

I am requesting the PAC review the alleged Open Meetings Act violations outlined below.

Public Body
Main Township
1700 Ballard Road
Park Ridge, IL60068
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1. On September 26th, a majority of a quorum of the Main Township Board met at 6:30 to review bills. Public business was discussed during this meeting to include questions to staff about bills. There was no agenda for this 6:30 meeting posted either on their web site or at the location of the meeting. The only reference to this meeting is found in a foot note on the regular meeting agenda which states: **“The Trustees will meet at 6:30 to review the bills”**.
2. On August 22nd, 2017, a majority of a quorum of the Main Township Board met at 6:30 to review bills. Public business was discussed during this meeting to include questions to staff about bills. There was no agenda for this 6:30 meeting posted either on their web site or at the location of the meeting. The only reference to this meeting is found in a foot note on the regular meeting agenda which states: **“The Trustees will meet at 6:30 to review the bills”**.
3. The Township has no minutes available for these 6:30 meetings held with a majority of a quorum. As we understand it, the Supervisor insists that would cost extra money to hire staff to keep minutes and she refuses to do that, even though the duly elected Clerk is obligated by law to be the keeper of all records for the Township and is already getting paid. We understand the attorney has advised them that as long as they do not deliberate during this 6:30 meeting it is not considered a public meeting. We disagree. Besides, members of staff were in fact questioned by the trustees about bills.
4. The 6:30 meeting had no public comment opportunity. As we understand it, they were told they can speak during the regular meeting that convenes at 7:30 pm, a separate meeting from the one being held at 6:30.
5. On September 26th, a majority of a quorum of the Main Township Board met for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:30 pm. The web site for the Township does not provide a schedule of regular meetings, nor is there any notice or agenda that reflects the location where the meetings will be held. The agendas on their web site does list the time of the meeting but I have been unable to find a notice of their schedule of regular meetings stating the regular dates, times and **places** of such meetings.

(5 ILCS 120/2.02) (from Ch. 102, par. 42.02)

Sec. 2.02. Public notice of all meetings, whether open or closed to the public, shall be given as follows:

(a) Every public body shall give public notice of the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year and shall state the regular dates, times, and **places of such** meetings.

For the above listed reasons I am asking the PAC to review this matter and make a determination accordingly.

I do request communication on this matter be handled electronically.

Thank you,

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