

Maine Township Board Meeting September 22, 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: Dick Barton, Doriene Prorak, Sharon McLaughlin, Denise Jajko, Dan Dowd, Niki Tsakalis, Lomesh Shah, Battuya Idertsogt, Marsha Warnick and 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 August 25, 2009 Board meeting

- Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 25, 2009 Board meeting as distributed to the Board.
  - Trustee Morask Second.
  - Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to waive the reading and approve the corrected minutes of the August 25, 2009 Board meeting.
  - 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: Public Participation, Lomesh Shah/ARC contract questions

Niki Tsakalis/Roof permit & Terrace Place issues

Mr. Lomesh Shah introduced himself stating that he is a resident at 9124 Knight Ave. in Des Plaines. He addressed the Board with issues regarding ARC Disposal services. The following are some of Mr. Shah's concerns: small items not being picked up, unable to reschedule a missed pickup, extra charge for recycling, no discount for seniors or smaller households. He asked the Board to review different waste haulers regarding their prices, options and provisions. He also suggested that a committee be selected to review residents' complaints and report their findings to the Board.

Supervisor Teschky thanked Mr. Shah for addressing the Board and stated that some of his concerns will be taken under consideration and they will be discussed with ARC Disposal. She suggested that Mr. Shah or any resident of unincorporated Maine Township to call our township as soon as possible as problems arise and we will contact ARC Disposal.

Trustee Kazmierczak pointed out that the unincorporated Maine Township is contracted with ARC Disposal as a one garbage hauler. This contract is the same for all residents without separate provision for different households. He stated that thanks to this contract, overall there has been an improvement. We no longer have four different garbage haulers going up and down the streets every day of the week collecting garbage.

Trustee Morask stated that in 2004 there was a public hearing and a referendum, which 86% of residents voted yes for contracting a single garbage hauler.

Trustee Kazmierczak added that after a bid, ARC Disposal offered the best prices and services.

Collector Rohde stated that in her opinion we are very fortunate for what we pay for garbage service, because in some other states people are paying triple for the same services.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that we will address the specific complaints to ARC Disposal and we will negotiate these issues with them.

Ms. Niki Tsakalis stated that she is a resident at 9476 N. Terrace Place in Des Plaines. She addressed the Board with a question regarding a roof permit. Ms. Tsakalis stated that to fix a roof in the unincorporated area a Cook County roof permit is needed. She stated that there are new restrictions that started on January 1<sup>st</sup> and it is very hard to get this type of permit from Cook County. She asked why it is so difficult to get a Cook County roof permit?

Attorney Dowd stated that she should check with her builder and he would check into the ordinances regarding installation and roofing.

Ms. Tsakalis stated that she is concerned about the snow that blocks her driveway after Highway Department plows. She thanked Highway Commissioner Provenzano for always responding to clearing her driveway in the past. Ms. Tsakalis wanted to be assured that the snow that blocks her driveway will be taken care of this winter.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano responded that he would do whatever he could to resolve her issues if they present themselves again.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated August 21, 2009 and September 4, 2009 and General Assistance checks #42895 through check #42960 in the amount of \$61,929.72.

Trustee Moylan Krey 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 Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated September 4, 2009 and September 18, 2009 and Road District checks #15226 through check #15279 in the amount of \$104,660.73.

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 September 4, 2009 and September 18, 2009 and General Town Fund checks #45413 through check #45529 in the amount of \$246,068.35.

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to approve.
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: Marsha Warnick/GA

Marsha Warnick stated that the Niles/Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Like every year the 25% of the funds raised will help the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. She added that “Noodles & Company” restaurant offered to support the CROP Walk by “dining in or to go” on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, when the 25% of sales will assist this organization.

Ms. Warnick stated that the flu season is coming and she distributed an extensive list of the Maine Township Flu Shot Schedule and Sites. She stated that Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry needs food and groceries. There is an increase in families who need food so additional food donations are necessary. Ms. Warnick stated that Clerk Warner approached Noodles & Company, which also resulted in a Food Drive for our Township. She added that also Niles Chamber of Commerce, local churches and schools would help our Food Pantry with Food Drives.

Ms. Warnick pointed out that the cooling assistance for summer is completed, and CEDA announced that the new funding year began September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee Kazmierczak commended Ms. Warnick on the General Assistance budget. He stated that half way through the fiscal year, 64% still remains.

Agenda Item: Officials’ Reports

Collector Rohde stated that she attended the “Community Xtravaganza” at Maine West High School on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Michelle and Richard Lyon represented our Township having an informational booth.

Assessor Rueckert reported that the Cook County Assessor has advised that all residential properties in Maine Township will be mailed notices reflecting a reduction in the assessed values of their property. He added that his office will be assisting taxpayers in filing appeals. They are expecting a high volume of residents being confused about the notices. Maine Township is scheduled for the triennial assessment in 2010. This notice is a deviation from the normal assessment cycle.

Assessor Rueckert noted that the 2009 Real Estate tax bills will be mailed no earlier than November 16, 2009.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano extended his thanks to everyone for their condolences on the passing of his mother.

Clerk Warner stated that he attended the TOCC Board meeting in Bloom Township on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the Passport Agency is considering raising the price of the passport from \$75 to \$90.

Clerk Warner stated that we received a new Maine Township precinct map with 111 precincts. He added that when he started in the Township in 1988 there were 155 precincts. Cook County is combining precincts in order to save money.

Clerk Warner informed the Board that there is an elderly family in Maine Township that has been harassed for the last six years. He stated that he will be blitzing the area along with the Park Ridge Citizen Patrol for any information regarding this matter. “Your Neighbors Need Your

Help” flyers from Cook County Crime Stoppers will be distributed to the residents before blitzing. Clerk Warner added that on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> a meeting will be held at Franklin School with the attendance of Alderman DiPietro, Police Chief Kaminski and Niles Police representation. They will discuss seven years history of crime against all the residents in the area of 1400 Parkside, Park Ridge. He added that the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol will have their annual banquet with a raffle. He explained that for every can of food you bring you get a raffle ticket towards winning a prize. All the can goods go to the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he enjoyed his first NATaT Conference in Washington D.C. He found it a very good convention and also had a chance to see some sites of D.C. He enjoyed seeing the process of how the government as a whole runs. He also enjoyed the breakfast hosted by Senators Burris and Durbin, which allowed the attendants to ask questions.

Trustee Moylan Krey extended her condolences to Highway Commissioner Provenzano’s family on the passing of his mother. She stated that she was pleased to see the co-operation with the City of Des Plaines advertising the Maine Township Garage Sale on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Trustee Kazmierczak pointed out that Park Ridge Fire Department is also advertising our Garage Sale.

Trustee Kazmierczak mentioned that he was grateful for the periodic updates in the line items regarding GA, Road District and General Town Fund. He pointed out that at the half way point GA is doing the best. He also found that the presentation of the bills is much improved and easier to read and understand. He also commended how very detailed the Sheriff’s Police Hire Back hours are presented.

Trustee Kazmierczak said that he thought that it was necessary to explain in detail to the resident who spoke during the Public Participation how the decision was made to provide one waste hauler for the unincorporated Maine Township.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she also attended the NATaT Conference in Washington D.C., which she found very informative. She enjoyed meeting not only people from Illinois but from many other states. She also visited the Capital and enjoyed the Illinois Breakfast meeting with Senators Burris and Durbin.

Supervisor Teschky reminded everyone that the next Agency Funding Hearings will be held on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Park Ridge Candle Light Walk will be held on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> the Board is invited for a town hall style meeting at The Summit of Uptown in Park Ridge where Cook County Board President Todd Stroger will be in attendance.

Supervisor Teschky commended Dick Barton for the publicity about our Garage Sale on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event is advertised in the Chicago Tribune, Journal & Topics and displayed on the marques in Des Plaines, North Maine Fire Department and Park Ridge Fire Department.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on August 26<sup>th</sup>, there was a power outage in the community for several hours. The township’s server went down and several programs and databases were lost. When DataSure, our offsite back up service was contacted for data retrieval, we were told that we did not have backup since May. They had no explanation as to why this occurred and we were never notified. The backup floppy disk that Administrator Berman was given was corrupted and was shipped to DataSure. They were able to repair it and as of today, Dave Johnson has fixed the server and all programs are up and running. Our internal back up system never stopped working and all the data was saved up through the day the power went out.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Mr. Johnson, Administrator Berman and she are in process of looking at alternative future solutions, possibly having an internal and external back up system simultaneously. She explained Mr. Johnson’s recommendations considering power failures, the subsequent crash and the problems with the external remote data backup service. She added that BDS Software is recommending a change from the DataSure Remote Backup Service to the Symantec Online Backup Service and the addition of a Quantum GoVault in-house backup system for \$5,000 including his time.

Supervisor Teschky stated that these explanations were in the board distribution packet and she asked for reviewing and recommendations.

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

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report  
Supervisor Teschky stated that Administrator Berman asked to be excused from this meeting due to her daughter's birthday party.

Agenda Item: Personnel  
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business  
None.

Agenda Item: New Business  
Highway Commissioner Provenzano asked Attorney Dowd about a status on the case regarding Delphia Street.  
Attorney Dowd responded that the hearing is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>. There is no decision yet on this case.

Agenda Item: Closed Session  
None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment  
Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to adjourn.  
Trustee Gialamas Second.  
All in favor.  
Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Maine Township Clerk