

Maine Township Board Meeting October 25, 2016

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

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

Other in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Elizabeth Coy, Richard Lyon, Mary Swanson, Marsha Warnick, Dagmar Rutzen, Michael Samaan, Dawne Hayman, Alex Barton, Marty Cook, Denise Jajko, Carol Langan, Lisa Ahmed, Petra Geier, Oialia Gomez, Kelli Vandegrifs, Lynda Santrella, Leroy Ovestern, Char Foss Eggemann, Susan Sweeney and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Supervisor Teschky welcomed Girl Scout Troop 41171 from District 63, who attended our Board Meeting as part of their requirements to obtain an "Inside Government" badge.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2016 Board Meeting

Trustee Morask Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 Board Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 23, 2016 and October 7, 2016 and General Assistance checks #50071 through check #50132 in the amount of \$67,152.40.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Gialamas 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 Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 7, 2016 and October 21, 2016 and Road District checks #19456 through check #19492 in the amount of \$222,582.20.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve.
Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 7, 2016 and October 21, 2016 and General Town Fund checks #54283 through check #54375 in the amount of \$312,185.83.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.
Trustee Morask Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Crop Walk Presentation

Supervisor Teschky stated the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Maine Township Food Pantry was a recipient for 25 years of about ¼ of their donations and pledges.

Supervisor Teschky honored this organization with the Township of Maine Proclamation Celebrating the 25th Annual Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk. Ms. Lynda Santrella and Mr. Leroy Ovestern accepted this award on behalf of the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk.

Agenda Item: Marty Cook/Recovery Connection

Marty Cook reported that the Recovery Connection meetings on every Friday night average about 30-40 participants per week. In the month of October and November, four of regular participants will be attaining one year of continuous sobriety. It is a mark for anyone in recovery but especially impressive for young adults.

Mr. Cook stated that in October they took 61 phone calls from parents and community members in advising on recovery options for their children. 98 of this program's participants volunteered their time to speak to patients at Holy Family Hospital, Brooktree Health Services and Advocate Medical Center. Mr. Cook and two Recovery Connection volunteers were privileged to be invited to participate in a panel discussion on addiction and recovery at Oakton Community College. This event was hosted by City of Skokie, North Shore Jewish Child & Family Services and PEER Services of Maine Township.

Mr. Cook reported that the Recovery Connection hosted its first Open House on Friday, October 14th. They welcomed parents, healthcare professionals and other community leaders from the Maine Township Community. The group was attended by 51 regular meeting participants as well as 20 professional observers. The MTRC has built strategic alliance with neighboring townships and other social service agencies such as: Niles Township, Save A Star Foundation, Gateway Health, Rosecrance, Maryville Academy, Oakton Community College, Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center, Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and others.

Mr. Cook stated that The Recovery Connection consulted with Richard Lyon, MaineStay Director and Maureen Collins, Director of Resecrance in an effort to partner on a MTRC educational presentation this February in Park Ridge discussing the topic of the opioid epidemic as well as recovery/treatment options.

Mr. Cook stated that MTRC has helped a total of 14 of their weekly meetings participants, secure full and part time employment throughout the Township. He pointed out that their phone list has grown to 197 members and their weekly newsletter is sent to over 172 individuals currently in recovery.

Trustee Jones complimented Mr. Cook on his great vision, great job and a fantastic MTRC program that was implemented by him. She commented that if there is no addiction in the family this program means nothing but if there is this program means everything to the family and addicted individuals.

Trustee Morask also commented on this great program and questioned about the full capacity in the Niles Park District where MTRC has meeting.

Mr. Cook explained that it is a very large room and big enough for this program.

Mr. Cook stated that his assistant, Jonathan Kaehn is a very professional worker. He does a fantastic job consulting parents and their young adults on their recovery options. He is a huge asset to The Recovery Connection program.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that she attended the Niles Lights-On After School event at Golf Mill Shopping Center on Thursday, October 20th. She added that programs like this are very important to the children and their parents, where kids can do their homework, crafts projects or play games after school to stay off the streets. Other in attendance was Supervisor Teschky, MaineStay, Fire Department and some other organizations.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that Maine Township is still not open for the Board of Review. The numbers will be published on November 2nd and possibly the Board of Review will be open at the end of November. She pointed out that her office implemented a new procedure that residents can pre-file their Board of Review appeal at Maine Township and they won't have to stand in long lines when it officially opens.

Assessor Moylan Krey reported that from January 1st to October 21st her office received 4,887 phone calls, assisted 11,747 taxpayers at the counter, filed 739 transfers, issued 3,543 permits, sent 480 welcome letters, filed 1,127 certificate of errors, 163 homeowner exemptions, 921 senior exemptions, 1,149 freeze exemptions, 243 disability exemptions, 47 disable veterans exemptions, 2,637 Assessor appeals, 43 Assessor re-review appeals, 459 BOR-pre-file appeals, 202 address name change and 135 waiver applications. She added that the taxpayer saved \$550,243.41 from Maine Township processing 423 C/E. There were 15 properties that she reported to the Cook County Assessor that were not placed on the tax rolls properly. This resulted in a return of \$19,648.45 to taxing bodies. 31 discovery properties from 2015 and 2016 are waiting on action from Cook County Assessor.

Assessor Moylan Krey advised that her office sponsored two outreach programs to educate residents on their real estate taxes. She will be having two additional seminars this fall when the Board of Review opens.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak reported that since the last meeting, the Highway Department handed out 15 instruction permits and 15 waiver letters. Highway Department crew has been working on grading ditches in front of houses for proper water flow. They are working on Dee Road, replacing signs where necessary and have been working on vehicles and equipment maintenance in preparation for winter.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that Aqua Water has finally started their water project on Delphia. He added the tree trimming project will be extended with the leftover money from this budget. Highway Department will start striping at the end of this week on the resurfaced roads.

Clerk Warner reported that on Thursday, October 6th he attended the TOCC Clerk's Division meeting in Orland Township. On Saturday, October 15th he helped with the traffic control volunteering for Citizens Patrol in the Park Ridge Electronics Recycling. He also added that the Passport program in his office is very popular.

Trustee Jones stated that she attended two of Agency Funding Hearings and pointed out that a lot of agencies are in need and it is a very important that our Township can contribute to their funding.

Trustee Morask stated that the FOIA committee is very busy with complying with FOIA requests. She also attended the Agency Funding Hearing and commented that it is important to fund the agencies programs but not employees or volunteers expenses.

Trustee Morask added that there is vacancy in the Planning Commission and it should be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Teschky reported that on Wednesday, October 5th she attended the Social Workers meeting on immigration in Northlake, IL. On Saturday, October 15th she participated in the Park Ridge Electronics Recycling event at the Park Ridge Public Works building where 468 cars dropped off electronics. On Sunday, October 16th she participated in 25th Niles/Park Ridge Annual Crop Walk, which started around 2:15 p.m. from the Park Ridge Community Church. Supervisor Teschky congratulated the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk on their 25th anniversary. On Wednesday, October 19th, the second Agency Funding Hearing was held at 6:15p.m. On Thursday, October 20th she attended the Niles Lights-on After School event at Golf Mill Shopping Center.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Thursday, October 27th, Maine Township will hold the third and final Agency Funding Hearing. She added that our Township helps these applying agencies because lot of them lack the funding from the State. On Monday, October 31st, like every year we will have a Halloween visit from Stevenson School students.

Supervisor Teschky stated that next month, on Saturday, November 5th our Township will be hosting a Cops for Coats-coat drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., sponsored by the Niles, Park Ridge and Des Plaines Police Departments. The Maine Township Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd had nothing new to report.

Agenda Item: Administrator Report

Administrator Berman stated that Denise Jajko, Vicki Rizzo and she will be attending a seminar in a couple weeks on HR law that will educate on changing legislation mainly discussing the Department of Labor who will be defining the new overtime standards of FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act).

The changes are projected to take place on December 1, 2016 for certain full time salaried workers who fall within the executive, administrative or professional role.

Agenda Item: Personnel

None.

Agenda Item: Old Business, Approval for Closed Session Minutes from March 22, 2016

Supervisor Teschky presented the revised Closed Session minutes from March 22, 2016 and asked if they can be taken out and placed into the regular minutes.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve the Closed Session minutes from March 22, 2016 and file them with the regular Board minutes.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Abstain

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Compensation Resolution for Elected Officials years 2017-2021

Supervisor Teschky stated that the new salaries and compensations for the Elected Officials for the term 2017-2021 needs to be discussed and approved. Supervisor Teschky presented the spreadsheet with current salaries for Maine Township Officials and other Townships salaries for comparison.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the salaries for some Elected Officials should be decreased after comparing them with other townships which were less. She proposed a 25% reduction across the board except for Trustees. She proposed freezing the Trustees salaries and eliminating paying them for any additional meeting.

Trustee Morask proposed cutting the Supervisor's salary 25%-30% since it is higher than in other townships. She also proposed to increase a premium insurance contribution for all Elected Officials. She agreed to freeze Trustees salaries. She proposed to set salaries for the next four years without any yearly increase.

Assessor Moylan Krey strongly disagreed with cutting the Assessor's salary. She proposed to keep it flat and agreed with increasing the insurance contribution.

Assessor Moylan Krey pointed out that the Assessor position requires certifications, continuing education and she added that she does spend a good deal of time in the office serving residents. She added that if the salary is cut she will have to hire more staff to work in the Assessor's office.

Trustee Jones suggested that Trustees be paid by attending the Board meetings and asked Assessor Moylan Krey for her consideration reducing the Assessor's salary.

Trustee Morask commented that if Trustees will be paid by attendance of the meeting there won't be any cut in their salaries. They have to be paid annually or monthly not both.

Trustee Gialamas agreed with Trustee Morask's comment and stated that in his opinion the Assessor's salary should stay flat so it would not be necessary to hire more staff for this office.

Assessor Moylan Krey suggested reducing the Assessor's salary by 15% effective January 1, 2018 for the next four years.

Some Elected Officials strongly voiced their opinion regarding the Assessor's salary but it was discussed in length and suggested increasing the insurance contribution.

Supervisor Teschky	Motion to approve the Compensation Resolution for Elected Officials for 2017-2021 term, with a reduction of 25% Supervisor, 25% Clerk, 25% Highway Commissioner, 15% Assessor (from 1/1/2018), 20% Trustees, with no additional payment for extra meetings, and with a contribution of 25% for insurance premium for all Elected Officials if they so choose.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Trustee Morask did not agree with the salary reduction of 15% for Assessor. She pointed out that in her opinion it should be 25% like all the other officials.

Trustee Schaefer agreed with Trustee Morask pointing out that everyone's generous offer of reducing their salary of 25% should be the same for the Assessor's position.

Trustee Morask	Motion to table the previous motion.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schaefer	Yes

Motion carried.

After a long discussion Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion regarding salary reduction and insurance contribution.

Supervisor Teschky	Amending the previous motion to say: Motion to approve the Compensation Resolution for Elected Officials for 2017-2021 term, with a reduction of 25% Supervisor, 25% Clerk, 25% Highway Commissioner, 20% Assessor (from 1/1/2018), 25% Trustees, with no additional payment for extra meetings, and with a contribution of 25% for insurance premium for all Elected Officials if they so choose to take the insurance.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Supervisor Teschky Motion to approve compensation of \$1,000 as yearly salary for Supervisor as holding a position of Treasurer of the Road and Bridge Fund effective May 15, 2017 through May 17, 2021.

Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of: Ordinance 2016-RB03, 2016-RB-4 and 2016-RB-5

Supervisor Teschky asked for approval of three new proposed Ordinances by Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve the Ordinance 2016-RB-3, Ordinance of the Highway Commissioner Maine Township Road District – “Preservation of Public Streets, Road, Alleys & Rights-Of-Way”.

Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve the Ordinance 2016-RB-4, Ordinance of the Highway Commissioner Maine Township Road District – “Parking Motor Vehicles”.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve the Ordinance 2016-RB-5, Ordinance of the Highway Commissioner Maine Township Road District – “Repairs to Motor Vehicles on Public Way”.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schaefer	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Bank signature authorization change

Supervisor Teschky stated that prior to Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak being appointed to Highway Commissioner he was a second designated signee for Parkway and Chase Banks accounts.

Supervisor Teschky asked for a motion to appoint Trustee Morask to be designated signee.

Trustee Schaefer	Motion to appoint Trustee Morask to be a signee on all accounts on Parkway and Chase Banks accounts.
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Trustee Gialamas	Second.
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All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Gialamas	Motion to adjourn.
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Trustee Jones	Second.
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All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk