

Maine Township Board Meeting November 22, 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, Denise Jajko, Elizabeth Coy, Richard Lyon, Marsha Warnick, Dagmar Rutzen, Michael Samaan, Alex Barton, Dave Carrabotta and Wiesia Tytko

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 October 25, 2016 Board Meeting

Supervisor Teschky Motion to waive the reading and approve the corrected minutes of the October 25, 2016 Board Meeting as distributed to the Board.

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: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 21, 2016 and November 4, 2016 and General Assistance checks #50133 through check #50200 in the amount of \$69,950.70.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.

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.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 4, 2016 and November 18, 2016 and Road District checks #19493 through check #19538 in the amount of \$91,572.39.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated November 4, 2016 and November 18, 2016 and General Town Fund checks #54376 through check #54454 in the amount of \$284,095.16.

Trustee Schaefer 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: Rich Lyon/MaineStay Youth & Family Services

MaineStay Director, Richard Lyon stated that fall 2016 one of the busiest in the 41-year history of the MaineStay Department. Since May, the 2nd and 3rd of MaineStay's major 2016 partnership initiatives have launched successfully.

Mr. Lyon reported that the Professional Development/Community Education in partnership with Chicago Behavioral Hospital (CBH) held an event on self-esteem on November 10th with 102 people in attendance. Since June, when MaineStay began offering these events in partnership with CBH, average of 72 attendees for professional development workshop and 82 attendees for community education seminars, nearly double the average number of community education attendees over the past 10 years. The professional development workshop on working with challenging high-risk adolescents is already full with 150 people registered and it will be held on January 20, 2017 at the Des Plaines Library. Marty Cook and Mr. Lyon collaborated together and are working with Rosecrance for the February 7, 2017 community educational event on the opiate epidemic, which will be held at Maine Township Town Hall. Mr. Lyon added that CBH is an outstanding partner in offering these events together, they paid for all the speakers, majority of refreshments and the CBH is an ideal example of public private partnership.

Mr. Lyon stated that the Psychiatric Partnership with The Josselyn Center has offered their psychiatric services for over 5 months. Dr. Walsh had seen 48 clients and may be the only organization in the state accepting new Medicaid clients without an extensive waiting list. Mr. Lyon thanked the Board for funding this worthwhile endeavor and for stepping up to provide this additional service to the community.

Mr. Lyon stated that Mentoring Partnership with Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) 1st session began in February and it was expanded to two sessions last month. There are strong match connections between mentors and youth and good data to back up long-term effectiveness of mentoring programs. He added that BBBS pays for all program costs.

Mr. Lyon added to his report that Future Leaders peer mentoring expanded to twice a month this fall. He added that the demand for counseling services has increased. He also thanked his incredible hardworking MaineStay team.

Trustee Gialamas commended Mr. Lyon and his staff their extraordinary service to the community and on spreading the awareness of MaineStay's services.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey reported that last week her office worked on a FOIA request and they were outreaching to other townships if they received the same FOIA. The FOIA request was from out of state and business related.

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that the Maine Township Assessor's office is open for the Board of Review and it will be open until December 13, 2016. She added that her office will be hosting a reach-

out seminar at the Maine Township Town Hall on Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak reported that since the last meeting, Highway Department issued 5 permits and 13 waivers. Highway Department is in possession of 300 tons of salt from last year at \$90 a pound. They just received 200 tons more at \$47 a pound. They have contracts from both, the State and the County as protection in case one of the entities runs out of salt. IDOT awarded Highway Department a used excavator for \$2,000 and 3 tractors for \$200 apiece.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that TOIRMA, the insurance company provided the Safety Seminar with demonstrations in the Highway Department building and it was well received and helpful.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak noted that he is trying to implement a uniform policy. Finally, he added that he hired a new employee, who previously worked at the car dealership as a mechanic. Peter Jimenez started to work for Highway Department on November 7th and had already proven his worth. He fixed the damaged air compressor without a cost of any new parts and did an expensive break job on a big truck. His work is reducing the expensive repairing jobs. Mr. Jimenez has a CDL permit already and as soon as he secures his license he will help other workers with the snow and also will work with the crew as needed. His starting salary is \$22 with benefits.

Clerk Warner stated that on November 13 through November 15 he attended the Township Officials of Illinois Conference in Springfield, Illinois. He attended a few very interesting and informative seminars such as: How a Bill becomes a law in Illinois, What you need to know to prepare for the upcoming election, Township record keeping and of course the Township Clerk's Division meeting.

Clerk Warner stated that on December 1st, he and his staff will be attending the TOCC Clerk's Division Association meeting and holiday party. He reminded everyone that the Maine Township Caucuses will be held on Tuesday, December 6th. The Republican Caucus will be held at the Prospect Park O'Connor Building at 7:30 p.m. and the Democratic Caucus will be held at the Golf Maine Park District at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Jones stated that she attended the TOI Conference and attended some of the same classes as Clerk Warner, and also Township Finances and Terrorism in the Midwest.

Trustee Gialamas said that he also attended the TOI Conference as always very informative and educational. He enjoyed the classes and spending time and networking with other elected officials. He wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Morask stated that she sent a couple of residents to apply for their exemptions at the Maine Township Assessor's office. She commented that these residents were very satisfied with our Assessor's office services and they were glad they live in Maine Township.

Supervisor Teschky reported that the Maine Township Town Hall was a distribution center on Saturday, November 5th for a Coat Drive supplied by the Des Plaines, Niles and Park Ridge Police. She stated that some of the Elected Officials and staff attended the TOI Springfield Conference from Sunday, November 13th through Wednesday, November 16th. She added that she attended a few interesting seminars and enjoyed networking with different townships officials.

Supervisor Teschky mentioned that on Thursday, December 1st, the Des Plaines Bank and Trust Company invited Board members to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Teschky invited everyone to the Des Plaines Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 2nd. On Sunday, December 4th, the Senior Department will be hosting their annual Senior Holiday Luncheon at Chateau Ritz. On Friday, December 23rd our Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 p.m. On Monday, December 26th our offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

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

Agenda Item: Administrator Report
Administrator Berman

Agenda Item: Personnel
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Planning Commission Vacancy

Supervisor Teschky stated that for a couple of months there is a vacancy in the Maine Township Plan Commission due to one of the commission members moved out of our Township.

Supervisor Teschky presented an application for a Planning Commission membership by Madhu Patel. She stated that Mr. Patel is a resident of Maine Township for the last 16 years. He showed an interest to serve the Planning Commission Board. He expressed that it is his duty as a citizen to help in the community.

Supervisor Teschky pointed out that the Maine Township Planning Commission appears at the Cook County Building and Zoning appeals and gives their recommendations to the Maine Township Board.

Trustee Morask	Motion to appoint Mr. Madhu Patel for the member of the Maine Township Plan Commission.
Trustee Schaefer	Second.

Trustees Morask, Gialamas and Jones commented that they met Mr. Patel and agreed that he is more than qualified for this position.

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, Tax Levy Ordinance General Town Fund/GA 2016

Supervisor Teschky presented the Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-6 and asked the Board for approval. She stated that this tax levy has to be filed with the Cook County Clerk by the forth Tuesday in December. She pointed out that the Maine Township Tax Levy for the General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund are flat, the figures are same as last year, which represents a zero percent increase in requested tax money.

Trustee Morask	Motion to approve and waive the reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-6 for the Maine Township General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund for the total amount of \$5,591,454.00
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Trustee Morask pointed out that it is excellent to keep the tax levy flat.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she is very pleased to present this levy with no increase to the Maine Township taxpayers.

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, Tax Levy Ordinance Road & Bridge 2016

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak pointed out that the 2016 Tax Levy will be increased by 3.2%, which is less than last year. He stated that the previous years' levies were increased 4.9%, which was just below the level of the hearing and a potential referendum. He explained that CPI (Consumer Price Index) is going to be 0.8%, which means that this percentage will be awarded for the Road District Fund by the State. He added that Road District Fund can't ask for zero percent increase because it doesn't have surplus and it is recommended to ask for any increase in requested tax money.

Trustee Schaefer Motion to approve and waive the reading of the Tax Levy Ordinance 2016-RB-6 for the Maine Township Road District Fund for the total amount of \$2,533,352.00

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.

Agenda Item: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Gialamas Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jones Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk