Maine Township Board Meeting January 25, 2011

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

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

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Marsha Warnick, Liz Coy, Ed Beauvais, Mary Swanson, Sharon McLaughlin, Evelyn Fennell, Dick Barton, Robert Cohen, William Prize, Tom Abrams, Michelle Jonas, Dagmar Rutzen, John Aykroid Jr., Matthew Conraroy, Officer Robert/City of Park Ridge Police Department 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 December 28, 2010

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 28, 2010 board meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

There was no public participation at this time.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payroll dated December 23, 2010 and January 7, 2011 and General Assistance checks #43880 through check #43943 in the amount of $66,654.44.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.
Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payroll dated January 7th and January 21st and Road District checks #16136 through check #16172 in the amount of $81,066.30.

Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to approve.
Trustee Morask Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payroll dated January 7th and January 21st and General Town Fund checks #47171 through check #47266 in the amount of $254,309.85.

Trustee Gialamas  Motion to approve.
Trustee Kazmierczak  Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Teschky  Yes
Trustee Morask  Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak  Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey  Yes
Trustee Gialamas  Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Evelyn Fennell/MaineStay

Evelyn Fennell stated that MaineStay had 17 new client families in December in addition to 70 ongoing cases. Within these 87 families are a total of 320 individuals being helped. She added that MaineStay served 35 Hispanic families in the counseling program in December and thus far in January they have had 21 new Hispanic client families.

Ms. Fennell stated that the groups such as Parenting with Love and Logic, Teen Anger Management, CHAMPS, Protecting You/Protecting Me, All Stars, Drop-In/TLC Teen Center, MaineTRAC/Peer Jury, Art in the Town, Child/Adolescent Mentoring Group and E.A.R.N. are designed to be small education groups, inviting participation and interaction among its participants. They are doing more groups now and have found that it is an effective way to help with clients with similar issues.

Ms. Fennell stated that there are three new education groups formed for the New Year. “Secrets of Relationship Success Couples Workshop” is a five-week journey to discover what it takes to make an intimate relationship work lead by Rich Lyon. “Beautiful Me” is for girls between the ages of 13 through 18. It is designed to help improve self-esteem and body image, while increasing awareness of the influence of the media. “Tough Guise” is an eight-week interactive encounter that will help boys ages 13 through 18 develop positive identity and values that will serve them throughout life.

Ms. Fennell added to her report that Dr. Michael Feld a well-known psychiatrist for Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health facility will present on “Parenting for the Millennium” in March. FISH program provides rides for our residents and it is in need of drivers to transport residents to doctors and other health related appointments.

Ms. Fennell thanked Supervisor Teschky for helping with the Clinical Government Day held on Friday, December 3, 2010. She added that 40 students from the Political Science classes at three Maine Township High Schools attended the Government Day event. The students met in the morning with an overview of Township Government and the services provided to the community. In the afternoon, the students visited the agencies we fund and then came back to the Township for a mock funding hearing.

Agenda Item: Bob Cohen/OEM

Bob Cohen presented the Maine Township OEM 2010 review.

“This past year has brought forth many challenges and opportunities. The Office of Emergency Management experienced solid volunteer growth, our Regional MRC was involved in the National Pandemic Response by assisting Cook County Department of Public Health and we have had an above normal amount of activities that we assisted on throughout the township including a small flooding event.
The Office of Emergency Management has also become extremely active in having a voice about national policies through both the OEM and MRC. I have been appointed to or have continued to serve on 12 different committees and workgroups sponsored by the National MRC Office, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the International Association of Emergency Managers, FEMA and the White House.

All of these committees and workgroups are designed to mold the very fabric of policy guidelines for National, State and Local preparedness.

Also, this past year our Regional MRC was recognized by the MRC National Office and US Health and Human Services as Mentor of the Year for our work in helping others around the country develop programs similar to the successes we have had here in the township.

As we continue through 2011, we will be once again offering our CERT Courses as well as the on-going training of our volunteers on all levels. We further hope that we will have a more concrete Teen SERT program going as well. Additionally, I have been working on the new required revisions to the Township Emergency Plan to insure that we remain qualified in the eyes of the state and federal government.

Our volunteers, over the course of the year, have provided thousands of hours of service to our community and surrounding areas as well as to communities that were struck by devastating tornados. I am pleased to tell you this evening that volunteers under the umbrella of the Office of Emergency Management have provided 3,661.25 hours of service."

Mr. Cohen and his volunteers presented a “Volunteers Hours Check” in amount of $76,337.06 to Supervisor Teschky and Elected Officials.

Agenda Item: Official’s Reports

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he attended the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce’s “A Night of Stars” dinner on Saturday, January 22nd. He congratulated Mr. Dick Barton on receiving a President’s Award and his son Alexander Barton on becoming a new member of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the Highway Department was asked again by the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce to work for the beer tent at the Taste of Park Ridge.

The Highway Commissioner reported that they have been busy with snow removal, on going projects and CDBG grants.

Clerk Warner stated that he had nothing to add to his written report and added that he also had a great time at the “A Night of Stars” event.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he attended the TOCC Trustees meeting on Thursday, January 20th. He enjoyed a very interesting presentation on upcoming changes on health care by Tom Hohenadel. He also congratulated Mr. Barton on receiving the President Star Award.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that Mr. Barton received a well-deserved award. She also thanked Maine Township OEM for their commitment and dedication.

Trustee Moylan Krey reported that so far we received three nominations for the “Sgt. Karen Lader Good Citizen Award”, which will be honoring a citizen in Maine Township that goes above and beyond to help the community. She pointed out that the deadline for nominations is Tuesday, March 22nd. The Neighborhood Watch meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. At the last NW meeting, Cook County Deputy Sheriff, Jim Hanley was warning our seniors and speaking about offenders targeting seniors and stealing their possessions. Also, Park Ridge Police officer, Matt McGannon informed everyone that there is a community alert out on this matter.

Trustee Morask stated that she had the pleasure to attend the Park Ridge “A Night of Stars Award” dinner and congratulated Mr. Barton on being awarded. She also pointed out that Mr. Cohen and OEM volunteers do a great job on their challenging tasks. She thanked Highway Commissioner Provenzano and his department on keeping streets well maintained.

Trustee Morask offered to help Trustee Moylan Krey with hot line phone numbers in regards to community alert issues. She stated that Ms. Swan son and her department organized a great Holiday Luncheon at Chateau Ritz in December.

Supervisor Teschky congratulated Mr. Cohen on his unique idea of counting up volunteer hours and presenting them with a “Volunteers Check” totaling in the amount of $76,337.06. She expressed the
appreciation for OEM volunteers for their hard work and dedication. She also congratulated Mr. Barton on his well-deserved award. She added that Mr. Barton initiated the President’s Award back in 2003, when he was president of the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she and Marsha Warnick attended a Social Workers Winter meeting on Wednesday, January 5th in Countryside, IL. On Monday, January 10th the Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals hearing was held in our Town Hall. They have scheduled the next hearing for Monday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m. The Maine Township Planning Commission will meet immediately following said hearing. On Friday, January 14th Supervisor Teschky was invited to a Luncheon in Elmwood Park sponsored by Commissioner Silvestri for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. She added that it was very interesting to see what Ms. Preckwinkle had to say about suburban Cook and Townships.

Supervisor Teschky stated that this year’s Park Ridge Star Award Installation Dinner was a very nice event. She noted that on Friday, February 4th the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce will host their Star Award dinner. Also, on Friday, February 4th District 63 will hold Annual Trivia challenge at Gemini Junior High to support TLC. She wished good luck to the Maine Township team called “The Maine Brain”.

Supervisor Teschky informed the Board that on Thursday, February 10th we will hold the CDBG Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and a Special Board meeting at 7:15 p.m. for sole discussion, voting and passage of CDBG resolution. On Monday, February 21st the Maine Township offices will be closed in observance of Presidents’ Day. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd.

Supervisor Teschky pointed out that our Mainely News has a very interesting new look and glossy paper.

All of the Elected Officials extended a very happy and healthy New Year to everyone.

Agenda Item: Attorney’s Report
Attorney Dowd had nothing to report.

Agenda Item: Administrator’s Report
Administrator Berman wished everyone a great New Year and congratulated Mr. Barton on his award.

Agenda Item: Personnel
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Authorization for audio tape destruction of the July 28, 2009 Closed Session Meeting
Supervisor Teschky asked for approval to destroy the tape from the July 28, 2009 Closed Session meeting. She stated that the minutes of said meeting were approved and taken out from Closed Session in January 2010.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to authorize for audiotape destruction of the July 28, 2009 Closed Session meeting.

Trustee Morask Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.
Agenda Item: New Business, Line Item Transfers
Supervisor Teschky presented the Line Item Transfer for the General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund for the fiscal year 2010.

**General Town Fund**
Administration:
- 26,600 Contingency / + 1,600 Accounting Services, + 10,000 Police Protection, + 12,000 Postage, + 3,000 Vehicle Expense

OEM:
- 3,500 Rent / + 3,500 Salary

**General Assistance Fund**
Administration:
- 3,000 Contingency / + 3,000 Building Maintenance

Home Relief:
- 1,000 Contingency / Ambulance Paramedic

Trustee Morask Motion to approve Line Item Transfers for General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund for the fiscal year 2010, effective January 25, 2011 as presented by Supervisor Teschky.
Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
- Supervisor Teschky  Yes
- Trustee Morask  Yes
- Trustee Kazmierczak  Yes
- Trustee Moylan Krey  Yes
- Trustee Gialamas  Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
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 8:17 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk