

Maine Township Board Meeting July 28, 2009

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

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

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dick Barton, Doriene Prorak, Sharon McLaughlin, Mary Wahle, Mary Swanson, Kathleen Dimond, Carmen Carabona, 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 June 23, 2009 Board meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the June 23, 2009 Board meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation, Yousri Daoud

Mr. Yousri Daoud did not showed up for the meeting.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated June 26, 2009 and July 10, 2009 and General Assistance checks #42790 through check #42835 in the amount of \$49,835.13.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that the finance committee met earlier to review the bills.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 26, 2009, July 10, 2009 and July 24, 2009 and Road District checks #15118 through check #15179 in the amount of \$222,654.75.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated June 26, 2009, July 10, 2009 and July 24, 2009 and General Town Fund checks #45212 through check #45329 in the amount of \$340,913.40.

Trustee Moylan Krey	Motion to approve.
Trustee Morask	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Mary Swanson/MaineStreamers

Mary Swanson stated that the Maine Township Senior Department partnered with the Advocate Lutheran Older Adult Services to offer the Lifeline Program to older adults especially those who are alone or live independently. As a partner they waive the \$80 installation fee. The cost ranges from \$42 to \$46 a month. So far, the Senior Department has nine residents and many more inquiring.

Ms. Swanson stated that they have been doing very well with the Day Trips. Last month they offered five trips and four of which sold out within a day. She pointed out that the Maine Township Senior programs have continued to grow. The MaineStreamers are asked to provide the Senior Department their e-mail addresses for periodic updates. So far, they collected 200 addresses.

Ms. Swanson stated that the 10th Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for this Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Bangs Lake in Wauconda. So far, they have twelve boats with volunteer captains and fifty-six participating seniors. They will be giving can cozies, which were donated by the American Legion Post 911 in Wauconda.

Ms. Swanson stated that her department is partnering with the Schaumburg Township Disability Services to provide free amplified phones to residents with a certified hearing loss.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde thanked Administrator Berman and Doriene Prorak for helping her navigate through different issues with the township and township staff.

Collector Rohde attended the 2009 Newly Elected Officials seminar for continuing education in Rockford. She found the seminar very interesting and she learned a lot about township's practices and procedures. She added that she is working with Trustee Moylan Krey on the National Night Out event.

Assessor Rueckert stated that his office is still accepting exemption applications and sending them to the Cook County Assessor's office. He added that the 2008 real estate property tax bills would not be mailed until October or November.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that the Highway Department volunteered at the Taste of Park Ridge. He added that everybody had a great time; weather cooperated with the

event and in his opinion, it is very important for our township to volunteer in the events such as Taste of Park Ridge.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano reported that our township has been contacted by many residents on Delphia Avenue concerning the unsightly and disturbing condition of the real estate property on this street. He added that we have many problems with this street for over twelve years. He added that Cook County was notified and hopefully will help our residents with this issue.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that the Community Development Block Grant project for street and reconstruction on Gregory Lane, Lois Drive and Josephine Street started today with all the curb work. This is the CDBG awarded by Cook County Commissioners, Peter Silvestri and Liz Gorman for the amount of \$198,000. He added that the Potter Road project is moving along. It is a nightmare for the residents but it has to be done. He stated that he received three anonymous letters from the "tax watch group" and he requested that our complaint would be made to the United States Postal Service. They are using the township address and he was assured by three attorneys that this kind of action is against the law.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that the ticket recovery money project is also moving along. He reported that the gang activity in the area is the worst since he started as Highway Commissioner. He pointed out that our residents need to be educated to call 911, and we as a township need to initiate this program.

Clerk Warner stated that because the 2009 Cook County vehicle stickers were mailed out late, we as a township had an opportunity to grant a 14-day grace period to sell stickers without a late fee. He added that from June 10th through July 14th his office sold 10,332 Cook County vehicle stickers.

Clerk Warner stated that on June 25, 2009 he attended the TOCC Clerk's meeting where the newly elected Clerks were welcome and the passing of the gavel for President and Treasurer was presented.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he enjoyed very much this year's Taste of Park Ridge and our township was well presented. He added that in his opinion this year's National Night Out will be a big success.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she also enjoyed calling Bingo for seniors at the Taste of Park Ridge. She stated that there were many volunteers from the township, but was disappointed that they didn't wear an insignia showing that they are representing Maine Township.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that Cook County Sheriff Dart will be present at the National Night Out on August 4th. She added that Board members attendance would be very much appreciated.

Trustee Kazmierczak noted that he is helping Trustee Moylan Krey with organizing the National Night Out event. He added that there will be representatives from our township, ARC Disposal, the Secretary of State's office, State Representative Nekritz's office, and she will make an appearance, Attorney General's office and the Cook County Sheriff's department.

Trustee Morask stated that she also attended the Taste of Park Ridge and commended Ms. Prorak for being the most dedicated employee for volunteering at the Taste.

Trustee Morask said that she enjoyed judging the poster contest for the National Night Out, with theme of "Kiss crime goodbye". She added the winning posters will be displayed in the Court House and Sheriff's office. She is still receiving contributions and also thinks that this years NNO will be a great event.

Supervisor Teschky reported that she participated in the 4th of July Niles and Des Plaines Parades. The parades were great and Township Officials gave out a lot of candies. She also attended the Taste of Park Ridge, where Maine Township and Liberty Bank sponsored a movie for the seniors. One can of food was the price of admission. She also called Bingo and the same day had to drive to Lincolnwood to be a judge for the Regional Senior Spelling Bee.

Supervisor Teschky reminded everyone that the National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4th. On August 18th and 19th, the State of Illinois Treasurer office will be using

our Town Hall for their Cash Dash program. At the NATaT Conference in Washington in September Township Elected Officials will be meeting with the US Senators and Congressmen. On October 3rd we will be hosting the annual Maine Township garage sale. The TOI Conference will take place in Springfield in November. Supervisor Teschky thanked Ms. Prorak for making all the reservations.

Supervisor Teschky proposed a few dates for the Agency Funding Hearing, and the Trustees agreed to hold hearings on: Monday, September 21st, Wednesday, September 30th and Monday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Supervisor Teschky stated that Attorney Dowd is in trial and is not able to attend this meeting.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman thanked Highway Commissioner Provenzano and Trustee Morask for recommending two young interns for this summer. Demetra Kolokotromes started with the Clerk's office at their busiest time of the year, selling vehicle stickers and Naomi Bowman helping in G.A. with the Liheap program. They are a great help to the township.

Administrator Berman stated that we need donations for the October 3rd garage sale. All profits will go to the Food Pantry and Youth Camp. She added that there will be a little more renovation in the Town Hall and also asked if the Elected Official had a chance to see the newly planted flowers by the Maintenance team.

Administrator Berman reported that she has formed a committee of four to begin revising our current personnel policy.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Bookkeeper Position

Supervisor Teschky stated that Mary Wahle has chosen to retire after twenty years of service to the township. She did a wonderful job, and we are sorry that she is leaving. She informed the Board that the ad about the bookkeeper position was in the paper and we received about thirty-four resumes. Supervisor Teschky stated that after many interviews the Administration has some recommendations and she entertained a motion to go to the Closed Session.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to move to Closed Session.

Trustee Morask Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Closed Session, Personnel

The Board re-convened in Open Session at 9:28 p.m.

Trustee Morask Motion to re-convene in Open Session.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The following motion reflected the action taken during Closed Session.

Trustee Morask Motion to table the bookkeeper position and set a special meeting for the next week.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Supervisor Teschky	No

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Printer Bids for Mainely News

Supervisor Teschky stated that the printer bids for Mainely News were submitted for revision in the board distribution.

Dick Barton stated that it is a responsible thing to review the cost of printing from major companies for our largest ongoing print project, Mainely News. He added that the last time it was done about three years ago.

Trustees requested a brief summary of the bids for printing and mailing. The approval was postponed to the next meeting.

Agenda Item: New Business, 2010 Census Partnership Proclamation

Supervisor Teschky stated that she has been contacted by Lee Habich, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau in Oak Brook, Illinois. He requested our assistance in making our residents aware of the importance of responding to the 2010 census.

Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to execute the Proclamation in order to help the U. S. Census Bureau.

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to waive the reading and adopt the 2010 Census Partnership Proclamation.
Trustee Morask	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Ordinance 2009-3, Second Amendment to Ordinance 97-RB-4 and 97-5

Supervisor Teschky read out loud the Ordinance 2009-3 regarding the Maine Township Stopping, standing or parking in specified places, and asked for motion.

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to pass the Ordinance 2009-3, the Second Amendment to Ordinance No. 97-RB-4 and 97-5.
Trustee Morask	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Trustee Kazmierczak pointed out that after the Board came out from the Closed Session the motion was passed without setting a date for the special meeting.

Trustee Morask Motion to amend a previous motion to have a special meeting on Thursday, August 6th, at 7:00 p.m., to review other resumes and address the issue of the bookkeeper position.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Motion carried.

Trustee Teschky stated that the issue of the IMRF Early Retirement Plan was also discussed in the Closed Session. The question was if the township is going to establish another early retirement incentive.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to entertain IMRF Early Retirement Incentive program for year 2009.

Trustee Morask Second.

Discussion:

Trustee Morask asked Ms. Wahle how this would affect her?

Ms. Wahle stated that by buying five years of early retirement plan it would increase her pension by \$500 a month.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that if we allow this reintroduction of the early retirement plan it will cost the township \$90,310.88.

Supervisor Teschky pointed out that we also have to consider the second employee in the township that is eligible for this plan. If that employee chooses to apply it will cost township \$206,733.80.

Trustee Morask pointed out that that second employee is not retiring. She added that the cost savings are typically realized in an early retirement by having a younger person that is hired possibly with a lower insurance cost. She added that it is important to reward good government and loyal work of twenty years.

Trustee Kazmierczak reminded the Board that two years ago we were thinking that we were fiscally responsible but there was a temporary period when we were not getting our property taxes for three months so we had to go to the Parkway Bank, because we didn't have enough in reserves. Now we built our reserves for one million dollars and we should act fiscally responsible.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Trustee Gialamas No

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak No

Trustee Morask Yes

Supervisor Teschky No

Motion failed.

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 10:03 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk