

Maine Township Board Meeting April 26, 2016

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

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

Other in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Elizabeth Coy, Richard Lyon, Mary Swanson, Denise Jajko, Marsha Warnick, Dagmar Rutzen, , Marty Cook, Michael Samaan, Catherine Sbarra, Alexander Barton, Officer Robert, Officer Stephans, Patrick Wren, Kiriakos Stafilas, and Annette Galante

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2016 Board Meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 Board Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Gialamas Abstain

Trustee Jones Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2016 Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement Meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 5, 2016 Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Gialamas 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 March 25, 2016 and April 8, 2016 and General Assistance checks #49668 through check #49753 in the amount of \$65,944.42.

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 Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes
Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 25, 2016, April 8, 2016 and April 22, 2016 and Road District checks #19196 through check #19231 in the amount of \$76,163.71.

Trustee Jones 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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 25, 2016, April 8, 2016 and April 22, 2016 and General Town Fund checks #53658 through check #53778 in the amount of \$361,038.55.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.
Trustee Jones 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: Marty Cook/Recovery Connection

Marty Cook reported that the Maine Township Recovery Connection meetings began one year ago and there have been approximately 48 meetings attended by 1,300 young adults. Marty said he takes pride in the fact that these young adults give back to the community through participation in the organized visits to treatment centers such as Advocate treatment program and Keys To Recovery at Presence Hospital.

Marty Cook stated that the meetings have a core group of 30 to 40 who attend regularly and these young people have made friends and now are involved in other social activities. Marty stated the success of this program is due to the courageous act of the Maine Township board enacting this program.

Marty Cook stated that this past month they participated in the Oakton Community College Alcohol Awareness program over three days answering questions from staff and students. The professor who organized the Oakton College program visited the Friday night meeting and asked the young people about the Maine Township Recovery Connection. They responded by saying it's their favorite meeting of the week and they look forward to it because they get to be with people their age. Marty believes that this is why the program is a success.

Marty also had an outing to Sky High Sports Trampoline Park that 17 people went along. This May they are planning to go to a meeting on a Tuesday night in Crystal Lake.

Marty Cook reported on the partnerships made with Advocate treatment center, Presence Holy Family Hospital, Rosecrance, and Brooktree. These clinical institutions promote Recovery Connection meetings.

Marty Cook stated another topic was introduced at the Senior Expo regarding the opiate problem. Marty met with David Katz, Executive Director of the Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation to partner on a community education campaign to raise awareness of opiate abuse among young adults. Heroin addiction in Cook County is a full scale epidemic whose tentacles reach far and wide, and include unlikely groups such as doctors, athletes, senior citizens, and well intentioned parents. We need to

address this head on in the community by implementing a proactive approach to cultivate public, private, and community partnerships that connect with stakeholders. The outreach would serve to educate the public, save lives, reduce crime and increase those seeking treatment and effective two-way communications with various partners to learn how we can better help those afflicted.

Supervisor Teschky commented that one year ago Marty Cook began this program as outreach coordinator and in this short period of time he has developed this Maine Township Recovery Connection. She added he has been much more involved than just a coordinator of outreach programs. She complemented Marty Cook and his assistant, Jonathan Kaehn on their good work which resulted in the Maine Township Recovery Connection being the recipient of the Henry White Memorial Award presented by Peer Services. This is a great tribute to Marty and Jonathan for just a short period of one year that they were able to really make a difference in our community.

Supervisor Teschky stated she has appointed Marty Cook a new title as Director of Maine Township Recovery Connection and congratulated and thanked him on one year of fantastic work.

Agenda Item: Vantage Point Benefits Advisors Presentation

Catherine Sbarra from the Vantage Point, Insurance Brokers reported that the Maine Township and Maine Township Highway Department Renewal Health rates being offered from BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois were not as good as we had, however she is still negotiating. Ms. Sbarra showed the current rate of \$779,062.80 and the renewal rate of \$954,882.12 and explained the 24.09% increase was due to the active claims, which are large claims that are going on now. She explained the risk number has tripled since last year, which reflects in the rate increase.

Ms. Sbarra stated she has communicated with BlueCross that the renewal rate is not in the townships budget and to consider the township has been with BlueCross for a long time and requested they do better and is waiting to hear from them.

Ms. Sbarra explained rates and plan coverage shown in the spreadsheets she presented to the board. There were some questions asked and she explained the breakdowns. She also covered insurance plans from other insurance companies. She explained if any plan changes were made, you lose the Grandfathered plan and never get that back.

Ms. Sbarra recommended staying with the BlueCross BlueShield Insurance and keeping the Grandfather Plan since they offered the best rates for the Maine Township employees.

Ms. Sbarra also explained the details regarding the Dental coverage and processing the claims. She reported that there are no changes on the Dental coverage, Vision coverage until 2018 and Life coverage until 2017.

Supervisor Teschky and the Trustees all thanked Ms. Sbarra for her presentation.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that the Maine Township tax reassessment will mail the week of May 26th. This is the triennial assessment which evaluates data for the last three years. The Assessors office is expecting to be busy with tax appeals in the month of June. The appeal process will last for approximately thirty days.

Assessor Moylan Krey congratulated Marty Cook on his new title as Director of Maine Township Recovery Connection.

Clerk Warner reported that the Clerk's office continues to process many U.S. Passports and in the month of March the total was 482 and in February the total was 420. He stated the office is happy to be of service to the public.

Trustee Jones reported that she attended the Mainestays Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new mentoring program in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters. She added she is looking forward to working with this program.

Trustee Jones reported that on April 6th, she also attended the Topics Day in Springfield with Trustee Kazmierczak to lobby legislators regarding changes that are proposed for townships.

Trustee Jones stated that on April 9th she had the pleasure of attending the banquet that honored Maine Township Recovery Connection, Director Marty Cook. She offered her congratulations to Marty.

Trustee Gialamas congratulated Marty Cook on a well deserved honor for a great program and a great first year.

Trustee Gialamas reported he had the first National Night Out meeting and the theme is "What's your idea of what a safe neighborhood looks like". The theme is to get children involved and get some

good posters made. The next meeting is scheduled on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Feldman and anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to come. The National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 2.

Trustee Kazmierczak reported he also attended those same events.

Trustee Kazmierczak congratulated Marty Cook and stated the possibility of another award by submitting a TOI nomination for best program or appropriate category.

Trustee Morask stated the FOIA committee continues to be busy and is quick in responding to requests.

Trustee Morask commented she is thrilled with the award Marty Cook received. This program is one of the best and cost effective programs that Maine Township has funded and expects it to continue to grow as it is open to so many different kinds of partnerships.

Trustee Morask reported she attended the Annual Town Meeting. The reports given at this meeting show without question that each Maine Township department is productive in serving the residents. She stated that every department is busy and the people who think townships don't do anything and should be eliminated are incorrect.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Senator Laura Murphy invited her and the Elk Grove Twp. Supervisor Mike Sweeney and Schaumburg Twp. Supervisor Mary Wroblewski to a meeting on Friday April 1st to discuss the pending bills targeting Townships. They presented the facts and figures for Senator Murphy to help make her decisions when these different votes come up in the Senate. They were happy to meet with her and thanked her for her concerns.

Supervisor Teschky stated that this Friday, April 29th will be the Senior Expo at Golf Mill from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All our departments will be there and she is looking forward to a good turnout as it has been in the past.

Supervisor Teschky stated on Friday, May 6 will be the annual Agency Day at Manzo's in Des Plaines at 8:30 a.m. Mainstay Director Richard Lyons has a very fine guest speaker lined up and has invited all our different social service agencies to come.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Wednesday, May 25th, MaineStreamers will be hosting the 90+ Birthday Party Luncheon at Chateau Ritz. She added that over 100 invitations were sent.

Supervisor Teschky stated on Monday, May 30th, Town Hall will be closed for Memorial Day. She received a letter from the Veterans Memorial Day Parade Association of Park Ridge and inviting Maine Township to participate in their parade. The parade will begin at 10:00.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd had nothing new to report.

Agenda Item: Administrator Report

Administrator Dayna Berman reported that on June 23rd will be the Volunteer Reception and invited all board members to attend.

Administrator Dayna Berman stated that the MaineStreamers have purchased a portable microphone and it is available for use by any department if needed.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Resolution 2016-6 – Approval to execute Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD

Supervisor Teschky presented to the Board a Resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement between Maine Township and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to participate in the Municipal Rain Barrel Distribution Program. She added upon submission of an application and an executed Waiver and Release to Maine Twp. by any resident in the unincorporated area, MWRD will provide and deliver directly to the resident up to 4 rain barrels, connection hardware and installation instructions. There will be no charge to either the resident or the Township for this program.

A lengthy discussion took place with questions regarding the obligations, permits and fees for the proposed program. Positive comments were also made that this is good for the environment and alleviating flooding.

Attorney Dowd commented that this is a good program but raised his concerns regarding the proposed agreement.

Trustee Morask Motion to continue the discussion and approval of the proposed Resolution to the next Board meeting.

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: New Business, Approval of Staff Salaries

Supervisor Teschky asked the Board for approval of staff salaries.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve the 2016-2017 Staff Salaries as proposed.

Trustee Jones 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: New Business, Approval of 2016-17 Town Fund/GA Budget

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Public Hearings for General Town & General Assistance Fund and Road & Bridge Fund were held prior to the Board meeting.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve the Maine Township Town and General Assistance Fund Ordinance 2016-2, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2016-2017 as presented to the Board with the total appropriation of \$11,291,517.00.

Trustee Gialamas 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: New Business, Approval of 2016-17 Road & Bridge Budget

Trustee Morask Motion to approve the Maine Township Road District Ordinance 2016-RB-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2016-2017 as presented to the Board with the total appropriations of \$2,103,830.00.

Trustee Jones 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: Closed Session
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Teschky	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk