

# Machias Town Board Meeting Minutes

## February 21, 2023

The pledge of allegiance was said by all in attendance. The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were Supervisor Stephen Cornwall; Councilmen Robert Shenk, Frank Bork, and Robert Green; Code Enforcement Officer Bernie Horschel; and Town Clerk Rebecca Grimmelt. Also in attendance were Youth Board members Cathy Snayczuk, Jenna Hehl, Karen Insley, Michelle Polcz, Tammy VanLoan, and Katie Cornwall; Peter Sorgi; Josh and Jen Dusterhus; Nick Glasner; Dominic LeBel; Rick Myers; David Zilker; Mike Caplan; Andrew Hehl; Jim Insley; and Denise Willard. Councilman Tom Reese was excused.

Frank Bork made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2023, Reorganizational Meeting. Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. The Town Board excused themselves to review the Justice Court Records from the previous year at 7:01 pm. They returned to the regular meeting at 7:08 pm.

Cathy Snayczuk reported for the Youth Commission. They want to know where they stand with the new playground. There are two options. Option 1 is to complete everything: the playground, footing, new walking track. It would total about \$100,000. In order to proceed with this plan, they would need to wait for the grant writers to find some additional funding. The second option is to scale back and drop down on the plan. The Youth Commission will contribute \$25,000. The walking track will be put on hold and they will switch to wood chip footing for the playground. The Youth Commission would like to move on option 2. Frank Bork made a motion to put a 50% deposit on the playground. Robert Shenk seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion passed. Steve Cornwall will send in the deposit.

The Youth Commission has plans to update the flower box, flag pole, and sign at the park. They will have the basketball court resealed. They plan to hire summer staff by mid-April. The Rec program will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Hours and fees will be determined at their next meeting. Cathy Snayczuk also asked about changing pool companies. Beauty Pools hasn't been very responsive, and they have had issues when they come for service. The Board will investigate other options.

There are several candidates for the Code Enforcement Officer position. The Board will conduct interviews at the March Board meeting.

There have been requests to amend the Solar Moratorium to exempt GSPP and RIC. There will be a public hearing on this prior to the March Board meeting.

Community Bank has increased our interest to 4.3% annually. The supervisor moved 1.1 million dollars into 3-month Certificates of Deposit. These CDs are not automatically renewed, so the funds won't be tied up if needed.

The Board has received the proposed changes to the Solar Law from the public committee and will send them to the Town Attorney for review.

The Board is interested in moving forward with Zoning for the Town. They will use Dan Brown, Great Valley Supervisor, as a resource. We need his experience and guidance. Bob Shenk will contact Dan Brown to get information.

We are in the midst of negotiations with the Village of Arcade for our wastewater treatment. It is a 5-year contract that expires this spring. Steve Cornwall will set up a meeting to discuss the terms of the proposed renewal. It is an Out-of-district municipal agreement and we must negotiate our rate. Frank Bork and Bob Shenk agreed to participate in any discussion.

Resolution 18, "Resolution opposing Governor Hochul's ban of gas stoves and other new fossil fuel heating equipment" was read by the Supervisor. Frank Bork made a motion to approve the resolution; Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Resolution 19, "Audit of claims for February 2023" was read by the Supervisor. Robert Shenk made a motion to approve the resolution; Frank Bork seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Resolution 20, "Resolution to authorize Board Members to participate via electronic means" was read by the Supervisor. Robert Green made a motion to approve the resolution; Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Resolution 21, "Resolution to authorize public meeting on amending Local Law 1 of 2023" was read by the supervisor. Steve Cornwall made a motion to approve the resolution; Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Frank Bork made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Shenk seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

*February 2023 Vouchers*

GENERAL	\$	255,640.98
YOUTH	\$	1,050.94
HIGHWAY	\$	26,850.58
STREET LIGHTING	\$	2,078.44
WATER	\$	5,783.75
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	4,374.17
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT CAPITAL	\$	0.00