

Maine Township Board Meeting January 26, 2010

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

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

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Dan Dowd, Mary Swanson, Edward Beauvais, Marsha Warnick, Evelyn Fennell, Elizabeth Coy 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 December 22, 2009 Board meeting

Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the December 22, 2009 Board meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Absent

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated December 24, 2009 and January 8, 2010 and General Assistance checks #43146 through check #43187 in the amount of \$54,410.56.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Absent

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated December 24, 2009, January 8, 2010 and January 22, 2010 and Road District checks #15449 through check #15497 in the amount of \$141,184.55.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask	Absent
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Gialamas	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
 Payrolls dated December 24, 2009, January 8, 2010 and January 22, 2010 and General Town Fund checks #45841 through check #45969 in the amount of \$311,113.19.

Trustee Moylan Krey	Motion to approve.
Trustee Gialamas	Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Eddie Beauvais/Code Enforcement Officer

Code Enforcement Officer, Eddie Beauvais expressed his gratitude to everyone for all the help he receives on his new position. He stated that he has been working with the Cook County inspectors on a great deal of resident inquires. They have dealt with anything from abandoned properties, individuals tapping into township sewers, lack of property maintenance, EPA code violations all the way to water retention issues.

Mr. Beauvais stated that he has been attending the Neighborhood Watch meetings and learning about our residents' problems. He reported that an owner, who lives in California, and has a property at Davis and Knight agreed to work out a maintenance schedule for the springtime. The illegal dumping of trash has been high lately particularly in Robin Drive alleyways. The unpaid ticket project is going well. Mr. Beauvais will be sending out letters monthly so we can stay up to date on it. He explained that this project also involves Attorney Dowd. He added that twenty-six tickets have been issued so far in the month of January.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Rueckert stated that the 2009 first installment real estate tax bills are calculated at 55% of prior year's total tax bill. All the taxing bodies will receive 5% of the revenue earlier. He added that this issue brings many residents and seniors into his office.

Assessor Rueckert informed everyone that the Cook County Satellite "Skokie" office will stay open. Cook County Assessor, James Houlihan, has reversed his prior decision to close all of the Cook County Assessor's Satellite offices. He believes it to be in the taxpayer's best interest if he leaves one office in the north and one in the south suburbs open. Assessor Rueckert added that Mr. Joseph Berrios is seeking election for the Cook County Assessor position and he believes that he is a very good candidate and he wants to work very close with Township Assessors.

Assessor Rueckert stated that in the past the Assessor's office was never given the schedule dates for filing various forms. He pointed out that finally this year the Cook County Assessor's office informed him of some tentative dates. He added that the first two critical dates are January 27th when senior freeze renewal forms will be mailed, and January 28th when tax bills will be mailed.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano reported that the snow removal is going as planned. They paid \$60 per ton for salt and bought enough and there is no need to mix it with sand. He stated that he is working on the new budget. He stated that he is finalizing the two 2010

Community Development Block Grants. Now, the Highway Department is in a process starting up 2011 drainage and resurfacing project on Sumac and Emerson.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano asked everyone to keep Ms. Sharon McLaughlin in their thoughts and prayers due to her health problems.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he attended his first Des Plaines Mayoral address to Local Businesses and Chamber on Thursday, January 21st. Also on the same night he attended the TOCC Trustees Division meeting, where Ms. Mary Swanson gave a very interesting report on senior services in Maine Township.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she also attended the TOCC Trustee Division meeting. She added that Ms. Swanson did a very nice job and she was also impressed with the Hanover Township presentation.

Trustee Kazmierczak thanked Ms. Swanson and Ms. Tracey Colagrossi from Hanover Township, President of Itascs for a nice and powerful presentation.

Trustee Morask stated that she trained on line and received a certification to be a FOIA officer. She stated that our office has to display and make available on the Township website information regarding how to obtain FOIA and the names of FOIA officers. She also pointed out some new rules and regulations. Trustee Morask pointed out that the FOIA exemptions need to be available to the public if requested.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she and Ms. Swanson participated in the opening of the new senior program "Feats of Fetness" on Wednesday, January 13th. She added that Maine Township partnered with Golf Mill Shopping Center to help seniors get blood pressure screening and participate in health seminars on the second Wednesday from 8 to 10 a.m. She added that on that same day she attended the monthly Senior's luncheon at Chateau Ritz.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she attended the Business Report by Des Plaines Mayor Moylan on Thursday, January 21st. She noted that it was an interesting event finding out about the Des Plaines business world.

Supervisor Teschky presented the Closed Session Minutes from July 28, 2009 and asked if they can be taken out and placed in regular minutes.

Trustee Morask Motion to take out the Closed Session Minutes from July 28, 2009 and file them in the regular minutes book.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Supervisor Teschky stated that Maine Township Town Hall would be closed on Tuesday, February 2nd for Election Day and on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that Highway Department would be closed on Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Wednesday, February 17th we will hold CDBG Hearing at 6 p.m., and a Special Board meeting for the sole purpose to pass the CDBG Resolution at 6:15 p.m.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd reported on the property on Delphia in unincorporated Maine Township. He referred to the pictures of the said property, stating that there has been much improvement according to the inspectors' requests. He stated that our only recourse is to continue to levy fines to enforce our regulations for the exterior. Hopefully, in the future we can persuade the court to take swifter action in this matter.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman had nothing to add to her report.

Agenda Item: Personnel, Evelyn Fennell/MaineStay

Ms. Evelyn Fennel stated that she is seeking full time bilingual (English/Spanish) family therapist. Her last candidate accepted another position, which forced her to extend her search. She stated that our community has a Latino population and added that in her opinion many of these families want to seek a Spanish-speaking counselor.

Trustees discussed if hiring a full time bilingual therapist is necessary.

Agenda Item: Old Business

None.

Agenda Item: New Business, Line Item Transfers

Supervisor Teschky presented the Line Item Transfers for the General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund for the fiscal year 2009.

General Town Fund

Administration:

- 25,000 Contingency / + 6,500 General Liability Insurance, + 13,000 Equipment & ISP Webpage, + 3,000 Legal Services, + 2,500 Police Protection

General Assistance Fund

Administration:

- 7,500 Contingency / + 1,000 Equipment Leasing & Maintenance, + 6,500 Computer Software Develop

- 2,000 Food Pantry Cash Donation / + 2,000 Food Pantry & Home Relief

Trustee Morask Motion to approve Line Item Transfers for General Town Fund and General Assistance Fund for the fiscal year 2009, effective January 26, 2010 as presented by Supervisor Teschky.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Kazmierczak Yes

Trustee Moylan Krey Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Purchase of Van

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Board distribution contained information regarding purchase of a new Van for transporting food pantry donations.

Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to approve purchase of a new 2010 Ford Econoline Passenger Van.

Trustee Morask Second.

Supervisor Teschky pointed out that our old van is thirteen years old and needs repairs. She added that after we put an ad in the paper, we received one bid with a good price and acceptable specifications.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask	Yes
Trustee Kazmierczak	Yes
Trustee Moylan Krey	Yes
Trustee Gialamas	Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Open House – March 10, 2010

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Maine Township Open House will take place during the Local Government Week, on Wednesday, March 10th from 5 to 8 p.m. She added that we are planning on a similar set up as last year, with each department being represented in the boardroom, building tours given by Elected Officials and refreshments served downstairs in our community room.

Trustee Gialamas suggested a written history of the building be printed to pass out to residents taking the tour.

Agenda Item: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Morask	Motion to adjourn.
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Trustee Moylan Krey	Second.
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All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk