

# Machias Town Board Meeting Minutes

## March 20, 2023

The pledge of allegiance was said by all in attendance. Prior to the meeting, there were Public Hearings on proposed Local Law 2 of 2023 "Videoconferencing for Board Members", and proposed Local Law 3 of 2023 "Amendment and Restatement of Local Law 1-2023". There was no public comment on the proposed Videoconferencing Law. Public Comment was heard from 6:36 pm to 7:03 pm regarding the proposed change to Local Law 1-2023.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. Attending were Supervisor Stephen Cornwall; Councilmen Robert Shenk, Frank Bork, Tom Reese, 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, and Michelle Polcz;; Peter Sorgi; Josh and Jen Dusterhus; Nick Glasner; Dominic LeBel; Rick Myers; Jim Insley; Henry Zomerfeld; Kevin Bliss; Rafael and LuAnn Tudela; George Snider; and Brenda Hanson.

Frank Bork made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Board Meeting. Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried. Tom Reese made a motion to go into executive session to interview Code Enforcement Officer candidates. Robert Shenk seconded, and all were in favor. The Board was in executive session from 7:05 pm to 7:59 pm, at which time they reconvened the regular meeting.

Supervisor Cornwall went over the Short Environmental Assessment Form for the proposed Videoconferencing Law. Tom Reese made a motion to accept the EAF and Frank Bork seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Supervisor then read proposed Local Law 2 of 2023 "Authorizing Town Board members to participate in Town Board meetings via videoconferencing from locations outside of the Town of Machias' geographical limits."

Resolution 22 "Resolution affirming the State Environmental Quality Review process for Local Law 2 of 2023" was read by the Supervisor. Steve Cornwall made a motion to approve the resolution; Tom Reese seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Resolution 23, "Resolution to adopt Local Law 2 of 2023" was read by the Supervisor. Tom Reese made a motion to approve the resolution; Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Resolution 24, "Resolution authorizing the appointment to vacant CEO" was read by the Supervisor. Steve Cornwall made a motion to approve the resolution; Frank Bork seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved. Scott Ludtka is the new CEO for Machias.

Resolution 25, "Resolution to authorize the purchase of a Ford 550" was read by the supervisor. Tom Reese made a motion to approve the resolution; Robert Green seconded. All were in favor and the resolution was approved.

Steve Cornwall reported that there are ongoing negotiations with the Village of Arcade regarding the Sewer Rates that they will charge the Town of Machias. Our current contract with them expires in August of this year. At today's current rates, it would be approximately \$1,600 more per month than we are currently paying. The Town of Yorkshire is negotiating now and will let Steve know the outcome of the negotiations. They want to charge us out-of-district rates, however we maintain our own lines whereas other municipalities do not.

Tom Reese and Frank Bork reported that they are working on getting prices for the pool opening and maintenance needed.

Karen Insley reported for the Youth Commission. The new playground is scheduled for a May delivery and installation. The basketball court will be sealed and striped. After the playground is in, they will lay out the walking path. The grant writers have connected the Youth Commission with Mike Shane regarding getting a 501c3 distinction for them as the "Machias Youth Bureau" in order to help with grant applications. They are planning on having the annual Memorial Day Chicken BBQ at the park this year with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new playground, weather permitting. They have put advertisements in the Arcade Herald and the Pennysaver for the Summer Rec program and to hire staff. They plan on holding interviews for staff on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Resolution 26, "Audit of claims for March 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.

Tom Reese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robert Shenk seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

*March 2023 Vouchers*

GENERAL	\$	11,022.01
YOUTH	\$	36,939.86
HIGHWAY	\$	59,599.28
STREET LIGHTING	\$	1,877.68
WATER	\$	3,278.77
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	5,853.61
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT CAPITAL	\$	0.00