

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 16, 2013

The Annual Town Meeting for Maine Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Gary K. Warner. Clerk Warner welcomed everyone in attendance to the Maine Township 163rd Annual Town meeting. He asked everyone to extend their prayers and wishes for the safe return of our armed forces, who are risking their lives for our freedoms.

Clerk Warner asked everyone to rise and Des Plaines Boy Scouts Troop 160 presented the Colors.

Boys Scout Leader Steve Reddington led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Warner announced that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the electorate of our Township's financial status and to act upon certain resolutions to be presented at the meeting.

Clerk Warner introduced his staff Deputy Clerks Rosalind Luburich, Jerry Jaworsky and Annette Galante. He also introduced his Chief Deputy Clerk Wiesia Tytko stating that these people are responsible for making the Clerk's office operate so efficiently.

Next he introduced Maine Township Elected Official, starting with Trustees: the Honorable Walter Kazmierczak, Laura Morask, Susan Moylan Krey and Peter Gialamas. Collector, Honorable Mary Rohde, Highway Commissioner, Honorable Robert Provenzano, and the longest standing Township Official, since being elected in 1985, Assessor, Honorable Tom Rueckert. Lastly Clerk Warner introduced Maine Township Supervisor, Honorable Carol Teschky.

He also welcomed and introduced our guest, Audrey Nankervis.

Clerk Warner recognized Trustee Kazmierczak for the purpose of making a nomination for a moderator.

Trustee Kazmierczak nominated the Deputy Chief of Park Ridge Police, Lou Jogmen to serve as Moderator of the meeting. There were no other nominations and Clerk Warner made a motion to close the nominations and it was seconded by Assessor Rueckert.

Clerk Warner administered the Oath of Moderator to Deputy Chief Jogmen. Moderator Jogmen stated that he is honored to be a part of this special meeting and he thanked Clerk Warner and all for being invited. He appointed Attorney Dan Dowd as Parliamentarian.

Moderator Jogmen asked Clerk Warner to present the minutes of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting for approval. Clerk Warner stated that the minutes were distributed earlier and requested that the minutes be approved and that the reading be waived. Trustee Morask made a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Town meeting minutes and it was seconded by Deputy Clerk Rosalind Luburich. The motion to waive the reading and approve the minutes passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Moderator Jogmen as required by statute, asked if there were any special town meetings held during the year. Clerk Warner stated that there was no special Board meetings held during the last fiscal year.

Moderator Jogmen called on Supervisor Teschky to present the financial report for the General Town Fund. Supervisor Teschky began her presentation stating that the township is in sound financial shape and has no debts. After the report was read, Assessor Rueckert moved that the report be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Kazmierczak seconded the motion and it passed by a show of hands with voting cards. There was no public comment.

Supervisor Teschky presented the financial report for the General Assistance Fund. OEM Director, Robert Cohen moved that the report be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Gialamas seconded the motion and it passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Supervisor Teschky presented the financial report for the Road District and stated that a list of creditors and inventory were attached in compliance with a state statute. Trustee Kazmierczak moved that the report be accepted and placed on file. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Teschky and it passed by a show of hands with voting cards. There was no public comment.

Supervisor Teschky welcomed everyone to the Maine Township's 163rd Town Meeting. She stated that it is her pleasure to report the wonderful things that took place in this building from March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013.

She stated that "Much was accomplished which I attribute to our dedicated and loyal staff. I am extremely proud of our Administrator, Department Heads and Staff. They do their jobs day in and day out and have earned the respect of the residents. First, I would like to recognize my administrative assistant, Doriene Prorak. Doriene embodies professionalism and integrity. She is my right and left hand and always has a smile for fellow staff and residents. Doriene, please rise. Next, I would like to introduce our capable administrator, Dayna Berman. Since taking on the position in 2005, Dayna has performed with the utmost professionalism and has earned the respect of both staff and Elected Officials. Dayna, will you please rise and introduce our Administrative staff and then the various Department Heads. Thank you one and all for your service to the Township. It is

certainly a pleasure to work with you here on a daily basis. It is my distinct pleasure to introduce the rest of my fellow Board Members: Clerk Gary K. Warner, Assessor Rueckert, Highway Commissioner Provenzano, Trustees: Laura J. Morask, Walter Kazmierczak, Susan Moylan Krey and Peter Gialamas. I consider it a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. You each bring your own expertise and talents to Township government.

This evening we would like to give special recognition to the following staff and Elected Officials for their years of commitment and dedication to Maine Township.

Debra Babich – 10 years
Elizabeth Coy – 10 years
Carol Langan – 10 years
Hwy. Commissioner Robert Provenzano – 20 years
John Ulrey – 20 years
Clerk Gary K. Warner – 25 years

Maine Township again sponsored 2 Cash Dash events in conjunction with the State Treasurer's Office, which took place in September. A total of over 50 residents came in and one claim was for \$10,000.00. Our new initiative this year was to offer residents a chance to destroy important papers through Secure Data Destruction. It was a very popular recycling event and we have scheduled one for this year also. Speaking of recycling, the Township and the Road District co-sponsored two Electronics Recycling Events with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Close to 400 cars came through at each event to drop off their electronics which by State Law cannot be dumped in landfills. The Coast 2 Coast free prescription drug card provides enormous savings on most prescriptions to any resident. Over the past 12 months, this program has saved individuals using the program over \$226,484.00 on over 5,000 prescriptions filled. A savings of 58% is passed down to anyone in the Township using the program. The Township collected royalties this past year of over \$2,200.00.

Our Assessor's Office assisted over 19,000 residents which includes processing homeowner's exemptions, senior and senior freeze exemptions, disabled and disabled veterans exemptions. They also processed over 1,500 Property Tax Appeals to the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review.

The Clerks' Dept. registered 347 voters, sold 12,012 vehicle stickers for Cook County, processed 344 RTA passes, 1,059 Passport Applications, and 1,274 Maine Lines Tickets, which are subsidized cab rides for disabled and low income seniors.

Our ever popular MaineStreamers welcomed 341 new members. Our total membership is now over 5,600. There were a grand total of 13,943 participants in all programs. We continue to partner with Golf Mill Mall for our ever-popular Senior Expo.

MaineStay Youth & Family Services Dept. offered low-cost counseling to 1,480 families which consisted of 5,331 individuals. Clinical groups offered included boys education, girls education, anger management and our popular Gang Seminar hosted by Trustee Laura J. Morask. MaineStay also sponsored Government Day for high schoolers, an after-school children's art program, an adult/child weekly mentoring group and the four-week Adventure Day Camp.

We also provided reservation phone contact for the volunteer drivers for the FISH Program. We serviced 264 residents with 1,240 rides to medical appointments. Our EARN Program, which matches youth with seniors needing help around their homes totaled 27 contacts.

Our ever-popular Garage Sale netted \$4,267.75 split between Day Camp & the Food Pantry.

Our Office of Emergency Management continues with their great service to the Community. They have become strong partners with Park Ridge for CERT Training. They have re-organized the Regional Medical Reserve Corps and the overall membership has increased while simultaneously strengthening the partnership with North Maine, Park Ridge Fire & Police and other emergency management organizations throughout the State. They have performed an amazing 5,127 volunteer hours – which at today's volunteer comparative equals \$146,889.00.

Our state-mandated General Assistance Department is currently assisting 58 individuals. The department also continues to assist the community with Public Aid Applications for benefits which include food stamps and medical assistance. The Circuit Breaker Program has been eliminated by the State of Illinois. The Benefit Access Program now exists as its replacement. This new program provides Seniors and the disabled with free transit rides. It also provides a license plate discount. Since this program may only be applied for via the internet, our General Assistance Department offers this convenience. We also processed Applications for the Low Income Home Energy Program (also known as LIHEAP) to help residents with their utility bills. We are also an intake site for Access to Care, which is a low income limited medical program. It provides physician services and limited lab services at a reduced fee. The Township Food Pantry distributed 2,673 boxes which served 3,979 adults and 1,057 children. During these difficult economic times, Maine Township met the demand. Many thanks to all the individuals, churches, organizations, schools, businesses and chambers of commerce for their generosity in both food and cash donations.

On August 7, 2012, we were again a sponsor of National Night Out Against Crime. We partnered with Golf Maine Park District and the event was once again held at Dee Park. This event was ably chaired by Trustee Susan Moylan-Krey and her hard-working committee including Trustee Kazmierczak, Trustee Gialamas and Trustee Morask. The Cook County Sheriff's Department again staffed tables with officers who provided informative information to the residents. Over 100 local children submitted posters with the theme "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully".

Changes have occurred in our staffing this past year. Highway Department office manager Sharon McLaughlin retired to be ably replaced by Dawne Hayman from the General Assistance Department. We welcome Anne Camarano who joined us as General Assistant Receptionist. Larry Bunyon came from the Highway Department to become our Code enforcement officer. Welcome to Larry and welcome to his new daughter. In the assessors department Kiki Boukas has retired and we wish her a happy retirement. Faris Dababneh has joined the Assessor's Department. We welcome Sam. Dagmar Rutzen has been appointed

assistant director of OEM to replace Michael Fox who resigned. We welcome Celeste Smith as a permanent part time for General Assistance and who is also willing to cross train in other departments. Welcome, Celeste. So we have completed another excellent year in service to the residents.

We are operating under the tax cap and we have no debt. We continue on a sound fiscal direction and we are slowly building up our reserves. Once again, we have demonstrated that Township Government, being closest to the people, is also the most responsive to their individual and collective needs. May God Bless everyone here and God Bless America!"

Moderator Jogmen asked Trustee Moylan Krey to present the Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award.

Trustee Moylan Krey stated that "The Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen's Award was initiated in 2011. Sgt. Karen Lader, a Maine Township resident, served with the Cook County Sheriff's Police for 15 years. She went above and beyond to be involved with Maine Township's Neighborhood Watch Program, National Night Out Against Crime, Special Olympics and animal rescue. She was devoted to her community. Karen lost her life to a courageous battle with cancer on May 15, 2010. Tonight we would like to honor another one of Maine Township's finest citizens.

Louise Friedenson has been a long standing citizen of Maine Township and presides in the unincorporated area of the township. Her neighbors consider her the "glue" of the neighborhood. Not only is Louise a volunteer in MaineStay's mentoring program for the last 3 years, she was pivotal in the Maine Township drop in center after school program on its inception in 1992 and continued with TLC who took over the program in 2005. As you can see Louise is always about the "kids". She knows that they are our future. Louise donates her time to Golf Maine Park District Advisory Board. Louise was instrumental in organizing our Maine Township Neighborhood Watch Group. Not only was Louise the initial chairperson for Maine Township's National Night Out Against Crime, she still continues to work on this yearly event that has reached attendance of well over 600 residents. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Louise husband Bernie who helped her carry out her mission. I am blessed to know her as she has the spirit of a true volunteer. Louise Friedenson is truly one of Maine Township's finest residents, going above and beyond in service to others. Please help me in recognizing Louise this award."

The Sgt. Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award was presented to Louise Friedenson.

Moderator Jogmen asked Dagmar Rutzen to present the William (Bill) Cox Memorial Award.

Dagmar Rutzen stated that "In the Town of Maine Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) was founded. Allen Graber was the agency Coordinator, William (Bill) Cox was the chief Deputy and Bob Cohen was the Training Officer. Bill loved life and everything it had to offer. He was enthusiastic about this new agency and put heart and soul into it. When in 1992 Hurricane Andrew struck in Florida, Bob Cohen initiated a relief drive here at Town Hall. Within a few days, donations came from all over and the township was inundated with relief supplies. Since Allen and Bob both had fulltime jobs, Bill took over the processing of all the donations for packing and shipping. He was amazing. Bill Cox worked tirelessly to get all of it packed and moved out. This boardroom was filled to the brim. All of the Township staff was involved in readying these supplies. This relief drive was the largest, non-charitable relief drive in the country.

I am privileged to present this evening the second annual William (Bill) Cox award for excellence in emergency management and commitment to Maine Township to Robert L. Cohen.

Bob was one of the founding members of what is now known as the Maine Township Office of Emergency Management. He has made this agency what it is today. Currently he is our Director of OEM as well as the Director of our Regional Medical Reserve Corps for Maine Township. Disaster preparedness has been in his blood. He started out in 1996 with the American Red Cross. He worked in a supervisory position for them here in Chicago, Los Angeles as well as in Peoria. Bob has also served the Regional Emergency Coordinator for the U.S. Navy for the Midwest Region. His extensive expertise in disaster response and business continuity has served him well as he responded to relief efforts and local disaster emergencies in the Plainfield, Streater and Utica tornados. In 2005 he was a member of the FEMA team that oversaw the recovery efforts from the damage from Hurricane Katrina. Bob served and still is on many committees dealing with emergency management, safety and emergency preparedness. He has been recognized on the local, state, country and international level. His programs have been lauded by former President Bush and former Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge.

Bob is on call 24/7 every day of the year. When any kind of emergency occurs in our community, Bob is the first one to be contacted. Bob is one of the first people on the scene. Serving and helping people has been a life long passion for Bob. We are so lucky to have Bob in our community. It is his drive, devotion and passion that have put Maine Township on the map when it comes to Emergency Management. Bob's license plate says MT OEM. It should be MR OEM, because he is Mister OEM."

The second Annual William (Bill) Cox Memorial Award for Excellence in Emergency Management and Commitment to Maine Township was presented Robert L. Cohen".

Moderator Jogmen requested that Supervisor Teschky present the resolutions for approval by the electors.

Supervisor Teschky presented Resolution 2013-4 to authorize the Town Board of Maine Township to dispose of one (1) 1995

Elgin Street Sweeper with identification number S8196D and Trustee Kazmierczak moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Ed Beauvais and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Supervisor Teschky presented Resolution 2013-5 to establish the township fiscal year to begin March 1, 2013 and end February 28, 2014 and Assessor Rueckert moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moylan Krey and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Supervisor Teschky presented Resolution 2013-6 setting the next Annual Town Meeting for April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Road in Park Ridge. Robert Cohen moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gialamas and passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Supervisor Teschky presented Resolution 2013-7 to approve compensation for the Moderator in the amount of \$75.00 and Trustee Moylan Krey moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Morask and it passed by a show of hands with voting cards.

Moderator Jogmen stated that he would donate \$75 to the Maine Township Food Pantry.

Moderator Jogmen announced that the business of the meeting was now concluded and asked if there were any more comments.

Moderator Jogmen stated that it was his pleasure to serve as Moderator at this meeting. He resides in Maine Township for over 20 years and knows that Maine Township Elected Officials and staff are work very hard to make Maine Township better place for its residents.

Moderator Jogmen entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting and John Ulrey moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Trustee Morask and the motion passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Town Clerk