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Board Members Present: Trustees Jones, Carrabotta, McKenzie and Sweeney

Other Elected Officials Present: Supervisor Morask, Clerk Gialamas and Assessor Moylan Krey

Others in attendance: Dayna Berman, Doriene Prorak, Richard Lyon, Kurt Asprooth, Christopher Scalet, Dagmar Rutzen, Dawne Hayman, Ryan McKenzie, Donna Adam, Marsha Warnick, Denise Jajko, Susan Culotta, Valorie Green, David Millman, Bob Gutsell, Dennis Martin and Wiesia Tytko

Supervisor Morask called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., Clerk Gialamas led the Pledge of Allegiance and called the roll.

Agenda Item: Public Participation

None.

Agenda Item: Discussion and potential action on revisions and changes for the 2018-2019 Budget

Supervisor Morask stated that per Trustees request, the Board members received a revised Highway Department budget with an explanatory letter from Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak and General Town Fund and General Assistance proposed budget and budget worksheet. Supervisor Morask pointed out that she appreciated Trustees' input, the requested reductions were made and she is extremely proud with the new proposed budget.

Trustee Sweeney and Trustee Carrabotta expressed their appreciation for the effort that was put in the revised budget.

A discussion followed regarding Highway Department budget. Trustees requested that the budget be reduced to reflect more realistic amounts.

Highway Commissioner Kazmierczak agreed to reduce his budget.

Another discussion followed regarding the Assessor's budget. The Trustees asked Assessor Moylan Krey to reduce her budget in the questioned salary line item.

Assessor Moylan Krey responded that the funds included in the said line item are necessary for the extra employees she will be using during the triennial reassessment.

Public Participation:

OEM Director, Dagmar Rutzen commented on the OEM proposed budget. She expressed her concerns for the OEM Budget being extremely reduced. Ms. Rutzen stated that her department is mostly volunteers but their programs and equipment need monetary funds.

Supervisor Morask stated that OEM volunteers are very appreciated in the Township.

Administrator Berman and she looked over OEM line items very carefully and made necessary reductions.

Bob Goodsell, unincorporated Des Plaines resident stated that he lives in the area for over 56 years. He commented on a wonderful job that is done by Maine Township Highway Department and Assessor's office. He stated that he and many Maine Township residents visit the Maine Township offices which provide great and most appreciated services for the Maine Township taxpayers. Comments for Bob Goodsell – see video at 1:40:20.

Supervisor Morask thanked Mr. Goodsell for his wise comments.

Supervisor Morask stated that black mold and a crack in cement were discovered in the Township Town Hall. She distributed the pictures of the black mold in the building.

Supervisor Morask proposed establishing a separate capital fund with a separate account in the bank for the only specific projects.

Trustees were concerned about Township employees' safety and asked for proposals for removing the black mold. They agreed that now the priority is to pass the budget and the money in the reserves which can be used for the repairs in the building.

Agenda Item: Discussion and potential action on staff raises performance and cost of living  
Supervisor Morask explained that in the new proposed budget the raises and possible hires are included.

After a short discussion it was decided to table this issue.

Trustee Carrabotta Motion to table the discussion and potential action on staff raises performance and cost of living to the next Board meeting.

Trustee Sweeney Second.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible action on Trustee Sweeney's motion as follow: "Motion and a vote to adopt a total Maine Township budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year that ranges from \$6,385,608 to \$6,721,693. This range represents a reduction of 5% over last year's actual expenditures to 100% of last year's actual expenditures in Maine Township for the combined funds of the General Town Fund, the General Assistance Fund, and the Road and Bridge Fund."

Supervisor Morask stated that this issue was already discussed and she proposed to table Trustee Sweeney's motion.

Supervisor Morask Motion to table Trustee Sweeney's motion.

Trustee Jones Second.

Trustee Sweeney stated that the intention of the motion was to keep the budget flat to 5% reduction and we have come within that realm and that she is very pleased with the new proposed budget. See video at 2:15:30.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Supervisor Morask Yes

Trustee Jones Yes

Trustee Carrabotta Yes

Trustee McKenzie Yes

Trustee Sweeney Yes

Motion carried.

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Supervisor Morask Motion to adjourn.

Trustee Jones Second.

All in favor.

Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

MEMO

Date: May 8, 2018

To: Maine Township Board

From: Trustee Susan Sweeney

Re: Selection of New Township Attorney

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For the record, I feel that the Township board should have engaged in a formal RFP process instead of being rushed to identify potentially qualified attorneys and submit names on a short deadline.

Also, for the record, here is how each law firm to be considered by the Township Board thus came to the Board's attention:

- **Ancel Glink:** suggested by Supervisor Morask. This firm was never contacted by Trustee Sweeney for the IMRF appeal.
- **Odelson & Sterk:** contacted Supervisor Morask directly (Trustee Sweeney previously contacted this attorney only for purposes of the IMRF appeal).
- **Robbins, Solomon & Patt:** suggested by Trustee McKenzie (Trustee McKenzie asked Trustee Sweeney to try to track down the attorney who represented Northfield and Northbrook. Although we interviewed a different attorney than the attorney we sought to identify, Trustees McKenzie and Sweeney determined that the attorney interviewed was qualified enough for consideration).
- **Rathje & Woodward:** suggested by Trustees Sweeney and Carrabotta.
- **Helper Broom:** contacted Supervisor Morask.

Please note that other attorneys were contacted by Trustees Sweeney, McKenzie and Carrabotta, but names were not submitted to the Board for further consideration for various reasons.