Machias Town Board Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said by all in attendance. Attending were Supervisor Stephen Cornwall; Councilmen Frank Bork, and Robert Green; Councilman Tom Reese attended via telephone; and Town Clerk Rebecca Grimmelt. Mr. Van Brochey also attended. Councilman Robert Shenk was absent.

Frank Bork made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting. Robert Green seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Steve Cornwall reported on the Water Department. The notices requesting bids for new water meters and installation will be in the Arcade Herald next week. The period for bids will close May 12th so that bids can be awarded at the May Board Meeting.

Mr. Brochey was invited to address the Board. He wanted to talk about the abandonment of Brown Road. He said that it was not legal and was considering filing a civil suit against the Town and has filed a complaint with the Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Brochey claims that the Town did not notify all affected property owners. The Board assured him that the matter was handled by the Town attorney and that it was done legally.

Tim Byroads was not able to give a report as he was dealing with a spring snowstorm.

Steve Cornwall reported on the Youth Commission. They had a meeting last week and he attended. They are interested in security cameras for the pool area; Tom Reese will ask Tim to investigate that. The Youth Commission would like to hold a yard sale at the Town Park one Saturday per month. They would rent out spaces for $25 each to raise money for new park equipment. They also are wondering about adding a new building to the park where they could store recreation equipment; they would like it to have a counter, electric and a refrigerator. It would be great for when there is inclement weather. They feel this would also allow the Town to charge more for renting the shelter at the park. They will give residents a laminated card for identification at the pool; non-residents will be charged $1 for use of the pool. Tom Reese offered to be a liaison with the Youth Board.

Rebecca Grimmelt had a complaint about someone’s neighbor playing loud music every night. They asked if there was a noise ordinance in the Town. There is not, but Rebecca will check with other towns to see what they have. There is also concern by some residents about the trucks using their Jake Brakes in Town. The Board would like to put signs saying “No Jake Brakes” on Route 16, but they will have Tim Byroads check with the State DOT to see if that is allowed.

Steve Cornwall reported that a worker from National Grid had stopped in to ask about the Building Inspector for the Town. There are several buildings that he feels need to be “condemned.” He is concerned about removing gas meters from the buildings before they are damaged. He is unable to remove them while the building is legally occupied. He was given Chris Lexer’s contact information.

Resolution #18, “Resolution to appoint new youth commission members” was read. Robert Green made a motion to accept, and Steve Cornwall seconded. All were in favor and the resolution passed. This resolution adds three members to the Youth Commission, bringing the total number of members to four. Members are appointed annually.

Resolution #19, “Audit of claims for April 2022” was read. Robert Green made a motion to accept the resolution and Frank Bork seconded the motion. All were in favor and the resolution passed.

The financial reports from the accountant were not ready by the time of the meeting and will be emailed to the Board.

Steve Cornwall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Reese seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

*April 2022 Vouchers*

GENERAL $ 8,085.75

YOUTH $ 67.43

HIGHWAY $ 81,865.19

STREET LIGHTING $ 1,844.00

WATER $ 6,820.53

LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT $ 8,009.57

LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT CAPITAL $ 0.00