

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

FEBRUARY 11, 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; Edward Pellon.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by James Whelan, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2015 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To approve municipal warrant #65 in the amount of \$16,757.90;
to approve municipal warrant #66 in the
amount of \$61,454.72; to approve municipal warrant #67 in the
amount of \$11,985.53; and, to approve
municipal warrant #68 in the amount of \$713,916.38 .

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To approve school warrant #32 in the amount of \$193,395,46 .

3. PAWN BROKER'S LICENSE

Mr. Loughlin reviewed a pawn broker's license application submitted by the owner of Main Street Discount; he pointed out that this is a renewal application with no changes. Mr. Loughlin added that this pawnbroker has had no issues with the police.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by James Whalen, the Board
VOTED:
To grant a renewal for a pawnbroker's license to Main Street
Discount.

4. LOAN BID FOR POLICE VEHICLE

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the Town received two responses from four bid requests for a loan on the new police vehicle.

Bids: Machias Savings Bank - 0.99% for a two year term
Bar Harbor Bank and Trust - 1.19% for a two year term
(bond counsel required)

Mr. Manchester questioned why the bid specifications were not for a three year period; he noted that the Board usually seeks three year terms for these types of loans. Mr. Davis agreed that the three year term was preferable.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To reject all bids submitted for the loan for the new police

vehicle and re-advertise for bids for a three year term.

5. LOAN BID FOR DEP PENALTY

Members of the Board opened the two bids received for the loan to pay the Department of Environmental Protection sewer penalty.

Bids: Machias Savings Bank - 0.99% for a two year term
Bar Harbor Bank and Trust - 1.19% for a two year term
On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board

VOTED:

To award the bid for the financing of the DEP sewer penalty to Machias Savings Bank at a rate of 0.99% for a two year term.

6. REVENUE SHARING PROJECTIONS

Mr. Loughlin advised the members of the Board that the revenue sharing projection for this year is that Machias should receive \$154,361. in funding. He noted that Governor LePage wants to eliminate revenue sharing completely the following year.

7. SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

Mr. Loughlin reported that Machias has used all its funds set aside for snow removal this winter. He advised the Board that snow removal equipment was rented to deal with the tremendous amount of recent snow. Mr. Loughlin reported that many one laned roads have been opened up and widened. He reported on efforts to utilize another snow plow for the Town.

8. APPROVAL OF FIRE CONTRACTS

The Board signed fire coverage contracts with Northfield and Whitneyville.

9. APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE CONTRACTS

The Board signed ambulance contracts with Northfield, Cutler, Marshfield, Whiting, Jonesboro, Whitneyville, and East Machias.

10. UPDATE ON MRC FIBERIGHT SOLUTION

Mr. Loughlin and the Board discussed efforts to develop an alternative Fiberight solution to waste management. The Board asked that Mr. Loughlin obtain some prices to compare alternatives for waste management.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the school department wants to present their budget at a meeting on April 16th.

B. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that Chief Dwelley had reviewed the bid specifications for the purchase of the new police vehicle and asked that two marker lights be added to the specs. Mr. Loughlin noted that the specifications ask for bids for either a 2014 or a 2015 model year.

C. Mr. Loughlin reported that the Board will open rug bids for the town

office at their next meeting.

D. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that they will have bids for the purchase of breathing apparatus for the fire department at their next meeting.

E. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that it is time to post roads for overweight vehicles.

F. Mr. Loughlin reported a proposal from Karl Kurz to move a house to another town. He noted that there would be a question as to if the house could be taxed without a roof. Mr. Whalen asked for the status of property taxes on the property.

G. The Board signed the commitment of sewer user rates for the quarter in the amount of \$108,334.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To approve the commitment of sewer user rates for the quarter.

H. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that sewer liens were issued on February 27th and that thirty day notices were mailed in December.

I. Mr. Loughlin reported on efforts to retrieve equipment from the possession of the former animal control officer. He advised the Board on efforts to gain access to the home previously occupied by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Pellon suggested that the Machias Police Chief be used to access the property.

J. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the Town is applying for a speed trailer from the DOT loan program.

K. Mr. Loughlin asked the Board to look at granting Mike Schoppee some comp time at the end of winter; he will bring a recommendation back to the Board regarding comp time for Mr. Schoppee.

L. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that he will be attending the manager's interchange in Bangor scheduled for March 27th.

On a motion by Glenn Davis, seconded by Danny Manchester, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM.