

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

FEBRUARY 13, 2013

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter. In attendance were Board members Warren Gay, Danny Manchester, Glenn Davis, and Cony Upton; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Secretary Cathy Lord; Sharon Mack, Lois Libby, Hillary Savage.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2013 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board VOTED:

To approve municipal warrant #64 in the amount of \$306,074.81; to approve municipal warrant #65 in the amount of \$11,138.58; to approve municipal warrant #66 in the amount of \$60,968.97; to approve municipal warrant #67 in the amount of \$14,408.09; to approve municipal warrant #68 in the amount of \$264,261.18; to approve municipal warrant #69 in the amount of \$12,362.54; to approve municipal warrant #70 in the amount of \$351.64; and, to approve municipal warrant #71 in the amount of \$629,107.67 .

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board VOTED:

To approve school warrant #32 in the amount of \$224,912.85.

3. AMBULANCE PARAMEDIC PROPOSAL

Ambulance Captain Lois Libby discussed the hiring of paramedics for the Machias Ambulance Service with the Board of Selectmen. She explained to the Board that there are between forty and fifty transfers requiring a paramedic per month from the hospital which provides income of \$1500. to \$1800. per trip. Ms. Libby estimated that the Machias Ambulance Service would get at least half these transfers. Ms. Libby estimated that two paramedics would have to be budgeted at \$131,000. for wages and \$20,000. for additional benefits. She told the Board that the Board could look at paying paramedics at a per diem rate. Mr. Loughlin added that the Board would need to make sure that a program using paramedics would be able to sustain itself. Mr. Carter asked if there were sufficient funds in the current budget to begin using paramedics; Mr. Loughlin pointed out that the Board would need to build the 2013-2014 ambulance around the use of paramedics. The Board decided to go with the per diem rate to compensate paramedics in the 2013-2014 ambulance budget. Mr. Loughlin told the Board that he would advertise in May for paramedics for the service. Mr. Carter added that the use of paramedics will be thoroughly discussed with the budget committee when this budget is discussed during budget development.

4. SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING - VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMIT & SIDEWALKS ORDINANCES

Mr. Loughlin reported that at the last meeting of the ordinance review

committee the committee decided to delete the snow removal portion (Section 3) of the sidewalk ordinance. Mr. Loughlin reported that it was recommended that a public hearing be scheduled to discuss the vehicle weight ordinance and the sidewalk ordinance.

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

To schedule a public hearing on vehicle weight limit and sidewalk ordinances on February 27, 2013 at
6:00 PM at the Gaffney Gym.

5. SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG FOR EASTSIDE SEWER EXPANSION

Mr. Loughlin reported that Machias will be applying for a CDBG grant for the eastside sewer expansion and that a public hearing will need to be scheduled to review the application.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board
VOTED:

To schedule a public hearing to discuss a CDBG grant application for the eastside sewer expansion on
February 27, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Gaffney Gym.

6. AMENDEMENT TO STATE'S SMV CONTRACT - TELEBUSINESS BUILDING

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the State wants to amend its current contract with the Town of Machias on the leasing of a room at the telebusiness center for the Department of Motor Vehicles; he reported that the State wants a one year renewal of its contract with the Town. The Board discussed the request.

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

To decline the request for an amendment to the Maine Department of Motor Vehicles contract.

7. REQUEST TO COLLECT EXCISE TAXES - TOWNS OF JONESBORO & WHITNEYVILLE

Mr. Loughlin reviewed a request for the Machias Town Office to collect excise taxes for the Towns of Jonesboro and Whitneyville from March 29th to April 10th.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:

To collect excise taxes for the Towns of Jonesboro and Whitneyville from March 29th to April 10th.

8. MEMO OF AGREEMENT - BUREAU OF FORESTRY ON SHORELAND TIMBER HARVESTING

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board of a memo from the State on timber harvesting within the shoreland zone in which the Town would have joint control and enforcement with the State. Mr. Loughlin explained that this would involve the Town's Code Enforcement Officer in enforcement actions and compliance activities and would allow the Town to have some input through its CEO. Mr. Loughlin distributed copies of the memo to the Board for their review.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board
VOTED:

To table the memorandum of understanding pending the Board's review of the documents.

9. SEWER LIEN UPDATE

Mr. Loughlin updated the Board regarding sewer lien collections at the present time.

10. APPOINTMENT PAPERS FOR BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Board signed appointment papers for Mr. Ed Pellon's appointment to the Machias Budget Committee.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that MMA is asking for input on LD235 which is a bill on worker's compensation liability coverage for responding firefighters. The members of the Board said that they supported the concept that firefighters are covered under workers compensation as soon as the call for service goes out.

B. On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board
VOTED:
To sign a contract with the Town of Cutler for ambulance service.

C. Mr. Loughlin reported that during the recent blizzard snow found its way into the police side of the public safety building.

D. Mr. Loughlin reported that a citizen has suggested looking into an ordinance on stripper entertainment. The Board discussed the request. Mr. Loughlin said that he would draft an ordinance for the Board to review.

12. TAXICAB PERMIT

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board
VOTED:
To take the discussion of the taxi cab permit off the table for discussion.

Mr. Loughlin reported that the town's taxi cab ordinance was drafted in 1956 and states that the Town will establish a designated parking space for a taxi stand. The Board discussed the ordinance.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board
VOTED:
To approve a taxi cab permit to use the dike area as a taxi stand.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:
To adjourn into executive session at 7:17 PM in order to discuss a personnel issue as permitted under
1 MRSA Chapter 13, ss 405(6)(A).

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Cony Upton, the Board
VOTED:
To adjourn the executive session and reconvene into regular session at 7:56 PM.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.