

BOARD OF SELECTMEN - TOWN OF MACHIAS

AUGUST 14, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES A-E
ANNUAL ADOPTION

A public hearing to review State of Maine general assistance ordinance appendices was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Aubrey Carter. Mr. Loughlin explained that the State has changed guidelines and benefits for general assistance applicants and this public hearing is an opportunity to review the changes and obtain feedback. Mr. Loughlin reviewed the changes to the program.

Mr. Carter asked for comments and/or questions from the public. Hearing no comments or questions from the public, Mr. Carter closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Machias Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:05 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; Bob Bialotta, Hillary Savage, Tim Cox.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Warren Gay, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 24, 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 #9 in the amount of \$11,599.78; to approve municipal warrant #10 in the amount of \$42,499.70; to approve municipal warrant #11 in the amount of \$14,758.90; to approve municipal warrant #12 in the amount of \$63,121.70; to approve municipal warrant #13 in the amount of \$11,989.26, and to approve municipal warrant #14 in the amount of \$25,146.09 .

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

To approve school warrant #6 in the amount of \$199,848.75 .

3. ADOPTION OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE APPENDICES

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

To adopt the general assistance ordinance appendices A through E.

4. PAVING BIDS

Mr. Loughlin advised the members of the Board that two contractors responded to the request for bids on the paving of town streets. He noted that a pre-requisite for submitting a bid for the paving was attendance at an August 5th site visit; he pointed out that only one of the contractors who submitted a bid attended the required meeting. The members of the Board discussed how to proceed in handling the bids. It was pointed out that one bidder met all the requirements for submission of a bid while the other contractor had not met the requirement of attending the site visit and therefore is disqualified from consideration. The Board proceeded to open the bid that met the bid specifications.

Bid: County Concrete - High Street - \$29,800.
- Cooper Street - \$14,300.
- Center Street - \$13,300.
- Lyons Street - \$11,800.
- Total - \$69,200.

Mr. Loughlin noted that the sum of \$45,000. is in the budget to complete this paving project. The Board discussed completing as much of the paving as possible with the funds that were budgeted. Mr. Loughlin recommended that Lyons Street be the first priority since the roadway pavement is in bad shape.

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

VOTED:

To accept the bid for paving from County Concrete to pave High Street, Lyons Street, and as much of Cooper Street that can be done for the \$45,000. approved by citizens at annual town meeting.

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

VOTED:

To reject a bid for paving submitted by Lane Construction Company due to the fact that the contractor did not attend the required site visit as stipulated in the bid specifications.

5. POLICE CRUISER BIDS

The members of the Board opened bids received for the purchase of the town's 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser.

Bids: Thomas Hartville - \$956.01
Jerome Blackburn - \$1,300.00

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

VOTED:

To award the bid for the purchase of the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser to Jerome Blackburn in the amount of \$1,300.

6. AMBULANCE DISPOSTION

The Board and Mr. Loughlin discussed selling one of the town's ambulances to the Pleasant River Ambulance Service.

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

To table a decision on the sale of an ambulance to the Pleasant River
Ambulance Service.

The Board asked that Mr. Loughlin contact the Pleasant River Ambulance
Service to discuss their willingness and preference as to purchasing an
ambulance from the Town of Machias.

7. DEP/DMR MEETING

Mr. Loughlin reported that the Department of Environmental Protection and the
Department of Marine Resources met with town officials regarding the June
12th incident at the wastewater treatment plant that resulted in four hundred
thousand gallons of matter being discharged into the Machias River. He
explained that much of the discussion centered on the mechanical failures
that occurred allowing the incident to take place. Mr. Loughlin advised the
Board that it was noted that closure of the flats for forty-eight percent of
the past year has had a huge effect on the people who rely on the flats for
their livelihood. Mr. Loughlin advised the Board that the Town will receive a
notice of violation and will have to enter into a consent agreement with DEP.
He explained to the Board the corrective actions that the Town of Machias
will be expected to take to prevent this type of accident again. Mr. Loughlin
added that the DEP discussed problems with the Broadway pump station and
infiltration taking place on the east side of the river and the work that
needs to be done to prevent these types of problems from reoccurring.
Mr. Carter commented that the accident was an unfortunate situation; he noted
that people's lives had been directly affected and that this type of
situation cannot reoccur. The other members of the Board agreed.

8. AIRPORT LIGHT REPAIRS

Mr. Loughlin reported problems with the lighting at the municipal airport; he
advised the Board of a recent incident in which an aircraft was unable to
land at the airport due to nonfunctioning runway lights. He advised the Board
that the necessary repairs to the lights to make them functional cost \$3200.
which depleted the funding budgeted at the annual town meeting for the
maintenance of the airport. Mr. Loughlin told the Board that replacement of
all the lighting at the airport would cost \$160,000. He cautioned the Board
that any more funding needed for repairs this year will have to be allocated
from the contingency account. Mr. Manchester asked if there was a reserve
account that contains money that can be used for repairs. Mr. Loughlin said
that he would check on this.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. The Board and Mr. Loughlin discussed purchasing and installing gates at
the West Kennebec cemetery to prevent damage from vehicles being driven into
the cemetery.

B. Mr. Manchester suggested some repairs to the East Kennebec cemetery which
could be done by county prisoners.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

To adjourn to executive session at 6:55 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 Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the executive session at 7:15 PM and to reconvene into open session.

On a motion by Danny Manchester, seconded by Glenn Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.