

BOARD OF SELECTPEOPLE - TOWN OF MACHIAS

OCTOBER 25, 2023

A meeting of the Machias Board of Selectpeople was called to order at 6:13 PM by Chairman Jake Patryn. In attendance were Board members Carole Porcher, Sandra Sinford, Ben Edwards, and Michael Hinerman; Town Manager Bill Kitchen; Secretary Cathy Lord; Ambulance Chief Ryan Maker; Stephen Simmons, Kristopher Keleshian, Paul Sylvain.

1. MINUTES - REVIEW AND ACTION

On a motion by Ben Edwards, seconded by Michael Hinerman, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Board meeting.

2. BIDS ON THE OLD RESCUE TRUCK

Members of the Board opened bids received on the sale of the old rescue truck:

Alberton Merritt - \$900.00
Jerry Blackburn -- \$2107.00
Shane Curtis - \$2100.00
Columbia Auto Sales - \$2210.00
Shawn Santerre - \$4650.00
Kristopher Keleshian - \$6887.27

Mr. Kitchen noted that the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director had estimated the value of the old rescue truck to be around \$8000. to \$10,000. The members of the Board discussed the bids received and how to proceed. Mr. Kitchen commented that the Board could sell the rescue truck outright instead of accepting bids on it since they can reserve the right to reject bids. Ms. Sinford said that the Board should accept the high bid and dispose of the vehicle. Ms. Porcher agreed that the Board should accept the high bid and sell the vehicle. Mr. Kitchen reminded the Board that the purchase price would go back to the fire department budget. Mr. Kitchen placed a telephone call to the Fire Chief and Mr. Dennison agreed that the Board should accept the high bid.

On a motion by Michael Hinerman, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board

VOTED:

To award the bid for the purchase of the old rescue truck to Kristopher Keleshian in the amount of \$6887.27 .

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT - COMPRESSOR PURCHASE

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that the Fire Chief recommends the purchase of a compressor from Industrial Protection Services (Salem, New Hampshire) in the amount of \$27,871.00 (Invoice #188443) and to bypass the Town's formal bid policy since this is the only company that supplies these types of compressors.

On a motion by Ben Edwards seconded by Michael Hinerman, the Board

VOTED:

To purchase a compressor for the Machias Fire Department in the amount of \$27,871. from Industrial Protection Services of Salem, New Hampshire (Invoice #188443).

4. TELEBUSINESS CENTER - RENTAL OF OFFICES

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that Children's Advocacy Center will rent three offices in the Tele-business Center. He noted that this would be a great benefit to the Machias Police Department to have the advocacy center close to their offices. Mr. Kitchen reminded the Board that Bar

Harbor Foods is still interested in purchasing the Telebusiness Center. He noted that the Town would need permission from the State to sell the property.

5. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE TO THE MACHIAS PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Kitchen recommended the appointment of Andrew Mulholland to the Machias Planning Board as an Alternate member. Mr. Kitchen noted that Mr. Mulholland would resign his position as Chairman of the Machias Appeals Board.

On a motion by Sandra Sinford, seconded by Ben Edwards, the Board
VOTED:

To appoint Andrew Mulholland as an Alternate to the Machias Planning Board contingent on his resignation from the Machias Appeals Board.

6. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Mr. Kitchen advised the Board that the draft of the 2021 municipal audit shows that the ambulance service has a balance of \$240,000. with \$360,000. in the replacement reserve account. He noted that citizens approved additional monies in 2022 and 2023. Mr. Maker discussed the purchase of a heart monitor for one of the ambulances.

On a motion by Ben Edwards, seconded by Sandra Sinford, the Board
VOTED:

To forego the Town's bid process to purchase a heart monitor for an ambulance and to authorize allocating up to \$45,000. for the purchase of other required ambulance equipment.

Mr. Kitchen noted that the ambulance service received a letter of thanks from the Calais hospital thanking the ambulance service for the ability to do more transfers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ben Edwards, seconded by Michael Hinerman, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.