

Maine Township Board Meeting August 25, 2009

Board Members Present: Trustees Gialamas, Moylan Krey, Kazmierczak and Morask

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner, Highway Commissioner Provenzano and Collector Rohde

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dick Barton, Doriene Prorak, Sharon McLaughlin, Robert Prorak, Denise Jajko, Jan Provenzano, Edward Soske, Ms. Fiore, Dan Dowd and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2009 Board meeting

Trustee Morask Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the July 28, 2009 Board meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2009 Special Board Meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 6, 2009 Special Board meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Morask Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated July 24, 2009 and August 7, 2009 and General Assistance checks #42836 through check #42894 in the amount of \$60,990.88.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that the finance committee met earlier to review the bills.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 7, 2009 August 21, 2009 and Road District checks #15180 through check #15225 in the amount of \$141,721.77.

Trustee Morask	Motion to approve.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated August 7, 2009 and August 21, 2009 and General Town Fund checks #45330 through check #45412 in the amount of \$258,892.80.

Trustee Moylan Krey	Motion to approve.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Robert Prorak/Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Prorak welcomed the Board and wished Happy Birthday to Trustee Moylan Krey.

Mr. Prorak reported that this summer he was enforcing the Maine Township Ordinances #97-3, Property Maintenance Code and #200-5, Amendment to Property Maintenance Code. He stated that a lot of properties have a problem with keeping their lawn and weeds below the allowed six inches. He is issuing Notices of Deficiency, which is followed by a citation if the lawn is not cut. Since there is an increase in foreclosed homes in the township, the bank that presently owns the property is issued a warning letter. In some cases, Mr. Prorak cut the lawn on the property himself. With help from the Highway Department the weeds and bushes were trimmed.

Mr. Prorak stated that he noticed in the township a build up of vehicles that would be considered "junked" vehicles. If these vehicles do not show a current license plate, he issues them a citation and a tow sticker if the vehicle is on the public right-of-way. Working with Highway Commissioner Provenzano and Attorney Dowd they have been able to remove about twenty-five cars, trailers or boats that were not up to code.

Mr. Prorak stated that there has been a rapid increase in gang activity and gang graffiti on buildings in the area. He has developed a system for removal by taking pictures, contacting Cook County Radio Room, getting the report from the officer and faxing a removal graffiti report to the Cook County Graffiti Removal Unit. Usually, they respond on the next day.

Mr. Prorak reported that with the permission of Supervisor Teschky, Administrator Berman and Highway Commissioner Provenzano, he was working and recently finished putting together the Maine Township Unpaid Tickets Project. Working with information that goes back ten years, he put together about eighty letters to offenders that had multiple tickets within the township that have not been paid. The first batch of letters was mailed on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Prorak stated that every month he attends the Neighborhood Watch meetings. He gives his monthly report along with Trustee Moylan Krey, Fire Marshal Witzke and Deputy Commander Brzezniak. He added that this year he volunteered for the National Night Out Against Crime Committee. The experience was very informational for the hundreds of our residents including him. He thanked Trustees Moylan Krey, Morask, Kazmierczak and Gialamas and Collector Rohde for all their hard work and dedication to put on such a great event.

All the Elected Officials commended Mr. Prorak's great effort.

#### Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde stated that last Saturday she attended Local Officials Day at the Springfield State Fair. Three people were present from Cook County. She added that the State Fair was a very interesting event. Collector Rohde was impressed with a rain barrels project. The project was a partnership of the University of Illinois with the Springfield Department of Correction. The rain barrels were made by the Department of Correction and sold for profit. She added that she would like to incorporate this project in our township.

Collector Rohde noted that the National Night Out was a fabulous event. She was honored to participate in it.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano reported that the CDBG project for Street and Drainage Reconstruction awarded to the Johnson Paving is completed.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he filled out a 1<sup>st</sup> set of forms for an approximately \$50,000 grant that State Representative Rosemary Mulligan is trying to get from the state for highway machinery. He stated that the inspectors from Cook County Building and Zoning are working on Delphia Avenue and other issues in the unincorporated area.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he was reappointed for his sixth term as Secretary of the Northern Illinois Highway Commissioners Association. Today he attended a picnic with five hundred commissioners.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano was contacted by the Sheriff's office in regards to having business licenses in the unincorporated area. He added that he attended and enjoyed very much the "Shimmering Diamond" Senior Trip on the shores of Bangs Lake in Wauconda. He stated that Ms. Swanson organizes some terrific programs.

Trustee Gialamas welcomed Denise Jajko as our new Bookkeeper. He also wished Happy Birthday to Trustee Moylan Krey.

Trustee Moylan Krey also welcomed Ms. Jajko and wished her the best in the new position.

Trustee Moylan Krey reported that she is very proud of this year's National Night Out Against Crime event. She extended her thanks to all participants, donors and volunteers. Her special thanks went to: Maine Township Board members, Supervisor Teschky for announcing the event, Highway Department for bringing garbage cans and saw horses, Ice Cream donated by Sergeant Saps father, volunteers from MaineStay for handling the games, Administrator Berman, Collector Rohde for brochures, Trustee Morask for getting donations, Trustee Kazmierczak for organizing informational tables and manning the Secretary of State table, Cook County Sheriff's Department for a great show, Fire Department, ARC Disposal, Trustee Gialamas, Code Enforcement Prorak, Doriene Prorak and Maine Township department representatives. Trustee

Moylan Krey stated that she is very happy that our community businesses support Maine Township and one more time she extended her thanks to them for the many great donations that all the kids enjoyed.

Trustee Kazmierczak thanked the Board and especially Trustee Moylan Krey for organizing this year's National Night Out.

Trustee Morask wished a Happy Birthday to Trustee Moylan Krey. She also gave birthday regards to Supervisor Teschky and Jan Provenzano. She thanked everyone for their best wishes to her son Alex going off to college.

Trustee Morask stated that everyone enjoyed the National Night Out. She pointed out that she had a privilege of being a guest speaker at this event. She noticed that not only the kids, but also their parents were very attentive. She thanked Dick Barton, Administrator Berman and Supervisor Teschky for a wonderful article in the Des Plaines Journal regarding the NNO. She would like also to have some pictures in the newspaper of kids participating in the NNO. She added that the support of the local businesses and Sheriff's department was unbelievable this year.

Trustee Morask noted that Clerk Warner does a fabulous job on the Park Ridge Police patrol. She will be a guest speaker for them on "Secrets on jury duty".

Supervisor Teschky stated that this year's NNO was a big success. She commended the leadership of Trustee Moylan Krey and added that the local businesses contributed a lot this year. Everybody had a good time.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Township was awarded a certificate for 25 years of membership from the Niles Chamber of Commerce. On August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> our Town Hall hosted the State Treasurer's office Cash Dash program. We were complimented on the good turn out.

Supervisor Teschky reminded the Board that NATaT Conference in Washington D.C. will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. She added that hopefully Township Officials will be able to lobby congress people. She said that the Agency Funding Hearing dates are scheduled for Monday, September 21, Wednesday, September 30 and Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Park Ridge Community Health Commission has invited our Board to observe National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month by sponsoring a "Candlelight Walk for Recovery" on Thursday, September 24, 2009.

Supervisor Teschky wished a Happy Birthday to Trustee Moylan Krey and welcomed Ms. Jajko as our new Bookkeeper.

Trustee Morask also welcomed Ms. Jajko on her new job.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd had nothing to report.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman extended her birthday wishes to Trustee Moylan Krey. She welcomed Ms. Jajko and added that she is doing a wonderful job so far.

Administrator Berman reminded everyone that the Annual Maine Township Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She asked for donations.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Printer Bids for Mainely News

Supervisor Teschky stated that the printer bids for Mainely News were distributed for revision and recommendations.

Trustee Morask commented that Presstech is not only the Township printing company, but also an excellent vender. She added that we have been dealing with Presstech for many years and thanked them for a low bid.

Trustee Kazmierczak asked Dick Barton if he is satisfied with Presstech services.

Mr. Barton stated that he recommends Presstech for being responsible with their printing, mailing, shipping and delivery services. He introduced Edward Soske from Presstech who has worked many years for Maine Township.

Trustee Kazmierczak     Motion to award the contract to Presstech for printing and mailing the Mainely News for total amount of \$8,580.

Trustee Moylan Krey     Second.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that the term of the contract should be included in the motion.

Trustee Kazmierczak     Motion to amend previous motion to award the contract to Presstech for printing and mailing the Mainely New for total amount of \$8,580 per issue, two years contract from August 2009 to August 2011.

Trustee Morask             Second.

Supervisor Teschky added that because our postal system is sometimes difficult to deal with, she appreciates Presstech efforts for delivering our Mainely News on time throughout the entire township.

Trustee Moylan Krey noted that some of our residents are complaining about not getting their Mainely News at all.

Mr. Barton pointed out that the mail carrying delivery is not perfect with isolated cases of non-delivery.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas         Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey     Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak     Yes

Trustee Morask            Yes

Supervisor Teschky      Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Public Relations Contract

Supervisor Teschky presented the renewal agreement for Barton & Barton, Ltd. Supervisor Teschky stated that Mr. Barton proposed no increase in fees in his two-year contract.

Trustee Morask             Motion to renew the General Agreement and Contract for Professional Services from Barton & Barton, Ltd. effective on September 1, 2009 and expire on August 31, 2011, with an annual retainer fee of \$38,400, payable monthly in equal monthly installments of \$3,200, in addition, the Contractor shall be entitled to reimbursement for all out-of-pocket expenses that are pre-approved by the Township Board.

Trustee Gialamas         Second.

Trustee Morask stated that Mr. Barton does a fantastic job as a public relation contractor. She pointed out that Mr. Barton is being effective in informing the township's citizens what services we offer and provide. She commended him for not asking for a raise.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Closed Session  
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Moylan Krey	Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk