

Machias Town Board Meeting Minutes - Draft

May 15, 2023

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said by all in attendance prior to the public hearings that were held regarding a proposed local law to regulate Special Use Permits and a hearing regarding an update to the Solar Law (1-2021). Attending were Supervisor Stephen Cornwall; Councilmen Robert Shenk, Robert Green, Tom Reese, and Frank Bork; Code Enforcement Officer Scott Ludtka; and Town Clerk Rebecca Grimmelt. Also in attendance were Youth Board members Cathy Snayczuk, Jenna Hehl, Katie Cornwall, Micelle Polcz, and Karen Insley; Peter Sorgi; Henry Zomerfeld; Josh and Jen Dusterhus; Jim Insley; Rafael and LuAnn Tudela; Vicky, Andrew, and Rachel Conner; David Zilker; Joyce Hackett; Nick Glasner; Brian and Cheryl Keesler; Colleen and Jared Haines; Debbie Joseph; Dominic LeBel; and Brenda Hanson. The meeting was video-conferenced on Zoom.

Tom Reese made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2023, Board Meeting. Robert Shenk seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Cathy Snayczuk reported for the Youth Commission. The annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Memorial Day, May 29th, at the Machias Fire Hall following the parade. The pool should be opened this week and it will have to be pressure-checked for leaks. They would like Highway to remove the slide. Tim Byroads said that he is going to move the sign and landscape around it. He is hoping to put a small soccer field at the playground for the little kids.

Tom Reese reported for Highway. The new truck should be in this week. It then goes out for the body. They hope to have it back by November in time to plow. Everything else is going well.

Steve Cornwall reported on the water meter project. He said that 60% of the meters have been replaced. They have appointments scheduled for most of the remaining; two customers have requested June appointments due to extenuating circumstances. Forty-five owners have been unresponsive; if they don't answer, a certified letter will be sent with a notice that the water will be shut off. There are several 1-inch meters that are being replaced with ¾-inch meters. They are waiting on a 4-inch meter for the well house. Steve asked the Board about this quarter's water billing. It isn't possible to get readings because of the current status of the water meter changes; he asked if they thought we should wait to bill or send estimated bills. They all agreed that we should send estimated bills and enter the correct readings next quarter.

The Town Clerk announced that we have a new dog warden, Samantha Smith from East Otto. Kay Farrington resigned. Samantha has been responding to calls and has issued several tickets.

The Town Clerk also said that she has had some complaints about trash in Lime Lake. They have said that there is broken glass and other debris. They asked about putting trash cans and signs around the lake for people to clean up after themselves. The Board said that they used to have cans at the lake, but people were putting their household garbage in them, so they had to be removed. Tom Reese said that the Lime Lake Cottage Owner's Association would put up signs asking people to clean up their trash.

Steve Cornwall said that he had received an invoice for maintenance on the water tower. It is required by state law. The cost is \$965.00, and he wanted authorization from the Board. They all agreed.

Vicky Conner had presented a resolution to the Board members requesting an audit of the 2022 state election. She said that our laws are being violated and the voter rolls are not accurate. It affects all of us. The Board tabled the motion until the June meeting.

Josh Dusterhus asked to address the Board. Brandon Boehmer had asked him to ask the Board to have RIC do another SEQR because there are baby eagles in the nest on his property. Steve Cornwall said that Brandon had already been told by our attorney to contact the DEC or Fish and Wildlife regarding this matter.

Resolution 30, "Resolution pertaining to application for Special Use Permit for Type 1 SPS Facility – 9475 Main Street" was read by the Supervisor. Tom Reese made a motion to approve the resolution; Steve Cornwall seconded. Cornwall, Reese, Shenk, and Bork were in favor; Green opposed. The resolution was approved.

Resolution 31, "Resolution pertaining to application for Special Use Permit for Type 1 SPS Facility – 4578 Felton Hill East" was read by the Supervisor. Tom Reese made a motion to approve the resolution; Steve Cornwall seconded. Cornwall, Reese, Shenk, and Bork were in favor; Green opposed. The resolution was approved.

Resolution 32, "Resolution pertaining to application for Special Use Permit for Type 1 SPS Facility – 4578 Felton Hill West" was read by the Supervisor. Tom Reese made a motion to approve the resolution; Steve Cornwall seconded. Cornwall, Reese, Shenk, and Bork were in favor; Green opposed. The resolution was approved.

Resolution 33, "Approval of monthly prepayments for medical insurance" 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 34, “Audit of claims for May 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. Frank Bork seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

May 2023 Vouchers

GENERAL	\$	22,522.39
YOUTH	\$	549.55
HIGHWAY	\$	13,113.09
STREET LIGHTING	\$	1,547.29
WATER	\$	4,790.61
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	6,395.42
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT CAPITAL	\$	0.00