

Maine Township Board Meeting March 23, 2010

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, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Mary Swanson, Edward Beauvais, Marsha Warnick, Evelyn Fennell, Elizabeth Coy, Dick Barton, Sharon McLaughlin and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2010 Board meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 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 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 February 19, 2010 and March 5, 2010 and General Assistance checks #43274 through check #43347 in the amount of \$71,320.91.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve.

Trustee Moylan Krey 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: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 5, 2010 and March 19, 2010 and Road District checks #15548 through check #15597 in the amount of \$109,759.14.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve.

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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 5, 2010 and March 19, 2010 and General Town Fund checks #46064 through check #46157 in the amount of \$202,446.87.

Trustee Moylan Krey	Motion to approve.
Trustee Gialamas	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: Evelyn Fennell/MaineStay

Evelyn Fennell, Director of MaineStay stated that in February they served twenty-two new families along with their seventy-two ongoing cases through counseling programs. In March they already had seventeen new families. Rich Lyon's, Andy Young's and two interns' caseloads are more than full. They stagger appointments, but they are not able to see the new clients on a weekly basis. Ms. Fennell added that she is still looking for a bilingual therapist, but have not been successful.

Ms. Fennell reported that they will be expanding the Parent Support Group on April 15th. They will be incorporating those parents who have gone through our Parenting with Love and Logic Education group, and who have shown interest in ongoing support into this group. In their current session with Parenting with Love and Logic, they had to turn away seven people and reschedule them for the next group on April 14th. They have to cut the group off at ten people.

Trustee Moylan Krey pointed out that she was very impressed with the attendance and interest in the subject shown at the last seminar Parenting with Love and Logic done by Dr. Margaret Wehrenberg.

Ms. Fennell stated that the current Anger Management group ended on March 15th. The Adventure Maine Township Summer Camp dates are scheduled for June 14th through June 24th and July 6th through July 15th. The next Agency Day is scheduled for Friday, May 7th at 9 a.m. at Casa Royale. Speaker, Anita Mandley from Center for Contextual Change will speak about cultural sensitivity "Why Does It Matter". She added that seventy-one people attended the March 2nd Community Education seminar. The Art in the Town program for children 8 to 14, started on February 22nd and will end on May 3rd. The original Child/Adolescent Mentoring Group meets on Monday evening from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The second group started on March 16th and meets on Tuesday evenings.

Ms. Fennell stated that Jason Fox from the Highway Department and Ed Beauvais our Code Enforcement Officer volunteered to become mentors for the Child/Adolescent Mentoring Group. She was happy to inform the Board that they were the perfect matches for the two boys from this group. She pointed out that Marie Worobec and Michelle Lyon stated that within twenty minutes the smiles on Jason, Eddie and the boys faces showed up and everyone had a very good time. Ms. Fennell added that these two dedicated employees show the commitment level they have to the kids in our community.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Rueckert stated that the deadline for property owners in Maine Township to make a 2009 appeal to the Cook County Board of Review is March 29, 2010. He added that on Saturday, March 20th in the Maine Township Town Hall the Cook County Board of Review had a seminar. Eight residents showed up to appeal.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that Ms. Sharon McLaughlin has completed and submitted to Cook County the 2011 Community Development Block Grant application. He stated that a new bid will go out for 2010 on the reconstruction of Rancho Lane. He also added that the Highway Department has started work on the 2010 summer projects.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano noted that today he signed up for the Niles and Des Plaines Fourth of July parades. He added that two Touch-A-Trucks will be displayed on May 15th at Dee Park and Lake Park.

Clerk Warner stated that on March 4th he attended the TOCC Clerk's Division Meeting in Palos Township. The guest speaker from the Cook County Department of Revenue spoke about 2010 vehicle stickers. So far vehicle stickers are schedule to arrive by mid May. On March 10th he attended the Maine Township Open House. He noted that the Open House was well attended and nicely done.

Clerk Warner also stated that on Saturday, March 27th his office will be hosting a Passport Day in the USA. The Passport Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. He added that last year on the Passport Day his office accepted twenty passport applications. He informed everyone that the Passport Agency is considering raising the price of passports.

Clerk Warner added that he has chosen the Park Ridge Mayor, David Schmidt for the Moderator for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. He also asked Attorney Dowd if he would serve as Parliamentarian at the said meeting.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he also attended the Open House on March 10th. He enjoyed the Open House even though he gave less building tours than last year. He thanked all the involved staff members for the new improved personnel policy manual.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she also attended the annual Open House. Along with Code Enforcement Officer, Beauvais she displayed the information regarding how to fight crime in our neighborhood. She commended Eddie Beauvais for being a mentor.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that on Wednesday, March 3rd at the Neighborhood Watch meeting Commander Brzezniak reminded residents that the Cook County Sheriff will be ticketing anyone using cell phones or "texting" in a school zone. She added that at the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 7th, the residents who bring someone new to the meeting will get a gift. They are also planning to have a raffle for all attendees. The drawings will be a variety of prizes plus a gift certificate from a local business. She added that Supervisor Teschky also will attend this meeting and all neighbors of Maine Township are invited.

Trustee Moylan Krey reported that the first meeting for National Night Out is scheduled for the end of April. She thanked the Board members for all the support she has received over the years for this special event.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that he would like to discuss a proposal for the Historical Society Tours of Park Ridge. He stated that in his opinion, before Maine Township will commit to contribute \$1,000 for this proposal, he would like to see the City of Park Ridge partially fund said proposal as well.

Mr. Dick Barton pointed out that Maine Township and other sponsors will help fund a series of historical society tours during 2010. Maine Township Town Hall as a primary sponsor location (designed by the son of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright and was first a church in the late 1950's) will be among the stops on the tours. Mr. Barton explained that the Historical Society will be seeking financial support from the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Park Ridge.

Trustee Morask stated that the Historical Society Tours of Park Ridge seems like a commendable program. She stated that Maine Township is a good steward with tax dollars and

agreed with Trustee Kazmierczak to check more on how other sponsors will contribute to this program.

Trustee Morask commended Supervisor Teschky and the Maine Township staff on a very well organized Open House. She pointed out that Administrator Dayna Berman and Doriene Prorak coordinated a great event. She was happy and proud to give tours to the residents. She added that her favorite part is to show the Food Pantry's historic food wall.

Trustee Morask thanked Attorney Dowd for a memo regarding FOIA exemptions. She stated that Maine Township FOIA committee: Wiesia Tytko, Supervisor Teschky and herself have a good system. The FOIA requests are handled on time and everything is under control. She thanked Doriene Prorak for putting the requested information regarding FOIA on our website to make us in compliance with the law. Trustee Morask pointed out that she would like to add an additional statement regarding FOIA exemptions for "categorical request". The example she stated was that "if this is an exact same request by the exact same person it will be unduly burdensome".

Trustee Morask stated that Trustee Moylan Krey is correct that the police are ticketing for "texting" and being on a cell phone in a school zone and any public highway. She added that she prosecuted a person who was in violation of this new law.

Supervisor Teschky stated that our 3rd Annual Open House on March 10th was a great success with attendance of eighty-one residents. She thanked Administrator Berman, all the department heads and staff who have done a super job coordinating this event. She added that congratulatory certificates will be sent to the Gemini String Quartet students for their performance and Boy Scout Troop 1 for the presentation of the colors. Three of the children received a Target gift card in a raffle drawing.

Supervisor Teschky reported that on Wednesday, March 17th our accountant Scott Gibbert from Gibbert & Associates, P.C. started the audit and we received a beginning balance for the fiscal year. She pointed out that Maine Township and the Highway Department are in good shape. They will be coming back on Monday, May 3rd to do a more thorough financial audit.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. we will have the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement meeting, and at 7:30 p.m. the Neighborhood Watch meeting. On Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. we will host the Annual Town Meeting. On Friday, April 23rd the Maine Township MaineStreamers will invite everyone for the "Swing into Spring" Senior Expo 2010 at the Golf Mill Shopping Center, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Tuesday April 27th prior to the regular Board meeting we will hold the General Town Fund Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m. and the Road District Budget Hearing at 7:15 p.m. The tentative budgets need to be filed with our Clerk's office thirty days prior to these hearings.

Supervisor Teschky extended her thanks to Eddie Beauvais and Jason Fox for volunteering to be mentors for the MaineStay programs. She noted that we posted all needed information in the hallway cabinet to comply with FOIA law. Supervisor Teschky informed the Board that we received proposals for replacing the acrylic windows with glass and to repair leakage on the roof. The work will commence the end of April.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd had nothing new to report.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman stated that last Tuesday, our staff was notified by the Cook County Sheriff about gang activities in our parking lot and at Buckingham Park in unincorporated Des Plaines. No formal report was filed. Ms. Berman added that she also checked the cameras on the parking lot and she didn't notice any suspicious action.

Administrator Berman stated that some of the Maine Township employees will take advantage of the Aflac Insurance regarding the supplemental insurance.

Agenda Item: Personnel
None

Agenda Item: Old Business, Personnel Policy

Supervisor Teschky thanked all the Board members for their input to the new Personnel Policy manual. She stated that the suggestions will be incorporated and the policy manual will be handed over to an attorney for review.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Resolution 2010-4

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Township is selling the old van, 1997 Ford Club Wagon to the Highway Department for a grand total of \$1 and there is no change in insurance.

Supervisor Teschky read out loud the Resolution 2010-4.

Trustee Morask Motion to adopt the Resolution 2010-4 for Sale of Motor Vehicle.

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, Proclamation Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America

Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to adopt the Proclamation Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. She stated that the year 2010 is “Scouting Anniversary Year” in the Township of Maine. She added that Boy Scouts Troop 1 of Park Ridge presented the Colors at the Open House and we will present the proclamation to them.

Supervisor Teschky read out loud the proclamation.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to adopt the Township of Maine Proclamation Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scout of America.

Trustee Moylan Krey Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Supervisor Teschky asked Board to go to the Closed Session to discuss the 2010 employees salaries.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to go to the Closed Session.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Closed Session, Staff Salaries 2010-11

The Board re-convened in Open Session at 9:10 p.m.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to re-convene in Open Session.

Trustee Morask Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The following motion reflected the action taken during Closed Session.

Trustee Morask	Motion to approve the Maine Township employees salaries with the increase of 3% if their current salaries are below \$70,000 and 2.5% to those with current salaries \$70,000 and above, with the exception of the Highway Department and Assessor's office, it is retro active from March 1, 2010.
Trustee Kazmierczak	Second.

Discussion:

Trustee Morask pointed out that we should be very proud of all our people. They work extremely hard and are very deserving of their raises. She added that she wished that it could have been more. She said that we are a fiscally solvent township, and under the leadership of Supervisor Teschky we increased our reserves. Trustee Morask pointed out that in order to keep good employees it is appropriate to reward our employees with this small cost of living increase.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano agreed with Trustee Morask stating that we all agree that we have a great staff. Many areas of government bodies are in disarray but we are sound we produce and we are one of the top townships. He added that our employees do an excellent job and will continue to do so in the future.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she wish to thank Liz Coy for working on Saturday with the Cook County Board of Review to help residents get their assessments lowered.

Supervisor Teschky stated that she appreciates everyone's service and is very grateful to all of the Maine Township employees and wished that they could have been compensated more.

On behalf of all township employees, Administrator Berman extended her thanks to the Board for all the raises.

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 9:15 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk