

Maine Township Board Meeting April 27, 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 7:31 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

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

Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 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: Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2010 Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement Meeting

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 7, 2010 Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement meeting as distributed to the Board.

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.

Trustee Morask Motion to reopen discussion on the March 23, 2010 minutes due to finding mistakes and asking for correction.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the corrected minutes of the March 23, 2010 Board meeting.

Trustee Morask Second.

All in favor.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Public Participation
None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.
Payrolls dated March 19, 2010 and April 2, 2010 and General Assistance checks #43348 through check #43395 in the amount of \$52,837.69.

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 April 2, 2010 and April 16, 2010 and Road District checks #15598 through check #15659 in the amount of \$115,663.27.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.
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: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures
Payrolls dated April 2, 2010 and April 16, 2010 and General Town Fund checks #46158 through check #46292 in the amount of \$254,778.33.

Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to approve as amended.
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: Marsha Warnick/GA

GA Director, Marsha Warnick stated that she would like to clarify some statistics. She stated that usually their clients are coming from Des Plaines and unincorporated areas. Now, because of the high number of unemployed and the economic situation their clients extended to Niles and Park Ridge. She added that the bad economic situation is spreading through out the townships.

Ms. Warnick stated that for the first time GA Food Pantry distributed over 300 food baskets, which is the highest since founded. At the rate of 300 families being serviced a month it would cost the township a little over \$100,000 if we had to pay for the food that was distributed. She pointed out that our budget is only \$40,000, which means that we depend very heavily on our community. Ms. Warnick added that our community is absolutely marvelous and continues to donate about \$1,000 a month in food or money. Ms. Warnick stated that in her opinion our community should be commended. The Energy Assistance program continues, until the State runs out of money. She also notified the Board that there has been another extension for unemployment benefits.

Trustee Kazmierczak asked about the Chicagoland Food Depository.

Ms. Warnick explained that Maine Township is not a member of this organization. If we participate, we would need to pay for the products. There is no need at this time because our community is wonderful with donating food.

Trustees Kazmierczak and Morask commented on the GA budget as compared to other townships. Ms. Warnick stated that the minimum basic grant, as per state regulations is \$225. She added that our grant is \$585. It remains below the SSI level. All GA increases were primarily in 3rd party payments. Ms. Warnick further indicated that the GA department keeps very specific statistics on all advocacy done by the staff.

Assessor Rueckert asked if legal residency is required for immigrants.

Ms. Warnick stated that GA clients must have resided in the US legally for five years or more, before they would qualify for any programs.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde stated that she is excited to help Trustee Moylan Krey with plans for the National Night Out event. She extended her thanks to Highway Commissioner Provenzano for coming and helping their deep green electronic recycling event, which was a great success.

Assessor Rueckert reported that Cook County Assessor's office requested his office support in determining how many vacant parcels remain within Maine Township. He stated that this project has been very time consuming. Assessor Rueckert's office asked for help from Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Beauvais to check on the properties located in the unincorporated areas. They also asked for help from Des Plaines, Park Ridge and Niles code enforcement to examine the properties located in their jurisdiction. So far out of the 490 parcels, 12 parcels were identified as questionable and subject to further examination by the Cook County Assessor's office. They are planning to complete this project by April 30th.

Assessor Rueckert stated that he is working on the project to determine what kind of increase revenues, our township and any other government is going to receive once the Des Plaines Casino is open.

Assessor Rueckert pointed out that he is proud and happy to inform the Board that he received a few recognition letters regarding his staff from our residents.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he attended the Annual Town meeting on April 13th and complimented Clerk Warner and his staff on the good job they did. On April 23rd he attended "The Swing into Spring", Senior Expo at Golf Mill which was a great success. He also attended and enjoyed the Niles Night of Roses. He was impressed by the amount of awards and active churches who received them at that event.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano reported that the televising contract was awarded to CTR, and a few more bids will take place for summer projects.

Clerk Warner presented the Closed Session Minutes from October 27, 2009 and asked if they can be taken out and placed in regular minutes.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and take out the Closed Session Minutes from October 27, 2009 and file them in the regular minutes book.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Clerk Warner thanked everyone for attending the Annual Town Meeting on April 13th. He added that he also attended the Senior Expo at Golf Mill where his office displayed information regarding the services available. He also enjoyed the Niles Night of Roses event.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he attended the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement meeting on April 7th. On April 13th he participated in the Maine Township Annual Town meeting and on April 23rd he attended a great event with very good turn out at the Senior Expo. He enjoyed being a part of this years Niles Night of Roses.

Trustee Gialamas complimented Assessor Rueckert's staff with his personal feedback after his mother and aunt visited Assessor Rueckert's office in regards to their senior exemptions.

Trustee Moylan Krey congratulated EMA director, Robert Cohen and the Maine Township Regional MRC for receiving the National MRC Mentor award.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she also attended the Annual Town meeting on April 13th. She added that Ms. Mary Swanson and her staff did a great job on organizing this year Senior Expo. She pointed out that the National Night Out committee already held two meetings. Their theme is "Hugs not Drugs" and the next meeting will take place on May 17th. She extended her thanks for the support and participation in these meetings to Trustee Morask, Trustee Kazmierczak, Collector Rohde, Golf Maine Park District and Cook County Sheriff Brzezniak.

Trustee Moylan Krey wished happy birthday to Trustee Walter Kazmierczak.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that he attended the TOCC Topics Day in Springfield last Tuesday. He was trying to find out the status on monies for an alley project that State Representative Nekritz was working on. He explained that right now the State does not have the bonding yet. He added that if this bonding goes through funding would be available for these kinds of projects.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that also vehicle issues, prevailing wage issues and FOIA requests are discussed in Springfield. He pointed out that because our township is in a perfect financial balance we could avoid a lot of criticism.

Trustee Kazmierczak added that the last TOCC Board meeting was held in the Maine Township Town Hall and he received many positive comments regarding our building.

Trustee Morask stated that the Maine Township FOIA committee is working great. It has been in compliance and on time with every request. She complimented Assessor Rueckert and Chief Deputy Assessor Liz Coy for having a wonderful department and offering a great service to the residents. She added that her friend, a Des Plaines resident was absolutely thrilled with their service.

Trustee Morask stated that she attended the April 12th National Night Out meeting and Trustee Moylan Krey is doing an amazing job. She also commented on a well-attended Annual Town Meeting.

Supervisor Teschky congratulated EMA Director, Bob Cohen on receiving the National MRC Mentor Award. The Mentor Award is one of eight Annual Awards given out among the 879 Units in the U.S. Mr. Cohen will be accepting this award in Nashville.

Supervisor Teschky presented to the Board a County certification from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. She added that we are approved for County certification for our emergency operation plan from April 2010 through April 2012.

Supervisor Teschky thanked everyone for attending the Annual Town Meeting. On Friday, April 16th she welcomed the students from Maine East, Maine South and Maine West High Schools for Student Government Day. They learned the history of our building and about township services. On Saturday, April 24th, Supervisor Teschky along with GA Director, Marsha Warnick and Case Worker Luz Meneses attended the TOCC Supervisor/General Assistance workshop. On Tuesday, April 20th she gave a tour of our Town Hall to twenty-one Mark Twain and Apollo TLC group students. On Thursday, April 22nd we were the host for the TOCC Board meeting. Supervisor Teschky is Secretary for TOCC Board and also confirmed Trustee Kazmierczak's statement that everyone was very impressed with our Town Hall building.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Friday, April 23rd over 1,500 people showed up for the MaineStreamers "Swing into Spring" Senior Expo at the Golf Mill shopping mall. It was a beautiful event with great entertainment. On Saturday, April 24th Highway Commissioner

Provenzano and Supervisor Teschky participated in an electronic recycling event at the Senior Center in Park Ridge. She added that Clerk Warner was there with the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol controlling traffic. She pointed out that we were the site for questionnaire assistant center from the U.S. Census Bureau from March 19th to April 19th. They serviced a total of 58 residents and assisting them with completion of their census applications. Also 173 blank census forms were picked up by residents.

Supervisor Teschky reminded everyone that on Wednesday, May 5th the Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, May 7th the Agency Day will take place at Casa Royale, and on Friday, May 20th and 21st there will be a Business Expo at Golf Mill in conjunction the Niles Chamber of Commerce. TOCC Spring Conference is scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd. On Wednesday, May 26th the 90 Plus Birthday Party will be held at the Chateau Ritz. On Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day our offices will be closed, and the Elected Officials will participate in the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd stated that on Friday, May 7th at 10:30 a.m. he will meet with Assistant States Attorney Jayman Avery, and the Delphia hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 19th.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman stated that as always she is looking for ways for the township to run more efficiently and cut costs. Some of the ways she has done it is by reviewing the Verizon cell phone bill. She stated that after discussion with Robert Cohen it was decided that the cell phone the hall monitor had was not needed. She added that the replaced drafty plastic accent windows with glass would reduce our energy costs.

Administrator Berman stated that she is in process of reviewing our contract with the Roscoe Company who supplies some of our rented floor mats. She is researching options of purchasing our own mats or looking at adjusting the contract to lower the price. She added that leases are up for copy machines and she will be meeting with a Toshiba representative to renew contracts and discuss reducing costs.

Agenda Item: Personnel, MaineStay Bilingual Therapist

Evelyn Fennell, MaineStay Director presented the resume of Yessenia (Jessie) Cornejo, PsyD., for approval to hire her as a full-time bilingual family therapist for MaineStay. She stated that Ms. Cornejo is currently a licensed professional counselor and has the credentials and numbers of supervision hours to immediately obtain her second clinical license. She has experience in working with both individuals and families. Ms. Fennell added that her staff as well as herself agreed that Ms. Cornejo will be an asset for MaineStay.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to hire Yessenia Cornejo as a full time therapist for MaineStay at \$40,000 per year with full benefits, effective June 1, 2010.

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: Old Business, Personnel Policy

Supervisor Teschky stated that Barbara Weiner, Human Resource Attorney will be sending us a personnel policy copy model for review for a period of two weeks. She added that this model is guaranteed to be in compliance with the state and federal law. Supervisor Teschky

stated that if we decide to use this model to incorporate with our policy manual it will only cost us \$1,000.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of Resolution 2010-8 for IMRF 125 Plan

Supervisor Teschky stated that we were advised by IMRF to pass the Resolution for 125 Plan.

Trustee Morask Motion to waive the reading and adopt the Resolution 2010-8 to include compensation paid under an internal revenue code section 125 plan as IMRF earnings for Maine Township and Maine Township Road District, Cook County, Illinois.

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, Approval of 2010-11 Budgets

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Public Budget Hearings for the General Town and General Assistance Funds and Road District Fund were held prior to the Board meeting. She stated that the tentative budgets were filed with the Maine Township Clerk's office for thirty days.

Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to approve the Ordinance 2010-1.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve Maine Township Ordinance 2010-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2010-2011 as presented to the Board.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Discussion:

Trustee Kazmierczak complemented Maine Township staff for providing very responsible budgets.

Trustee Morask also complemented Supervisor Teschky and staff for a great job they did on a presented budget.

Supervisor Teschky pointed out that the new budget expenditures were increased 1% from the previous year. She said that she is very proud of it.

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.

Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to approve the Ordinance 2010-RB-1.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve Maine Township Road District Ordinance 2010-RB-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2010-2011 as presented to the Board.

Trustee Kazmierczak Second.

Discussion:

Trustee Morask stated that Highway Commissioner Provenzano and his assistance Ms. Sharon McLaughlin did a wonderful job on preparing the new budget.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano thanked Ms. McLaughlin for a great and responsible budget.

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 2010-11 Salary Grades

Supervisor Teschky stated that the new Salary Grades were distributed to the Board prior this meeting.

Trustee Morask	Motion to approve the 2010-2011 Salary Grades and Ranges as presented.
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Trustee Kazmierczak	Second.
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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: Closed Session

None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Teschky	Motion to adjourn.
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Trustee Morask	Second.
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All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk