

Maine Township Board Meeting November 24, 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, Denise Jajko, Dan Dowd, Mary Swanson, Jeffrey G. Anderson, Robert Prorak, Edward Beauvais, Marsha Warnick and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2009 Board meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the October 27, 2009 Board meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated October 16, 2009, October 30, 2009 and November 13, 2009 and General Assistance checks #43017 through check #43074 in the amount of \$68,527.28.

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	Absent
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 30, 2009 and November 11, 2009 and Road District checks #15340 through check #15399 in the amount of \$304,321.36.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures  
Payrolls dated October 30, 2009 and November 13, 2009 and General Town Fund checks #45646 through check #45741 in the amount of \$280,393.45.

Trustee Moylan Krey	Motion to approve.
Trustee Kazmierczak	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Bob Prorak/Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Prorak reported that after the first attempt at collecting the unpaid fees for issued tickets from the last ten years, the township collected \$350 and spent approximately \$35 on postage for a total of eighty letters to the offenders. The next batch of letters for unpaid tickets is in the process of being mailed.

Mr. Prorak stated that he has been working with Supervisor Teschky and Highway Commissioner Provenzano concerning a certain parcel of real property located on the 9300 block of Delphia in unincorporated Des Plaines. The neighbors in the area have continually been in contact with the Township complaining about the condition of the subject property. In a conversation with Supervisor Teschky and Mr. Prorak, the tenant was informed on what needed to be done to bring the property up to code. The Township is currently working with the Township Attorney in an attempt to intervene on behalf of the residents.

Mr. Prorak stated that he has been working with Attorney Dowd in regards to Rancho Lane. They solved a sanitary sewer situation that was becoming a public health hazard for the residents. The owner of this property received a warning letter and he complied.

Mr. Prorak informed the Board that as of November 27, 2009 he would be resigning from the position of Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that he has enjoyed working with and serving under each and every one of the Elected Officials. He thanked everyone and added that getting to know our Elected Officials has shown him what can be achieved with good government.

Supervisor Teschky thanked Mr. Prorak for his great service to the Maine Township residents and wished him all the best in the future.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde stated that her trip to Springfield was an amazing experience. She found most of the educational seminars very informative. She added that she was very proud to be part of Maine Township, with the extensive list of accomplishments, which shows the dedication of this Board and their commitment to the community and the diligence of the staff.

Collector Rohde wished a happy and healthy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he learned quite a bit at the TOI Conference. There was a great turn out of Highway Commissioners. He stated that Bob Porter did a tremendous job on his presentation on Budget and Levy. Highway Commissioner Provenzano reported that there was a 25% turn over in elected officials. He reported that the Highway Commissioners Division has a new President, Bob Miller from Algonquin Township.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> he attended the Cook County Highway Commissioners meeting. They discussed the investigation regarding some accusations of Highway Commissioners and also the limited knowledge of township services by the Better Government Bureau. He recommended watching the report on township government on Wednesday night on Channel 7.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano reported that the salt contracts are settled. After bidding with Cook County the prices were 50% less than last year. They bought 500 tons from Cook County and 500 tons from CMS.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano noted that the plaque that was on the bridge on Potter Road over Prairie Creek was secured and will be presented to the grandson of the builder of this bridge. He wished everyone happy Thanksgiving.

Clerk Warner also wished everyone happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he also attended the TOI Conference in Springfield. It was his first time as a Trustee and he found the seminars very informative and enjoyed going to the Trustee Division meeting. On Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> he attended the TLC Fund Raiser.

Trustee Gialamas extended his thanks to Robert Prorak for serving the Maine Township residents. He noted that Mr. Prorak was a great employee and great person to work next to. He also said farewell to Barbara Winiecki on her retirement and wished everyone happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that in her opinion the last TOI Conference was the best educational seminar they put on so far. She also attended the TLC Fund Raiser. She added that she is very proud of the TLC after school programs.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that Mr. Prorak fit right into his job as a Code Enforcement Officer. He worked very hard with the residents and tried to make our Township shine. He also fit in with the Neighborhood Watch group. She stated that she is proud to work with Mr. Prorak and added that he also helped her with many different projects. She extended her best to him and wished him good luck in the future.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that he also attended the TOI Conference and TLC Fund Raiser. He had been working with the TOCC Trustee Division on the next quarterly meeting, which will be held on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Kazmierczak wished Mr. Prorak well on his new endeavors and stated that we have been very lucky with his performance with our residents.

Trustee Morask stated that Mr. Prorak is her favorite Township employee and also became a good friend of Trustee Morask. She added that with all the gang seminars she did, she mentioned the last one when Mr. Prorak came and gave a great presentation even being very sick. She thanked Mr. Prorak for his efforts and wished him the best.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she also attended the TOI Conference in Springfield. She found the Bob Porter's presentation on Budget and Levy very interesting and informative. She also attended the FOIA seminar and learned about new regulations for FOIA, which have to start on January 2010. She thanked the Board for attending the seminars and meetings during the year, which earned over 70 educational hours for our Township.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the TOCC Fall Conference would be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn William Tell in Countryside, IL. The new proposed By-Law changes will be discussed.

Supervisor Teschky announced that the Maine Township staff and Board would hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Specialized Non-Food Items Drive. The Non-Food Drive will be held until Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. She asked for participation.

Supervisor Teschky also recommended to watch Channel 7 on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> reporting on Townships' services. She pointed out that the BGA has wrong information and they portrayed Townships in a disingenuous manner.

Supervisor Teschky thanked Mr. Prorak for all his work in the Township and wished him the best in his future. She also reminded the Board that the Maine Township Food Drives will be held on Saturdays, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Jewel on Lee Street in Des Plaines and Jewel on Busse Highway in Park Ridge. The Staff Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Des Plaines Golf Center.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd reported that the meeting regarding the property on Delphia Avenue in unincorporated Des Plaines would be rescheduled with the Assistant State's Attorney and the residents of Maine Township.

Attorney Dowd stated that it was his pleasure to know and work with Mr. Prorak.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman had nothing to add to her report.

Agenda Item: Personnel, New Hire – Part Time MaineStreamers position

Supervisor Teschky stated that there is a part-time position available in the Senior Department. Mary Swanson interviewed twelve candidates and she is recommending Ms. Carolyn M. McMurray. Ms. McMurray lives in Des Plaines and she is looking for a part-time job.

Trustee Morask                      Motion to hire Carolyn M. McMurray to fill the part time position in the MaineStreamers Department effective December 1, 2009, with \$12 per hour and twenty-four hours a week.

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: Personnel, New Hire – Full Time Code Enforcement Officer position

Supervisor Teschky stated that because of Mr. Prorak's resignation she is proposing that Edward Beauvais be hired to fill the full time position as the Maine Township Code Enforcement Officer. He lives in Des Plaines, is aware of our area and also worked for the Maine Township Highway Department ten seasonal years.

Trustee Morask                      Motion to hire Edward P. Beauvais to fill the full time position as Code Enforcement Officer effective November 30, 2009, with salary of \$34,000 a year plus benefits.

Trustee Moylan Krey      Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes



discussion the Board of Trustees decided to postpone this discussion and approval for the next Board meeting.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to withdraw the previous motion and postpone approval of the 2010 Agency Funding to the next Board meeting.

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: New Business, CDBG Resolution 2009-8

Supervisor Teschky stated that she was notified that the CDBG Resolution didn't arrive from Cook County and passing of it has to be postponed.

Trustee Morask complimented all the Department Heads and Attorney Dowd for being very helpful and making us a good Township. She proposed that the Department Heads should attend the Board meetings and make themselves available for any arising questions.

Agenda Item: Closed Session, Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Morask Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk