

Maine Township Board Meeting May 25, 2010

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

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner, Highway Commissioner Provenzano and Collector Rohde

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Mary Swanson, Edward Beauvais, Evelyn Fennell, Elizabeth Coy, Dick Barton, Sharon McLaughlin Dave Johnson, Ninos Isho and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Supervisor Teschky asked everyone for a moment of silence to honor recently passed Sgt. Karen Lader.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2010 Board meeting

Trustee Moylan Krey Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 Board meeting with corrections made by Assessor Rueckert.

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: Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2010 Budget Hearings

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 Budget Hearings as distributed to the Board.

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: Public Participation, Ninos Isho/Tow Zone Concern

Mr. Ninos Isho stated that he is a resident at 9047 W. Terrace Place in unincorporated Des Plaines. He resided at this address for seven years. He stated that he would like to voice his and his neighbors concerns regarding parking problems at his address. He stated that parking is a very big problem for his family and all the residents in this area. He complained that his car was towed on a few different occasions. Mr. Isho asked the Board if it is possible to make more parking spaces for residents at Terrace Place.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he talked to Mr. Isho a few times and suggested that he make a driveway on his property where he will be able to park his cars. He added that the system regarding parking in this area is working in the best interest of the majority of the residents. He explained that area is very narrow and was built a long time ago and many residents now have more than one car. Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he discussed this issue with the North Maine Fire and Sheriff's Departments but there is very little he can do to help with more parking and to be in compliance with Ordinances and law.

Supervisor Teschky stated parking in this area is a chronic problem over the years and she is not sure if there is a solution to this problem. She added that Highway Commissioner Provenzano does the best he can do for the majority of the people. She thanked Mr. Isho for addressing his concerns and wished him good luck in the future.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures.

Payrolls dated April 16, 2010, April 30, 2010 and May 14, 2010 and General Assistance checks #43396 through check #43460 in the amount of \$85,181.36.

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 30, 2010 and May 14, 2010 and Road District checks #15660 through check #15713 in the amount of \$96,670.10.

Trustee Gialamas 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 General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 30, 2010 and May 14, 2010 and General Town Fund checks #46293 through check #46407 in the amount of \$264,483.15.

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: Bob Cohen/OEM

OEM Director, Robert Cohen stated that during the last couple of months OEM has assisted Park Ridge Police with a Safety Stop at Maine East High School. They also participated in a Kids Health and Safety Fair at Maine East in cooperation with the Park Ridge Fire Department and Lutheran General Hospital. He also was involved in meeting with Northfield Township Highway Department regarding a flood mitigation plan.

Mr. Cohen attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting in April to discuss the Nixle program and the concept of a Teen SERT program for the older youth in our area. This would be a program in partnership with District 207, Park Ridge Kiwanis and our Citizen Corps Council.

Mr. Cohen stated that OEM responded to the area for flooding on May 13, 2010. Mr. Mike Fox was in contact with Supervisor Teschky, Highway Commissioner Provenzano, Administrator Berman and North Maine Fire Department and a dozen disasters clean-up kits were distributed.

Mr. Cohen stated that the Maine Township Regional Medical Reserve Corps and forty of its volunteers received certificates and pins acknowledging their work during the H1N1 crises from the US Department of HHS and OCVMRC. He added that our OEM earned the National MRC Mentor Award from the Office of Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps, US Department of Health and Human Services, for the development and sharing internationally a disc of best practices and guidelines. Mr. Cohen will be receiving this award at the 2010 Integrated Training Summit in Las Vegas at the beginning of June. He also added that he has been elected as a co-Chairman of the Medical Reserve Corps of Illinois.

Collector Rohde commented that in her opinion the Teen SERT program is amazing and it is a wonderful thing to offer it to our youth community.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Collector Rohde stated that she had the pleasure of attending the Historical Tour of Park Ridge with Mr. Barton and the 175th Anniversary of Des Plaines. She added that in her opinion too often we forget how rich in history our community is.

Collector Rohde stated that she attended the TOCC conference on Saturday, May 22nd. The discussion was about foreclosures in Cook County and a ripple affect that it's having across the board. She added that the township gets hit with so much bad press that this can be an opportunity for us to advertise the many services we provide for the community.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that the May 13th flooding caused Central Road, Ballard Road and the Greenwood Circle to be closed. He is working with the State Officials trying to resolve some of these issues. He added that he would be attending another plan study for Prairie Creek. He will be presenting the township's input on the flooding issues and concerns in our area, which will be forwarded to engineering companies.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano stated that he will be meeting with State Representative Elaine Nekritz, IDNR and the County to discuss the flooding problem of Rancho Lane from the Prairie Creek.

Highway Commissioner Provenzano added that the Highway Department concrete program has started. He attended a very interesting Historical Tour of Park Ridge, also enjoyed the 175th anniversary of Des Plaines event.

Trustee Gialamas congratulated Trustee Kazmierczak for being reelected President of the TOCC Trustee Division. He thanked Mr. Dick Barton for taking the Elected Officials for the first and very enjoyable Historical Tour of Park Ridge.

Trustee Kazmierczak stated that he was reelected president of the TOCC Trustee Division Board for one more year.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that she attended the TOCC Trustee Division meeting and congratulated Trustee Kazmierczak on being reelected to the TOCC Trustee Division Board.

Trustee Moylan Krey noted that the last National Night Out meeting on Monday, May 17th had a very good attendance. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 14th at Dee Park. She also attended the last Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, May 5th. She enjoyed the event of 175th anniversary of Des Plaines on Friday, May 21st.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that on Friday, May 21st she attended Sgt. Karen Lader's funeral. She added that Sgt. Lader was a good person and worked with Trustee Moylan Krey for National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch from 2007 through 2009. She lived in Maine Township and represented the community very well. Trustee Moylan Krey thanked Supervisor Teschky for the good representation from the township at Sgt. Lader's funeral.

Supervisor Teschky stated that since the last meeting she and Ms. Denise Jajko attended the Employment Law Seminar at the Chicago Kent College of Law on Tuesday, May 4th. On Friday, May 7th she attended the Agency Day at Casa Royale. She stated that on Friday, May 14th, Clerk Warner, Highway Commissioner Provenzano, some seniors and her participated in the Senior Soul Train at the WGN Studios on the morning show. On Tuesday, May 18th she participated in the Historical Tour of Park Ridge, she noted that we live in a very nice area with a lot of famous former residents. On Thursday, May 20th, she and Ms. Marsha Warnick attended the GATI Seminar at the Radisson Hotel in Rockford.

Supervisor Teschky reminded everyone that tomorrow the Senior Department is hosting the 90th Plus Birthday Party at Chateau Ritz. Also, on Monday, May 31st Maine Township Elected Officials will be participating in the Park Ridge Memorial Day Parade.

Supervisor Teschky stated that on Friday, June 4th we will be hosting a Senior Spelling Bee. On Wednesday, June 9th the Senior's monthly luncheon will take place at Casa Royale. She invited everyone for Helen Jung's Retirement Party in the Community Room on Thursday, June 10th. She added that the Volunteer Reception will be held the same day at 5:30 p.m. at Chateau Ritz in Niles.

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd stated that regarding the case of County of Cook v. Peterson he made an appearance in court on May 19, 2010. The Court Order provides that Mr. Peterson has thirty days to complete a removal of all debris and vehicles from the property on Delphia Avenue. If it is not done, Maine Township can remove the debris plus vehicles and file a lien against the property for its cost.

Agenda Item: Administrator's Report

Administrator Berman stated that Maine Township will be participating in the Niles Community Show Case at Golf Mill on Friday, May 21st. She added that the Volunteer Reception will take place on Thursday, June 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Chateau Ritz.

Agenda Item: Personnel, MaineStay Vacancy

Evelyn Fennell, Director of MaineStay Youth and Family Services stated that on May 11th Andy Young submitted his resignation for employment as a family therapist with a termination date of May 28th. On May 17th he informed Ms. Fennell that he would be terminating on that date. Ms. Fennell stated that she placed an ad for a family therapist in the Journal and Topics, on iHireSocialServices.com and notified several universities and intern sites about this position. She received eleven resumes and conducted five interviews.

Ms. Fennell asked the Board for approval of Natalya Meydbray, as her candidate of choice to fill this position. She added that Ms. Meydbray has all the education we need, is fluent in both English and Russian and will be an excellent addition to MaineStay clinical staff.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to hire Ms. Natalya Meydbray as a full time family therapist for MaineStay at \$35,000 per year with full benefits, starting day June 1, 2010.

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: Old Business

Trustee Kazmierczak asked when the health insurance is up for renewal.

Supervisor Teschky stated that tomorrow Administrator Berman will be contacting our insurance broker Hohenadel Insurance Group, Inc. They will be asked to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the health insurance renewal.

Agenda Item: New Business, Dave Johnson Contract Renewal

Supervisor Teschky stated that Mr. Dave Johnson's contracts for the Internet Service Agreement and the Consulting Agreement are up for renewal.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to approve the Consulting Agreement and Internet Service Agreement between Maine Township, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation and M. David Johnson, dba BDS Software, starting on July 1, 2010.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Discussion:

Trustee Morask stated that this year we had a lot of issues with computers. She said that this cost us a fortune in addition to Mr. Johnson's services. She asked Administrator Berman how often we use Mr. Johnson's services and if our computers worked properly after the last power failure.

Administrator Berman stated it depends on a particular month how often we need to call Mr. Johnson. She added that Mr. Johnson is knowledgeable and has been able to fix computer problems sometimes even on evenings. She also stated that sometimes new problems arrive after old problems are fixed.

Trustee Morask questioned the Internet Service Agreement and the Consulting Agreement. She pointed out that in her opinion both contracts are very complicated. She added that she disagrees with some language used in the contracts and also some contract's propositions.

Mr. Johnson clarified his position with Maine Township. He stated that for the last four years he made sure that the Website is functioning properly. For the last ten years he is watching technical parts of our computers and maintaining our computer system.

Supervisor Teschky pointed out that the last ComEd power failure started all the problems with our computers. She added that now the back-up system is fixed and she noted that Mr. Johnson was not consulted on the previous back-up system.

Mr. Johnson stated that now data won't be lost, the departments are backing-up their work and the virus program is working.

Attorney Dowd suggested that he will discuss this contract with Mr. Johnson.

Trustee Kazmierczak Motion to withdraw the Motion to approve the Consulting Agreement and Internet Service Agreement between Maine Township, Illinois, a Municipal Corporation and M. David Johnson, dba BDS Software, starting on July 1, 2010.

Trustee Gialamas Second to withdraw the Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

Agenda Item: Closed Session

None.

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