the FISH Program. We serviced 256 residents with 1,036 rides to medical appointments.

Our EARN Program, which matches youth with seniors needing help around their Homes totaled 53 matches.

Our ever popular Community Garage Sale netted \$4,373.75 split between the Adventure Day Camp and the Food Pantry. That number increases every year and we are grateful To the community who supports our Garage Sale.

Our Office of Emergency Management continues with their great service to Maine Township residents. They have strengthened their partnerships with the Park Ridge Police, North Maine Fire Protection District, Lutheran General Hospital, Cook County Dept of Public Health, Illinois Dept of Public Health and a myriad of other programs Throughout the state, all designed to make Maine Township an authoritative voice in the Areas that OEM practices in. The MRC program continues to lead the way in the state With its collaborations and has become a nationally recognized organization and this Past year saw the inclusion of a Fire Corps/First responder REHAB program.

They have performed an amazing 5,516 volunteer hours – which at today's volunteer Comparative value equals \$152,262.30 of support to the residents of Maine Township. Our Code Enforcement officer has been busy this challenging year with handling a Total of 534 code violations. He also spent time on the phone tracking down banks And dealing with 52 foreclosed properties.

Our state-mandated General Assistance Department is currently assisting 58 individuals. The department also continues to assist the community with Public Aid Applications For benefits which include food stamps and medical assistance. We had 1072 Benefit Access interviews. This program provides SSeniors and the disabled with free transit Rides. It also provides a license plate discount. Since this program may only be applied For via the internet, our General Assistance offers this convenience.

We also processed 1072 applications for the Low Income Home Energy Program also Known as LIHEAP, to help residents with their utility bills. We are also an intake site For Access to Care, which is a low income limited medical program. It provides Physician services and limited lab services at a reduced fee.

The Township Food Pantry distributed 2,888 boxes of food which served 4,089 adults And 948 children. During these difficult economic times, Maine Township met the Demand. Many thanks go to all the individuals, churches, organizations, schools, Businesses and chambers of commerce for their generosity in both food and cash Donations.

In August, we were again a sponsor of National Night Out Against Crime. We partnered With Golf Maine Park District and the event was once again held at Dee Park. This event Was ably chaired by Trustee Susan Moylan Krey, co-chair Trustee Gialamas and their Hard working committee including Trustee Kazmierczak and Trustee Morask. The Cook County Sheriff's Department again staffed tables with officers who provided informative Information to the residents. Over 100 local children submitted posters with the theme, "Respect yourself, respect your community."

Some changes have occurred in our staffing this past year. In our Maintenance Department, Bill Cherkovich has decided to retire. We wish him well in his retirement. Marissa Vigna from Mainestay has left to pursue other endeavors. We wish her well Also. We welcome new maintenance worker Bobby Gandes. Marty Cook has joined us Us as part time assisting both MaineStreamers and MaineStay as a community out reach Person. We welcome Marty.

So we have completed another excellent year in service to our residents. We are Operating under the tax cap and we have no debt. We continue on a sound fiscal Direction and we are building up our reserves. Once, again we have demonstrated That Township Government, being closest to the people, is also the most responsive To their individual and collective needs.

May God Bless everyone here tonight and may God Bless America!