

Machias Town Board Meeting

May 18, 2026

Present: Stephen Cornwall, Supervisor
Robert Shenk, Council
Tom Reese, Council
Frank Bork, Council
Nicholas Glasner, Council
Scott Ludtka, Code Enforcement
Timothy Byroads, Highway Superintendent
Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag at the Machias Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Council Bork made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Board Meeting. Council Shenk seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Cornwall asked for discussion regarding the proposed noise ordinance. Everyone agreed that noise is a problem but that there is no enforcement of ATV laws from the Troopers or Sheriffs. It was also mentioned that the Troopers and Sheriffs do not carry decibel meters. The Planning Committee and Town Board agreed that zoning was an important part of this, and we need to move on that first.

Highway Superintendent Byroads said that they are still cleaning up from the storm damage from the tornados and heavy rains. They are switching over from mulching to patching and ditch work. They will be doing shared service projects with Freedom and Farmersville. He is planning on blacktopping Canada Hill and possibly Tug Hill this year.

Council Reese said that the Lime Lake Sewer District had done the annual sewer jetting maintenance.

The Clerk reported that the Annual Water Quality Report had been completed and is posted on the Town website.

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Ludtka said that there are 30 open permits, He has issued one stop work order and five certificates of compliance. He attended the Cattaraugus County Land Bank training on May 14.

Town Clerk had nothing to report.

The Assessor's report was provided to the Board.

Katie Cornwall reported for the Youth Commission. The annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Memorial Day, May 25th, at the Machias Fire Hall, with a basket raffle by the Bicentennial Committee. Dinners are available from 11 am to 1 pm for \$15. All REC staff are hired; most of them are returning from last year. They are working on a shelter expansion. The pool opening is progressing.

The Planning Committee had no report.

Council Bork addressed the public to explain the rumor that the Town had sold Gary Herman Memorial Park to the Schwab Companies. It has not happened. There was a discussion with the Schwabs about buying some property to build the salt shed and the possibility of them buying the Highway Barn. No terms or money was discussed. Any movement of the park would require approval from the New York State Legislature and the Town hasn't applied for that. The state would only approve of moving the park if it was going to be an improvement from the current park. There have been no appraisals of any of the properties. The Town approached the Schwabs regarding the Highway Barn and salt shed; they did not initiate the discussion. The park was only mentioned as a possibility to increase safety for the children due to problems with the homeless sleeping in the park, drug use by the park, and increased truck traffic around the park. Council Bork said that any change would take years before it happened.

RESOLUTION #32

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 204 LOADER WITH BROOM ATTACHMENT

Motion by Council Reese seconded by Council Shenk

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Cornwall, Shenk, Bork, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION #33

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RULES PERTAINING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF MACHIAS

Motion by Council Reese, seconded by Council Bork

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Cornwall, Shenk, Bork, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION #34

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING TIME

Motion by Supervisor Cornwall, seconded by Council Shenk

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Cornwall, Shenk, Bork, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION #35

RESOLUTION ALLOWING TWO MEMBERS OF THE B.A.R. TO MEET WITH THE PUBLIC

Motion by Council Reese, seconded by Council Glasner

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Cornwall, Shenk, Bork, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION #36

RESOLUTION TO RETAIN A LICENSED APPRAISER FOR TOWN PROPERTY

Motion by Council Bork, seconded by Council Shenk

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Cornwall, Shenk, Bork, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION #37

AUDIT OF CLAIMS FOR MAY 2026

Motion by Council Reese, seconded by Council Glasner

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Cornwall, Shenk, Bork, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

There was a question on whether the public would get to vote on any plan moving the Town park. The Town attorney said that there is a possibility of a permissive referendum. He also stated that there would need to be a SEQR addressing possible environmental concerns and traffic. There would be opportunities for public comment and input.

A motion was made by Council Bork, seconded by Council Shenk, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

May 2026 Vouchers

GENERAL	\$	20,341.31
HIGHWAY	\$	22,402.20
STREET LIGHTING	\$	1,769.54
WATER	\$	2,631.18
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	7,067.53