

Machias Town Board Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said by all in attendance. Attending were Supervisor Stephen Cornwall; Councilmen Robert Shenk, Frank Bork, Robert Green, and Tom Reese; Code Enforcement Officer Bernie Horschel; and Town Clerk Rebecca Grimmelt. Also in attendance were Youth Board members Jenna Hehl and Katie Cornwall; and David Zilker.

Frank Bork made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2022, meeting. Tom Reese seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The supervisor invited the Youth Commission to give their report. They wanted to verify that everyone on the Board had seen the newest plan for the playground, based on what they put in Yorkshire. Everyone had seen it and was in favor of the change from the cedar playground to the more maintenance-free option. Steve Cornwall said that he had sent out bid requests but was still awaiting response. The Youth Commission is collecting baskets for the Cash Raffle on December 2nd, and everything is coming together well. Jenna had found some information on a grant to install outdoor exercise stations and will forward the info to the clerk. The Youth Commission was really hoping for final approval for the new playground, but the Board explained that they needed to wait for the bids to come in. They assured them that it would happen and had the Board's full support.

Bernie Horschel gave his report for Code Enforcement. He has been very busy since he took over. He completed 22 inspections; gave out four notices of completion; denied one permit; extended one permit; and issued two new permits. He has been working on getting some property owners to comply with the law requiring that they maintain their property (no visible trash, junk, etc.). He will keep working on them.

He has also been dealing with a complaint from residents on Potter Road regarding a shed that is too close to the property line. Tom Reese told him to tell them that it is not a Town issue and that they need to come to an agreement between themselves.

Bernie Horschel would also like the Board to review the budget to find more money for his position; he would like \$15,000 per year. He didn't realize how much property activity was in Machias. The Board will discuss it at a later time.

Steve Cornwall informed the Board that the Town is being sued by Gene Nelsen of Krepps Road for damages to his property that he blames on faulty road construction. The Town is being represented by an attorney from our insurance company. Steve

checked with our Town attorney, and he gave his approval of the other attorney. We will continue with the insurance company's attorney since they will pay the expense.

Steve also gave an update on the new water meter project. The meters have not arrived yet. MDA has prepared a "Change Order" to allow the meters to be installed in the spring. Steve will sign it to allow the contract to be extended.

Resolution #48, "Resolution Regarding Introduction Methods for New Local Laws" was read. Tom Reese made a motion to accept the resolution and Frank Bork seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution passed.

Resolution #49, "Audit of claims for October 2022" was read. Bob Shenk made a motion to accept the resolution and Bob Green seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution passed.

Tom Reese said that he and Steve Cornwall had met with the attorneys and developers from the solar projects. Nobody wants to move forward with a lawsuit. They are having another meeting on Tuesday, October 18th. Brandon Boehmer will represent the residents around the project on Rts. 16 & 242; the Dusterhus' will represent the Felton Hill residents. Most now realize that the law can't be changed for the current projects, but everyone wants to work together moving forward to write a new Solar Law that will protect and benefit the Town and its residents.

Steve Cornwall announced that Teresa Ciralo, the cemetery administrator, had tendered her resignation, effective November 1st. Steve has asked Jim Burmester if he is interested in the position. Rebecca advised the Board that the Cemetery Rules and Regulations are out of date and need to be updated in the new year.

Bob Shenk asked Bernie Horschel about construction on Gulf Hill Road. Bernie didn't think there was an open permit but will check and follow up with the property owner.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for November 21, 2022, at 6:45 pm to hear any public comment regarding the proposed 2023 Town Budget. The proposed budget is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during her office hours.

Tom Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Shenk seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

October 2022 Vouchers

GENERAL	\$	7,597.24
YOUTH	\$	678.00
HIGHWAY	\$	57,122.66
STREET LIGHTING	\$	1,949.83
WATER	\$	4,165.20
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	3,425.71
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT CAPITAL	\$	0.00