

Observer Report

Date: February 23, 2021

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Government Body:	
<i>Members Present</i>	<i>Members Absent</i>
David Carrabotta, Trustee	(Don't know who is absent.)
Lynn Morask, Superviwsor	
Susan Sweeney, Trustee	
Keli Stonitsch, HR Generalist	
Claire McKenzie, Trustee	
Dayna Berman, Administrator Roger Shabert Earl Wilson Peter Gialamas Clerk(calls roll for votes) Kimberly Jones, Trustee Susan Krey, Assessor KeriLynn K, Attorney Robert H.,Attorney Walter Kaźmierczak, Highway Commissioner	

General Observations	Yes	No	Comments
Did meeting start on time?	X		Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.for bill pay session. However, participants just sat silently for the most part until 52 minutes passed. Discussed specific bills in packet.
Were the facilities large enough? Could the audience readily hear the proceedings? Handicapped Access?	X		Meeting held via Zoom. Members present were via Zoom and the Board Room was also in view. Two members were in the Board Room.
Was there media coverage?			Not sure
Illinois Open Meeting Act requirements			

Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If so, where?	X		Agenda posted on Maine Township website.
Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed	X		
Was background information available to the public?	X		
Were issues adequately discussed?			I think so.
Was public comment encouraged?	X		
Was the public treated respectfully?	X		

Agenda and supporting agenda items can be found at: On website:

<https://mainetown.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/agenda_21-02-23.pdf> and
 <https://mainetown.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/packet_21-02-23.pdf>

Meetings are streamed and archived at: <<https://mainetown.com/board-meetings/>>

Public participation: (estimate of attendance excluding staff and elected officials)

Public Participation Remarks:

- Earl Wilson - A candidate happy to be on ballot.
- Suzanne, Des Plaines - Thanked everyone during COVID times. Target corporations not citizens to obtain tax funds.

Presentations and discussion by elected officials, staff and/or administrators:

- Susan Sweeney was trying talk about Republican slate and that it should be included in the minutes. Laura Morask said that her comment is not allowed at board meeting or in minutes because it is political and inappropriate. Kimberly Jones said that what Susan Sweeney proposed about the Republican slate is propaganda. One person was given permission to make a public comment. She said what happened

should be on the record as it is free speech. There was discussion as to include Republican slate in the minutes. Minutes were approved with amendments and without discussion on Republican slate.

- Town Fund approval - motion to approve, seconded and passed.
- Payroll approval - motion to approve, seconded and passed.
- Motion to hire Eva Magnowski part-time deputy clerk, 1-5 p.m. replacing Roz who retired. \$15/hour, seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Continued business - website - Seamless Docs Subscription - motion to approve, seconded and passed
- Landscaping Contract - Landscaping contractor, Michael ? to be renewed through November. \$1350/month, one time charge for two other services (spring cleanup, soil aeration). Motion to approve, seconded and passed.
- Vote of Continuing Resolution 2021-2 & 2021-RB-1 - allows township to operate. Motion to approve, seconded and passed on both resolutions.
- Discussion on Morask's motion to table Fiscal Year 2021-22 Preliminary Budget for TF/GA/R&B because budget is not done and it should be for the new board which will be elected April 6, 2021. Some preliminary work has already by Dayna Berman been done and new board should have some guidance on budget. Laura said we don't know what our budget would be because of the pandemic and we don't know revenues. Dayna briefly presented her preliminary budget for 2021. Budget is on website. Town funds a little over \$4 million which will be under 2020 funds, with appropriations a little over that. 2021 will have more programs because of easing of pandemic. Health insurance will be lower. Claire said not having a budget and waiting until July is irresponsible. New fiscal year ends this month. Motion to have a special budget hearing meeting on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m., seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tish Powell, service provider, Republic Services proposal/ for waste hauler had a 5-year contract, talked about 6-month extension with 4% increase. Discussion about signing contract now and then do an RFP for a new waste hauler. Motion to approve 6-month extension to Republic was seconded and passed. Motion to put RFP to begin October 2021 for new waste hauler, seconded and passed.
- Discussion and Vote to Abate Property Taxes as Presented by Trustee Sweeney. (2-minute limit for each trustee) Road and bridge ordinance. Difference between abatement and levy. We cannot abate unless a highway commissioner agrees to it.

Motion to ask that Trustee Sweeney read the ordinance into the record - Ordinance 2021-1 - (the number which will be amended later because it conflicts with treasurer's ordinance). Sweeney read her ordinance to abate highway levy.

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- Meeting went into closed session at 3:30:59. Meeting adjourned 11:04 p.m.

Informational Items presented by elected officials, staff and/or administrators:

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to any LWV state or local positions or programs?

Not really except for last board meeting's discussion about Republican slate which was decided couldn't be inserted into minutes.

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues? If "yes" what action do you recommend?

Additional Comments/Concerns – Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. for bill pay sessions which lasted one hour. It was established that there is a quorum as three members were present. Regular board meeting started at 7:30 p.m. Laura Morask made statement that meeting is done virtually.