

Maine Township Board Meeting December 22, 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, Edward Beauvais, Marsha Warnick, Evelyn Fennell, Fran Hume, David Billingham, Jeff Anderson 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 November 24, 2009 Board meeting

Trustee Morask Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 24, 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: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated November 27, 2009 and December 11, 2009 and General Assistance checks #43075 through check #43175 in the amount of \$68,860.47.

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 Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 27, 2009 and December 11, 2009 and Road District checks #15400 through check #15448 in the amount of \$112,489.43.

Trustee Kazmierczak 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 Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated November 27, 2009 and December 11, 2009 and General Town Fund checks #45742 through check #45840 in the amount of \$294,161.14.

Trustee Morask 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 Yes
Supervisor Teschky Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Evelyn Fennell/MaineStay

Ms. Evelyn Fennell stated that in the MaineStay counseling program they continue to serve between 70 and 80 families per month and most of these families are seen on a weekly basis. Their clients don't need to have insurance, public aide or be able to afford a full fee. They still can receive all the help they need. She added that this is the beauty of how the Township cares for those individuals.

Ms. Fennell reported that the therapist, Amy Golebiewski, will be leaving at the end of January. She stated that she has been interviewing bi-lingual therapists and finding some very strong candidates.

Ms. Fennell reported that other programs, such as Adolescent Anger Management, Parent Support and Children's Group, Parenting with Love and Logic, CHAMPS, Art in the Town and Youth Mentoring are doing well. Government Day took place on Friday, December 4th with participation of 45 students from all three Maine Township High Schools. The last Maine Township Garage Sale was a great success and fundraiser for camp and the food pantry. \$2,907.01 was donated to the summer camp program and \$1,048.66 went to Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde congratulated Trustee Gialamas and his wife Denise on their newborn daughter. She stated that she attended the TOCC dinner with the financial speaker who had a great presentation on township finances. She added that in her opinion Maine Township does an amazing job on being fiscally responsible.

Collector Rohde stated that she participated in the Food Drive on Saturday, December 5th. She extended her thanks to the Maine Township staff for their diligence and hard work. She also pointed out that Maine Township is an amazing place and amazing township with a fantastic reputation. She wished everyone happy Holidays.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano wished everyone Merry Christmas and happy Holidays. He congratulated Trustee Gialamas on his newborn baby.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that the Highway Department is back into the winter mode. He also stated that he attended the TOCC dinner and the Highway Commissioners meeting where they discussed the Channel 7 report on Township services. He pointed out that there are many mistakes and wrong information that was put out by the news media. He hopes that in the near future their mistakes will be corrected.

Clerk Warner wished everyone Merry Christmas and a great and healthy 2010. He also congratulated Trustee Gialamas on becoming a new father.

Trustee Gialamas stated that December is a busy month for everyone. He was able to attend the Food Drive at the Jewel in Des Plaines on December 12th. He added that in his opinion, more and more people every year get more charitable with what they are willing to give.

It is nice to see that some of the local community does recognize what Township offers even though Channel 7 has a different view on this matter.

Trustee Moylan Krey wished everyone Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and happy New Year. She extended God's blessing to Gianna Gialamas and her parents.

Trustee Kazmierczak wished everyone Merry Christmas, happy New Year and congratulated Trustee Gialamas on becoming a new father.

Trustee Kazmierczak pointed out his concerns regarding next years budget. He stated that the Cook County Treasurer's office will be collecting less property taxes due to the foreclosures and late payments. He pointed out that we receive 98% of our revenue from property taxes. These issues must be considered when the budget is presented to the Board next year.

Trustee Morask wished everyone Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and congratulated Trustee Gialamas on his newborn baby daughter. She also added that she had a great time at the Office Christmas Party.

Supervisor Teschky wished everyone Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah and congratulated Trustee Gialamas and his wife Denise on the birth of their daughter Gianna.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she attended the TOCC dinner meeting in Countryside, Illinois, with two very good speakers on government finance. On Friday, December 4th, MaineStay hosted the Student Government Day. Forty-five students and four teachers from Maine East, Maine West and Maine South participated in this event. Michelle Lyon also invited five representatives from local agencies to answer student's questions.

Supervisor Teschky reported that the two Food Drives on Saturday, December 5th and 12th were a great success. She thanked volunteers from December 5th: Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Clerk Warner, Collector Rohde, Mike Fox, Dagmar Rutzen, Highway Commissioner Provenzano, Richard Brandes, volunteers from EMA and herself, and volunteers from December 12th: Denise Jajko, Marsha Warnick, Trustee Gialamas and also EMA's volunteers. They collected the total of \$1,377.97 in addition to many bins full of food. She extended her thanks to all volunteers and the Maine Township Community, which always comes through for us.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Sunday, December 6th, MaineStreamers hosted their Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon at Chateau Ritz with 450 seniors in attendance. She noted that today was the last day before Christmas for distribution of food boxes to our residents. She asked Marsha Warnick to show the Board what kind of food those Christmas boxes contain. Marsha Warnick invited all for a tour of the Food Pantry after the meeting. Supervisor Teschky extended her thanks to the Maine Township staff that contributed to our first Non Food Drive. These items, such as paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies will be distributed to the families because they are not able to buy these products with food stamps.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd wished everyone happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. He also congratulated Trustee Gialamas on his new baby.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman stated that she volunteered for the Food Drive and was pleasantly surprised to see so many people making mostly monetary donations. She mentioned that it is also that time of the year to start meeting with department heads to discuss the next fiscal year's budget. Administrator Berman thanked the Department Heads for being fiscally responsible and frugal working on the last year's budget. She wishes the same response for the next budget.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Agency Funding Allocation

Supervisor Teschky presented the 2010-11 Agency Funding worksheet and asked for discussion, comments and approval.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve 2010-2011 Agency Funding as presented by Supervisor Teschky in the amount of \$436,250.00.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Discussion:

Trustees Kazmierczak, Morask, Moylan Krey and Gialamas agreed that this is an excellent proposal. They agreed with reductions and were in favor not to fund new agencies due to economical reasons.

Supervisor Teschky stated that it has been difficult to reduce grants, but also necessary. She stated that the agencies are stretched and they have problems with the State not funding them. She added that personally she feels a great regret to have to reduce any agency funding because they do a great work, but it has to be done.

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: Old Business, FOIA

Clerk Warner stated that under the new law there are changes in the FOIA regulations. The FOIA officer needs to be appointed to give the public greater access to information about their government. Clerk Warner recommended appointing Chief Deputy Clerk Tytko and Supervisor Teschky for the Maine Township FOIA officers.

The Elected Officials discussed significant changes in FOIA, which included time period and form to respond to the request, exemptions, denials and who should be responsible for making decision regarding FOIA requests. They also discussed necessity of appointing a third FOIA officer. Trustee Morask also volunteered to be on the FOIA committee.

Attorney Dowd pointed out that one of the most significant changes to FOIA is codification of the Public Access Counselor (PAC). This position will be working under the direction and supervision of the Attorney General. If necessary, the PAC will pre-approve exemptions and also will be dedicated to resolve complaints without litigation. Attorney Dowd will review the old FOIA forms of requests and rules and regulations and he will make all the necessary changes. He will present the new policy to the Board in the near future.

Trustee Morask Motion to appoint Wiesia Tytko as the Maine Township FOIA officer with Supervisor Teschky and Trustee Morask on a subcommittee.

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: New Business, CDBG Resolution 2009-8

Supervisor Teschky read out loud the Community Development Block Grant Resolution 2009-8 and asked for a motion to adopt said resolution.

Trustee Morask Motion to adopt CDBG Resolution 2009-8.

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: New Business, Levy

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Tax Levy Ordinances for General Assistance/General Town Fund and Road District need to be filed with the Cook County Clerk's office by the last Tuesday in December. She added that the taxing district's aggregate levies did not exceed the 5% tax cap.

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to accept and waive the reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance 2009-RB-3 for Road District Fund for the amount of \$1,959,400.00.
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Trustee Morask	Second.
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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.

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to accept and waive the reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance 2009-4 for General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund for the total amount of \$4,828,892.00.
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Trustee Gialamas	Second.
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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.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Assessor Rueckert's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 was submitted. It was submitted 60 days prior to the new fiscal year and has met the requirement by law.

Agenda Item: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Morask	Motion to adjourn.
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Trustee Moylan Krey	Second.
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All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.