

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

JANUARY 14, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice Chairman Warren Gay. In attendance were Board members Danny Manchester, Glenn Davis, and James Whalen; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Secretary Cathy Lord; Town Clerk Sandra Clifton; Sewer Department Director Bob Bialotta; Edward Pellon, Bob Berta, Tom Briggs.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2014 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board VOTED:
To approve municipal warrant #55 in the amount of \$11,260.81 to approve municipal warrant #56 in the amount of \$33,839.28; to approve municipal warrant #57 in the amount of \$15,837.79; to approve municipal warrant #58 in the amount of \$18,394.15; to approve municipal warrant #59 in the amount of \$11,500.82; and, to approve municipal warrant #60 in the amount of \$70,579.10 .

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board VOTED:
To approve school warrant #28 in the amount of \$169,467,44 .

3. POLICE CRUISER DECISION

Town Clerk Sandra Clifton had explained to the members of the Board that the notice for the special town meeting originally scheduled for tonight had not been printed in the local newspaper. The Board discussed rescheduling the special town meeting to January 28th at 6:00 PM prior to the regularly scheduled selectmen's meeting. Ms. Clifton advised the members of the Board that a representative of the newspaper has assured her that the notice will be placed in the next two editions of the weekly newspaper.

4. MAINE WILD TIF DECISION

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board of a communication from David Bell noting that he has spoken with his company's attorney and that he is beginning work on the details of the TIF agreement.

Mr. Manchester pointed out that Mr. Bell had said that Maine Wild would cover all of the legal costs. Mr. Loughlin said that he was unsure if this meant that Maine Wild would pay for the cost of the Town's attorney. Mr. Manchester expressed concern that he thought the agreement meant that any legal costs would be paid by the company. It was asked if MMA would review and provide to the Town a legal opinion of the TIF when it is drafted; Mr. Loughlin explained that MMA would not make this kind of a recommendation.

5. OLVER ASSOCIATES UPDATE ON THE SEWER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Mr. Loughlin reported that the sewer lines on the other side of the river have been cameraed as a precursor to the next recommended sewer project. He noted that Olver Associates has recommended removal of the siphon station and installation of a pump station on the other side of the river which will allow the system to have more capability. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that Olver Associates has submitted a grant for funding of the \$4.3 million dollar project.

6. RESERVE POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:

To appoint William Sternberg as a reserve police officer in the Machias Police Department.

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that Chief Dwelley would like to participate with the State on the purchase of a new radar system; he noted that the Town's cost for the radar would be \$443. with funding being allocated out of the police department budget.

Mr. Pellon asked if police officers should have training to be certified on the radar equipment.

7. WASTEWATER DUMPING FEE SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the new dumping fee schedule and signed the document approving the change.

8. WATER COMPANY - COURSE OF ACTION

Mr. Loughlin told the Board that he discussed the purchase of the water company by the Town with a representative of the water company who will probably pass on this information to his superiors.

9. MAINE SERVICE CENTER'S COALITION REQUEST

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the Maine Service Center's Coalition has requested that the Town of Machias join the coalition to work on issues which affect service centers at a cost of \$500. Mr. Loughlin told the Board that they had declined to join the coalition last year. The Board discussed the benefits of joining the coalition; Mr. Loughlin pointed out that the fee for Machias to join the coalition is double the normal membership fee. The Board decided not to join the coalition at the present time.

10. PURCHASING POLICY

Mr. Loughlin noted that the Board has a copy of the proposed purchasing policy for their review.

11. MAINE VETERAN'S AFFAIRS REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that Maine Veteran's Affairs is requesting a new one year lease agreement for office space in the town office building.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:

To enter into a one year agreement with the Maine Veteran's

Affairs for lease of office space in the town
office building at the rate of \$565. per month.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin suggested a meeting of the parking ordinance committee on January 20th at 3:00 PM. Mr. Whalen was invited to participate in the meeting.

B. Mr. Loughlin noted a plan to improve adolescent physical activity being proposed by Washington County One Community; he asked the Board to review the plan.

C. Mr. Pellon questioned how a property owner obtained a permit for placement of a driveway and a parking lot off of Fremont Street. Mr. Loughlin said that he would have the code enforcement officer check on the situation.

D. Mr. Pellon questioned the snow removal from sidewalk areas of Main Street. Mr. Whalen suggested that Mr. Pellon share his suggestions with the Public Works Supervisor.

E. Mr. Pellon questioned the advisability of revising the wastewater dumping fee schedule when it is costing more to process the material. Mr. Bialotta noted that no additional chemicals are needed with such small loads. Mr. Pellon asked about the cost of having to spread the sludge and Mr. Manchester pointed out that it costs the town nothing since the sludge is being spread on town owned land. Mr. Pellon stated that he is concerned that Machias is still subsidizing other towns.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Loughlin asked that the Board discuss a personnel matter in executive session.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To adjourn to executive session at 6:35 PM in order to discuss a personnel matter as permitted under

Title 1, M.R.S.A. s/s 405 6.A.(1).

On a motion by Glenn Davis, seconded by James Whalen, the Board

VOTED:

To adjourn the executive session at 6:57 PM and reconvene into open session.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.