

Maine Township Board Meeting December 22, 2015

Board Members Present: Trustees Morask, Kazmierczak, Gialamas and Jones

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and Assessor Moylan Krey

Other in attendance: Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Michael Samaan, Elizabeth Coy, Dick Barton, Richard Lyon, Mary Swanson, Dagmar Rutzen, Patrick Wren (Aqua), Marsha Warnick, Patrick R. and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of November 24, 2015 Board Meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 Board Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Abstain

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 20, 2015 and December 4, 2015 and General Assistance checks #49350 through check #49430 in the amount of \$63,702.23.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Trustees met at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting to review the bills.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 4, 2015 and December 18, 2015 and Road District checks #19012 through check #19056 in the amount of \$105,183.04.

Trustee Jones 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 Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 4, 2015 and December 18, 2015 and General Town Fund checks #53288 through check #53375 in the amount of \$265,401.67.

Trustee Morask 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 Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Marsha Warnick/GA

Marsha Warnick reported that the General Assistance department has been very busy with the LIHEAP program. She explained that LIHEAP is usually funded 50% from the Federal Government and 50% from the State but there is no State Budget. She added that General Assistance booked one client family per half hour, added two temporary employees for the LIHEAP program and they assisted 600 low income residents in October.

Ms. Warnick stated that in addition to this, the Medicare Part D program opened on October 15th. This required two of GA Senior employee specialists to assist residents in reviewing their present prescription vendors and checking coverage and if necessary, changing the prescription vendor. The office helped over 250 residents with comparing coverage and making final decisions which are entered into their Medicare records.

Ms. Warnick reported that the General Assistance office also ran the Food Pantry Holiday program for Thanksgiving. A total of 800 residents were assisted as a result of all these programs for the month of November mentioned above. She added that Supervisor Teschky and Ms. Warnick sent out the PR letter to all of the churches and schools in Maine Township announcing these programs.

Ms. Warnick wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year.

Trustee Morask suggested preparing a spreadsheet form with the hours and savings in regards to LIHEAP program.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey wished everyone a Merry Christmas, past Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Holidays.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that she attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, December 6th. She added that like every year our seniors like to get together, enjoying each others company and they are appreciative to the Township for this event. She extended her thanks to Administrator Berman and Vicki Rizzo for organizing terrific Office Holiday Party.

Assessor Moylan Krey presented the proposed budget for 2016/2017 for the Office of Assessor. She added that she proposed a modest 1.89% increase.

Clerk Warner wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Jones commented that the Senior Holiday Luncheon was a very nice event and another success. She wished everyone a Happy Holidays and Healthy New Year.

Trustees Gialamas and Kazmierczak wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Trustee Morask reported that we had an incredibly busy last few months with the FOIA. She commended the Maine Township FOIA officers, Supervisor Teschky, Wiesia Tytko and Township Attorney Dowd for always responding in 5 business day for the FOIA requests. She added that our system has been working very well.

Trustee Morask apologized for missing the Office Holiday Party due to being on a trial. She congratulated the Senior Department for winning the Innovative Senior Program – Senior Expo, Dick Barton for Best Photo of the Year and Best Township Newsletter and Monika Jaroszewicz for winning Senior Staff Member of the Year at

the TOI Conference in Springfield. She added that it was a remarkable success for our Township, which shows what the Township does, can do and will do for their residents.

Trustee Morask wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Teschky also wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Sunday, December 6th she attended the Senior Holiday Luncheon at Chateau Ritz. She was happy to add that everyone enjoyed this beautiful done dinner event. On Wednesday, December 9th along with Carol Langan she attended the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. There was a Food Drive for the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry and they collected very generous donations.

Supervisor Teschky stated that our Township participates in two Festival of Trees, one at Golf Mill and the second one at Summit of Park Ridge. She thanked Doriene Prorak and the kids from the Art in Town program for decorating these beautiful trees.

Supervisor Teschky reported that during a Holiday Distribution a total of 180 boxes were distributed to the Maine Township Food Pantry clients. A total of 270 adults and over 60 children benefited from the Food Pantry Distribution for the Holidays. She added that during Thanksgiving, 372 adults and 59 children received Thanksgiving boxes. She thanked all the volunteers for helping with the Holiday Distribution.

Supervisor Teschky reminded everyone that our Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, December 24th at 1:00 p.m., and will remain closed all day Friday, December 25th for Christmas Day. Also, the Maine Township offices will be closed on Friday, January 1st for the New Year's Holiday and on Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Supervisor Teschky informed the Board that our agreement with Republic Services for solid waste and recycling collection in the unincorporated area will be expiring on March 31, 2016. Pursuant to the present agreement, Supervisor Teschky sent a certified letter to our representative notifying her that we will not be renewing the agreement and we will be going out to bid. The legal notice will be published on December 30th with a due date for all proposals by January 20th. Bid opening will be on January 20th at 9:30 a.m. Supervisor Teschky will provide the Board with a list of the proposals at the January 26th Board meeting.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd stated that he continues working on general matters.

Agenda Item: Administrator Report

Administrator Berman had nothing to add to her written report.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Receipt of Assessor's Budget

Supervisor Teschky stated that a Receipt of Assessor's Budget was received and will become a part of the General Town Fund Budget 2016-2017.

Agenda Item: New Business, Agency Funding Allocations

Supervisor Teschky stated that the proposed Agency Funding figures were distributed in the Board packets for today's discussion, review and approval. She added that due to our good budgeting, the Township was able to increase Agency Funding Grants for 2016-2017 to \$402,000.00.

Trustee Kazmierczak and Trustee Morask discussed the funding amounts requested by the District 63 Education Found - TLC, Josselyn and a few other agencies and confirmed the average amounts proposed by the Township Elected Officials and employees.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve the Agency Funding allocations as specified for 2016 and the first two months in 2017 for a total of \$402,000.00.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Trustee Morask stated that she agrees with approving specified grants but needs to comment on the District 63-TLC matter. She stated that the Township is raising the TLC's grant to \$44,000.00 because they complied with our requests by switching out their executive director and providing the waivers for attendance. Trustee Morask added that the TLC needs to work more to improve themselves. She suggested they use volunteers for their programs instead of interns that have to be paid. She commented that the funding should be used for the youth programs not the administrative expenses.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that the TLC needs tighter supervision from the Township and their programs have to be more innovative. In his opinion if the after school programs are educational and other issues are being addressed the Township will continue funding them.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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| Supervisor Teschky | Yes |
| Trustee Morask | Yes |
| Trustee Kazmierczak | Yes |
| Trustee Gialamas | Yes |
| Trustee Jones | Yes |

Motion carried.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Oksana Bukaczyk will send out letters and contracts to the approved agencies on Monday.

Agenda Item: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Morask Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk