

Maine Township Board Meeting October 27, 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, Denise Jajko, Dan Dowd, Mary Swanson, David Johnson, Scott Thompson, Victoria Thompson, Fran Hume, David Billingham, Jason Schram, Jeffrey G. Anderson 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 stated that Trustee Morask called earlier saying that she will be a little late for this meeting.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2009 Board meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the September 22, 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	Absent
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated September 18, 2009 and October 2, 2009 and General Assistance checks #42961 through check #43016 in the amount of \$53,878.21.

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	Absent
Supervisor Teschky	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated October 2, 2009 and October 16, 2009 and Road District checks #15280 through check #15339 in the amount of \$139,766.96.

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 Absent
 Supervisor Teschky Yes
 Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
 Payrolls dated October 2, 2009 and October 16, 2009 and General Town Fund checks #45530 through check #45645 in the amount of \$261,574.17.

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 Absent
 Supervisor Teschky Yes
 Motion carried.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the finance committee met earlier to review the bills.

Agenda Item: Mary Swanson/MaineStreamers

Mary Swanson stated that Flu Shots were available to the Maine Township senior residents on Friday, October 23rd and Monday, October 26th. A total of 240 shots were given by Advocate Lutheran Hospital in the Maine Township Town Hall.

Ms. Swanson reported that the 16th Annual Senior Job Fair was held on Thursday, October 22nd at The Cotillion in Palatine. Every year Maine Township participates in this event along with Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling Township. Maine Township was represented despite the decline in employers participating.

Ms. Swanson stated that the MaineStreamers Annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz in Niles. She added that every other year the Senior Department updates their membership list. This helps defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to people who are no longer actively participating in their programs.

Ms. Swanson stated that Collector Rohde offered a Craft Class at no charge to the MaineStreamers.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde stated that the Senior Craft Class was very successful. Twelve seniors participated and they did six Halloween projects in two hours. Everyone, including her, enjoyed this class, which was held on Thursday, October 8th. Collector Rohde added that the next class is scheduled for Thursday, December 10th.

Assessor Rueckert stated that the tax bills are late, but supposedly we should receive them by Friday. They will be due on December 1st. He added that the City of Niles has an increase of 12% and Morton Grove 20%. He pointed out that his office has been extremely busy. Last year had approximately 240 working days and at least 139 days involved different projects (completion of various exemptions, property tax bills, reassessment notifications, certificate of

errors, and etc.) Within the last 30 days, the Assessor's office filed 434 documented appeals, 120 certificates of error and returned over 500 phone calls.

Clerk Warner reported that the seven-year harassment that he mentioned last month is still going on with the 83-year old resident in Maine Township near the Park Ridge Park District. Meanwhile the resident's children have installed outside lights and cameras. The last police report was on September 28th. The Cook County Crime Stoppers meeting that was held at Franklin School on October 7th, had standing room only. Approximately seventy-five people were in attendance along with five policemen from Park Ridge, Chief Deputy from Chicago, three police officers from Niles and the Cook County crime stoppers.

Clerk Warner stated that the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol annual banquet collected and donated to Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry over 350 cans of food. He also added that employees of the Park Ridge City Hall and Police and Fire Departments had a successful food drive, which was donated to our food pantry.

Trustee Gialamas stated that on Thursday, October 15th he attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting along with its President Kazmierczak. He stated that their guest speaker had a very interesting presentation on FOIA new regulations.

Trustee Moylan Krey thanked Collector Rohde for volunteering her time working with the seniors. She added that she is proud to be a member of the Maine Township Board because everyone on this Board cares about our community. They work overtime on many extra projects involving our community.

Trustee Moylan Krey asked the Board to keep in their prayers Cook County Sergeant Karen Lader who is ill. She lives in Maine Township and has worked and helped our community. She also put a great deal of effort into the Neighborhood Watch program.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she is proud to be associated with Commander Brzeniak who comes to our Neighborhood Watch meetings. Commander Brezniak is meeting with different subdivisions' associations to discuss crime in the area and how to prevent it. Through our Neighborhood Watch and with more residents coming to the NW he realizes the necessity to do this and to be in good standing with our residents and help them to make Maine Township a better place to live in.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that the TOCC Trustee Division meeting on October 15th was very well attended. An attorney speaker had a very informative presentation on FOIA. He added that the attorney pointed out that the townships will have repercussions as a result of new FOIA regulations that the Attorney General oversees.

Trustee Morask thanked Collector Rohde for her dedication and overwhelming success with our seniors. She pointed out the Trustee Kazmierczak does an outstanding job on the TOCC Board and she stated that in her opinion he should be nominated for the TOI Board. She added that there is only one Cook County representative on TOI Board.

Trustee Morask stated that in regards to FOIA there is going to be a change given what she has learned at the State Attorney's Office. She is going to be attending the seminar on November 6th and will be trained on FOIA. She pointed out that all the changes involved in FOIA need to be seriously discussed so we are in compliance with the new regulations by January 2010.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Thursday, September 24th she participated in a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the remodeled Jewel/Osco in Niles. In attendance were Niles Chamber of Commerce and various Jewel/Osco executives. Supervisor Teschky pointed out that we received a check for \$1,000 from Jewel/Osco for the Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry. Also, on September 24th she participated in the Park Ridge Candle Light Walk, which was put on by the Human Needs Task Force, Health Commission. The Annual Community Garage Sale was held on Saturday, October 3rd. The Garage Sale was very successful. The sales generated \$4,194.63, which 25% will go to our Food Pantry and 75% to the Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp. Supervisor Teschky thanked the Garage Sale sponsors: Highway Commissioner

Provenzano, Des Plaines Journal and Topics, ARC Disposal, Parkway Bank, Liberty Bank for Savings and Park Ridge Taxi.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Agency Funding Hearings are finished. The discussion will be held on the November Board meeting as far as an appropriate funding level for each agency. On Friday, October 9th, Supervisor Teschky was privileged to go to the Niles Chamber of Commerce to receive donation for our food pantry. On Thursday, October 15th the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol also had a food drive for our pantry. On Sunday, October 18th, Supervisor Teschky participated in the Niles/Park Ridge Crop Walk. It was a beautiful day and the participants stopped in the Maine Township Town Hall for a water break.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the computer problems have been fixed and we all are set up for our back up systems. The Township Officials of Illinois Continuing Education Certificates were mailed to Trustees: Kazmierczak, Moylan Krey and Gialamas, Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner, Chief Deputy Clerk Tytko and Highway Commissioner Provenzano. The TOI Conference in Springfield will be held on November 8th to 10th. Supervisor Teschky noted that we received an invitation from the TLC for their Annual "Carry the Ball for Kids" Big Event on Thursday, November 12th. The event will benefit the Total Learning Community.

Supervisor Teschky stated that in the near future she will be scheduling dates for the Maine Township Annual Food Drive.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd stated that he also would be attending the FOIA seminar presented by the Attorney General on the first week in November.

Attorney Dowd stated that Supervisor Teschky asked him to address the Petersons' problem property. He stated that he was surprised with the history and that the Cook County allowed it to go on for seven to eight years, with five different judges and many fines and still with no compliance. The County has authority to get an injunction and have the home owner evicted. He recommended that the home owners with representatives from the township attend the next hearing. Attorney Dowd will arrange a meeting with the residents and the Assistant State's Attorney so he can be well aware of the concerns of the Township.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman reported that the new updated Resident Guide is now available and the Maine Township maps will be available soon.

Administrator Berman thanked Clerk Warner for his ideas and efforts for the food drives at Noodles Restaurant and the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol banquet.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she is pleased to report that one of our residents, Catherine Tapling, did her own food drive by distributing a flyer "Please Help Feed Hungry Families in Our Community". The flyer said that she will collect food from neighbors' doorsteps on Sunday, October 25th. Ms. Tapling dropped off three big carts of food for our food pantry. Supervisor Teschky extended her thanks to Ms. Tapling and said that she is very proud of all of the community participation in helping neighbors.

Agenda Item: Personnel, GA Receptionist

Supervisor Teschky stated that the receptionist, Diane Griffin from the General Assistance office is retiring on October 31st. Marsha Warnick interviewed several applicants for this position and decided to hire Dawne Hayman current part-time Senior Associate from the Senior Department for a fulltime position as the GA receptionist.

Trustee Morask	Motion to hire Dawne Hayman as of Monday, November 2, 2009 for the fulltime GA receptionist, with \$32,000 with benefits.
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: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Board Meeting dates for November and December
Supervisor Teschky stated that she would like to make sure that the scheduled dates for November 24th and December 22nd Board meetings are not in conflict with the Board members.
All the Elected Officials were available on those dates.

Supervisor Teschky stated that they need to go to the Closed Session to discuss personnel.

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 8:43 p.m.

Trustee Kazmierczak	Motion to re-convene in Open Session.
Trustee Morask	Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

There was no motion reflected the action taken during Closed Session.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Morask	Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Kazmierczak	Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk