

Maine Township Board Meeting April 26, 2017

Board Members Present: Trustees Morask, Gialamas, Jones and Schaefer

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner, Assessor Moylan Krey and Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak

Other in attendance: Dayna Berman, Dan Dowd, Doriene Prorak, Denise Jajko, Elizabeth Coy, Richard Lyon, Marsha Warnick, Michael Samaan, Mary Swanson, Susan Sweeney, Gary Gail, David Carrabotta, Dick Barton, Catherine Sbarra, Dagmar Rutzen, Marvin Michnik, Marty Cook, Robert Provenzano, Jan Provenzano, Claire McKenzie and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Teschky called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., Clerk Warner led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2017 Board Meeting

Trustee Gialamas Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 Board Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2017 Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement Meeting

Trustee Schaefer Motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement Meeting as distributed to the Board.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Abstain

Trustee Gialamas Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Assistance Expenditures

Payrolls dated March 24, 2017 and April 7, 2017 and General Assistance checks #50517 through check #50589 in the amount of \$64,902.17.

Trustee Gialamas Motion to approve.

Trustee Jones Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes

Trustee Morask Yes

Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of Road District Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 7, 2017 and April 21, 2017 and Road District checks #19732 through check #19777 in the amount of \$147,993.29.

Trustee Jones Motion to approve.
Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Approval of General Town Fund Expenditures

Payrolls dated April 7, 2017 and April 21, 2017 and General Town Fund checks #54808 through check #54906 in the amount of \$359,150.65.

Trustee Morask Motion to approve.
Trustee Schaefer Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Marty Cook/Recovery Connection

Marty Cook stated that May 1st will be Recovery Connection's two year anniversary. He thanked Supervisor Teschky for her and the Township's support.

Mr. Cook stated that this program continues to grow and build a loyal following. Besides their core Friday night meeting, the Recovery Connection continues to seek social and community building events to support young adults in their recovery. Last Friday, they partnered with the City of Rosemont to use their one of a kind indoor Domed sports diamond for a sober kickball tournament. This event had 54 participants. The tentative future events are: Community Run Park Ridge, Sober Boat Cruise, Recovery Retreat-Loyola University, Stair Climb in Evanston and Recovery Fitness Club.

Mr. Cook reported that there are many organizations that are calling the MTRC and are seeking advice on initiating community based recovery programing.

Mr. Cook stated that recovery connections staff does heavy outreach to therapists, health care providers, colleges, government and faith communities in Chicago and the northern suburbs. They raise awareness of our program to groups and institutions that interact with emerging adults who may be seeking to enter or stay in recovery. He added that Jonathan Kaehn and Nick Kanehl are outstanding addition to the Recovery Connection program. They both are very professional and Nick already spoke in two schools on recovery.

Trustee Morask commended Mr. Cook on a great job the MTRC is performing and suggested to open a Facebook page for more publicity.

Trustee Jones pointed out that once again Maine Township has a wonderful program that finds necessity to provide place and workshops for young adults in recovery. She added that she is proud to be a part of the Maine Township Board that supports this MTRC program.

Agenda Item: HealthCare Reform Benefit Solutions Presentation

Catherine Sbarra from HRB Solutions stated that she has great news regarding the Maine Township renewal plan with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois. She stated that BlueCross BlueShield will be increasing our rates by only 4.8 %. Ms. Sbarra added that there is no change in Dental Insurance, there is no rate increase in Vision Insurance and the Life Insurance is increased by 9% - from \$561 a month to \$611 a month. She also explained PPO and HMO Grandfathered Rates, the Renewal and Large Claim Data and Marketing.

Ms. Sbarra pointed out that the insurance renewal rates will be effective July 1, 2017.

Ms. Sbarra thanked Supervisor Teschky for her support and wished her a happy retirement.

All Elected Officials were extremely happy with the outstanding renewal plan Ms. Sbarra provided.

Agenda Item: Officials' Reports

Assessor Moylan Krey stated that she enjoyed her time with a couple special people from Maine Township. Supervisor Carol Teschky gave a lot to the township and Assessor Moylan Krey added that she respects her and looks up to her. Clerk Gary K. Warner is a terrific person and everybody loves him dearly. Past Highway Commissioner Robert Provenzano is sorely missed and she wishes that these people would still be part of her life.

Assessor Moylan Krey reported that her office will be open for appeals approximately on May 22nd. Right now, her office is handling miscellaneous and checking back their files.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that he would like to echo Assessor Moylan Krey comments regarding Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and past Highway Commissioner Provenzano. He added that these three individuals brought a lot to Township government with their excellent knowledge and work and he appreciates knowing them.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak reported that on April 17th we had a bid opening for three projects: 2017 Resurfacing Program, 2017 Curb/Gutter & Sidewalk and 2017 Street Maintenance Materials. The engineering team recommended hiring the lowest bidder. The date to start these projects is not set up yet but the contracts will be drawn shortly.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that tree branch pick up service started on April 16th and will continue on every 3rd Monday of the month until September.

Clerk Warner stated that working for Maine Township is like being with family. He commented that all the offices help each other and work in harmony. He is certain that it will continue on because everybody cares about Township and its residents.

Clerk Warner reported that in 2002 he started passport service in his office. He is very proud of implementing these services in the Maine Township Clerk's office and the revenue it brings to the Township.

Clerk Warner suggested hiring one of his part-time employees to a full-time position due to the high volume of passport customers. He also reminded the Board to contact Honor Flight Chicago to present them the \$1,000 check.

Trustee Schaefer congratulated Supervisor Teschky and Clerk Warner on their retirement, wonderful job, the love and time they gave for the Township. She appreciates how much she learned from them about Township government.

Trustee Jones stated that Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and Highway Commissioner Provenzano have given of themselves to the Maine Township community. The township's residents lives were enhanced greatly by their presents on the Board. She added that the Maine Township Board and all the residents appreciate their service. Trustee Jones stated that she is proud to be part of the Maine Township Board.

Trustee Gialamas stated that he also has the same sentiments. He stated that nine years ago he started on the Board and learned a lot over these years about Township government from all three Elected Officials. He thanked Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and Highway Commissioner Provenzano for

everything they taught him and he is looking forward keeping the spirit in promoting township government.

Trustee Morask stated that 15 years ago, Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and Highway Commissioner Provenzano took her under their wings and taught her so much about township government. She stated that these three individuals epitomize everything that public service stands for. Trustee Morask commented that she never realized that township government plays such an important role because it's closest to the people.

Trustee Morask mentioned many services and programs which have been instituted under their leadership. She mentioned just a few, such as Recovery Connection, Senior Services, MaineStay Youth and Family counseling, assisting taxpayers in completing appeals and tax exemptions and passports. Trustee Morask stated Clerk Warner introduced Honor Flight Chicago to our Township to never forget America's veterans.

Trustee Morask stated that she has big shoes to fill as a new Supervisor. She added that Supervisor Teschky is the epitome of grace, dignity and elegance.

Trustee Morask thanked one more time Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and Highway Commissioner Provenzano for the years she spent together on the Maine Township Board.

Supervisor Teschky stated: "When someone is first elected to public office it is a happy time. For me that was 28 years ago. I remember telling myself at the time that one day you will be leaving this job. That day has arrived. The time went by very fast. So, I want to offer my thanks to all past and present board members for their support, respect and friendship. Especially tonight with former Highway Commissioner Provenzano and Clerk Gary K. Warner present. It meant a lot to me and I won't forget it. You all have made my term as Supervisor very special.

To Doriene, Dayna, Denise, Vicki and all the department heads, thank you for your respect and support. I will not forget that either. I wish everyone well in the coming months and years. I hope to come around once in a while for a visit. See you soon! - Carol"

Agenda Item: Attorney's Report

Attorney Dowd stated that it was his pleasure to serve for 20 years with Supervisor Teschky and Clerk Warner. He said that he is honored to be part of this team, commended Supervisor Teschky and Clerk Warner on their wonderful work. He congratulated them on their retirement.

Agenda Item: Administrator Report

Administrator Berman stated that on behalf of the entire staff she wishes to say thank you to the outgoing Board members: Supervisor Teschky, Clerk Warner and Trustee Schaefer. She thanked Supervisor Teschky who she has worked so closely with over the past few years, for giving her the freedom and privilege to run town hall and for the confidence in her. Administrator Berman stated that she have appreciated her support and guidance and that she will miss Supervisor Carol Teschky tremendously.

Agenda Item: Personnel
None.

Agenda Item: Old Business
None.

Agenda Item: New Business, State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program-Resolution 2017-RB-2
Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2017-RB-2.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak asked for approval of said resolution for participating in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. He noted that the previous adopted resolution is still valid but due to the mistake made by the State of Illinois it has to be passed again. Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that State of Illinois agreed that they made a mistake but they refuse to correct it.

Trustee Morask Motion to waive the reading and approve Resolution 2017-RB-2, Resolution for Participating in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Disposition of Surplus Equipment/Vehicles-Resolution 2017-RB-3
Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2017-RB-3.

Trustee Jones Motion to waive the reading and approve Resolution 2017-RB-3, Resolution of the Highway Commissioner Maine Township Road District – Sell or Dispose of Surplus Equipment/Vehicles.

Trustee Schaefer Second.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak stated that the equipment and vehicles mentioned in the resolution are not functioning correctly. Some of these equipment and vehicles need to be disposed and some can be sold for probably minimum bid.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: New Business, Objection to Special Use/Unique Use Application of Patriot Acres, LLC-Resolution 2017-6

Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to approve Resolution 2017-6.

Trustee Gialamas asked the Board to consider passing the resolution opposing the Special Use/Unique Application of the Patriot Acres, LLC for the operation of an organic material recycling facility. He explained that he attended a public meeting on April 6th, organized by the residents living near 9800 E. Central Road in Des Plaines. After hearing testimony from a panel of experts and comments and questions from the residents, Trustee Gialamas very strongly feels that Maine Township should pass the resolution and avoid having commercial composting facility in our backyard.

Trustee Schaefer Motion to waive the reading and approve Resolution 2017-6, A Resolution Objecting to a Special Use/Unique Application to Cook County by Patriot Acres, LLC for the Operation of an Organic Material Recycling Facility in Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois.

Trustee Gialamas Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Supervisor Teschky stated that signed Resolution 2017-6 with a cover letter from Maine Township will be sent to the Cook County Board of Commissioners and Cook County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of 2017-2018 Town Fund/GA Budget

Supervisor Teschky presented two proposed budgets for the General Town and General Assistance Fund. She stated that one of these budgets have the transfer of \$400,000.00 in it.

Trustee Morask	Motion to waive the reading and approve the Maine Township General Town and General Assistance Fund Ordinance 2017-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2017-2018, with the transfer of \$400,000.00 to Road District Fund, with the total appropriation of \$5,940,289.00.
Trustee Schaefer	Second.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak read a statement explaining the necessity for fund transfer to the Road District Fund.

He read: "Enclosed is a revised Road District Budget that allows for the transfer of \$200,000.00 of Township Funds to the Permanent Road Fund along with the transfer of \$200,000.00 to our Equipment and Building Fund. The need for the transfer of funds is as much strategic as necessity driven.

The Road District General Road Fund has more than a healthy surplus since it houses Administrative Costs which are easier to control than other aspects our Budget. In addition, supplies for snow and salaries for the months of December, January and February are taken from this fund. A mild winter sharply curtailed the use of salt and dramatically reduced overtime. These reduced costs helped support the healthy balance sheet.

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to transfer General Road Funds to any of our other funds that are lacking the same fiscal vibrancy. An influx of \$200,000.00 from Town Funds supports an aggressive plan of needed street resurfacing and curb and gutter work. \$200,000.00 for the Equipment and Building Fund takes it out of a deficit and allows us to save for major purchases that are inevitable.

The goal is leaving in four years, a Highway Department that is self-sufficient, has adequate reserves in all of its funds, and provides a high level of service to the unincorporated area and leaves as small a footprint on the public's tax bill as possible.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Teschky	Yes
Trustee Morask	Yes
Trustee Gialamas	Yes
Trustee Jones	Yes
Trustee Schaefer	Yes

Motion carried.

Supervisor Teschky stated that the Maine Township Town and General Assistance Fund Budget with the transfer of \$400,000.00 to Road District Budget has been passed and the other proposed budget is void.

Agenda Item: New Business, Approval of 2017-2018 Road & Bridge Budget

Supervisor Teschky entertained a motion to approve the Road District Budget.

Trustee Morask	Motion to approve the Maine Township Road District Ordinance 2017-RB-1, Budget & Appropriation Ordinance for the year 2017-2018 as presented to the Board with the total appropriations of \$2,470,805.00.
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Trustee Jones Second.
Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:
Supervisor Teschky Yes
Trustee Morask Yes
Trustee Gialamas Yes
Trustee Jones Yes
Trustee Schaefer Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Closed Session
 None.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Trustee Gialamas Motion to adjourn.
Trustee Morask Second.
All in favor.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Maine Township Clerk