

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

MARCH 25, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:10 PM by Vice Chairman Warren Gay. In attendance were Board members Glenn Davis and James Whalen; Town Manager Christopher Loughlin; Sewer Department Director Bob Bialotta; Edward Pellon, Ambulance Director Lois Libby, and Cat Cannon of the Machias Valley News Observer.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by James Whalen, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to table the minutes of the March 11, 2015 Board meeting.

2. WARRANTS - REVIEW AND ACTION

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

To approve municipal warrant #77 in the amount of \$17,110.94 to approve municipal warrant #78 in the amount of \$41,520.75; to approve municipal warrant #79 in the amount of \$15,773.08; and, to approve municipal warrant #80 in the amount of \$73,744.05 .

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

To approve school warrant #38 in the amount of \$181,170.53.

3. AMBULANCE STRETCHER BIDS

The Board received two bids for stretchers. Dr. Whalen asked Lois Libby to explain the various components and the advantages for each item. The two bids were:

Ferno:	Ferno with all accessories	\$13,093.16
Boundtree:	Ferno	\$ 8,900.00 with accessories priced separately.

The Board asked Lois Libby to sit down and figure out a comparison of the two with accessories. After reviewing the two bids Lois Libby gave the following figures to the Board.

Ferno:	\$13,093.16
Boundtree:	\$11,453.00

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

To authorize purchase the Ferno stretcher from Roundtree for \$11,453.00

4. AMBULANCE CONTRACTS

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that there were several signed contracts for Ambulance Service to be signed by the Board of Selectmen.

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

To approve the signed Ambulance contracts.

5. TRANSFER STATION CONTRACTS

Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that there were several signed Transfer Station Contracts that needed approval by the Board.

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

VOTED:

To sign the contracts for use of the Bay Area Transfer Station..

#### 6. OLVER ASSOCIATES OPERATION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM- CONTRACT

Mr. Loughlin discussed with the Board the information from the attorney consulted for the contract. The attorney wanted to make minor changes that would make it clear that the employees of Olver Associates were not employees of the Town. The attorney would have suggested changes to the Town by the next week.

#### 7. WATER COMPANY UPDATE-PUC HEARING

Mr. Loughlin discussed the meeting of the PUC in Hollowell. The PUC has recommended going forward with an investigation that is limited to the operation and maintenance of the system. The next meeting of the PUC on this issue will be at 10:00 AM at the PUC Building in Hollowell on May 7, 2015.

#### 8. COMPENSATORY TIME- PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mr. Loughlin proposed giving Michael Schoppee seven days compensatory time for the large number of hours he worked during the winter due to the record snowfall. This year's snowfall is triple the average.

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

VOTED:

To give seven days compensatory time to Michael Schoppee for his service this winter.

#### 9. MANAGER'S REPORT/OTHER BUSINESS

A. Mr. Pellon asked how much money does the Town receive for scrap metal. He recommended that the Town look at moving our contract to another vendor such as Mark Wright Disposal to get a better deal. Mr. Pellon also addressed the Board regarding his response to a letter the Board received from Lisa Suarez, regarding the former operation of Meals for ME.

B. Mr. Loughlin distributed an e-mail from Maine Wild regarding the TIF, and it included options of 20 and 30 years, in addition to the 10 years approved by the Board. Mr. Loughlin asked the Board to review these proposals.

C. Dr. Whalen addressed the Board regarding the Sewer Account, and the fact that the Town had to help fund the Sewer Account, thereby making it not a true Enterprise Account.

D. Dr. Whalen also had questions as to why all Towns in the Transfer Station don't have equal standing in voting on matters regarding the Bay Area Transfer Station. The discussion centered on the fact that Machias represents over two-thirds of the user base of the facility, and that they should have the right to determine the operation of the facility. Other Towns are invited to meetings at least annually, to be briefed on upcoming issues, and to get their input.

D. Dr. Whalen asked if the proposed porch to be added to Station '98 is acceptable to the State. Mr. Loughlin said that this very issue had been part of the Chamber of Commerce's meeting with the State the previous summer, and it had been approved at that time.

#### 10. ALTERNATIVE SOLID WASTE OPTION

Mr. Loughlin briefed the Board on the question asked during the last meeting regarding the lifespan of the landfill in Charlotte County, New Brunswick. The facility has a life expectancy of at least 40 years, probably much longer.

#### 11. SOLID WASTE FEE PROPOSAL FOR NEXT YEAR

Mr. Loughlin presented an updated proposal based upon the 70/30 proposal the Board had asked for at their last meeting. The proposal changed the cost to Roque Bluffs by \$74, and reduced the costs Marshfield by \$50, and Whitneyville by \$24.  
d by James Whalen, the Board

On a motion by Glenn Davis, seconded by James Whalen, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.