



League of Women Voters of Park Ridge

Date:	8/24/2021
Media coverage?	The meetings are listed in the Mainly News which is sent to residents
Was there a quorum?	Yes
Number of attendees	Several (11-19)
Was the agenda posted in advance?	Yes it was
Sufficient time for public comments?	Yes
Topics of Note/Interesting Topic	John Bennett, Department Head, Office of Emergency Management, did a presentation explaining the function of this department and the challenges it faces - especially financial and staffing. I was impressed with the partnerships Maine Township has with other local entities, i.e. City of Park Ridge.
Topics of Note//Interesting Topic	Discussion of the American Rescue Plan Survey - there was discussion of the need to access funds controlled by Cook County and the State of Illinois. It is a challenge to access these funds for unincorporated townships. These funds would be used for capital projects as well as highway needs and cypersecurity programs.
Topics of Note/Interesting Topic	Maine Township hours of services - It was noted that the current schedule (daily 9 to 5) does not meet the needs of all the township residents. It was suggested that the township office expand their hours of service to meet the needs of all residents (i.e. open at least one evening/week). The challenge would be staffing.
Topics of Note/Interesting Topic	The township is seeking proposals for a public relations consultant. The time has been extended by one month with the goal of receiving more proposals. To date, only one proposal has been received for this service.

Any topics relevant to LWVPR positions?	I think the relevant topic would be timely access to American Rescue Plan monies (the money provided by the federal government to address pandemic financial challenges).
Were members civil to each other and the public?	Yes
If no, explain:	
Facilities (select any deficits)	
Officials attentive and alert?	Yes
Adequate discussion of issues?	Yes
Any other observations about the meeting?	One board member (Asif Malik, trustee) was unable to attend this meeting.
Meeting Adjourned	8:30:00 PM