

Machias Town Board Meeting

February 17, 2026

Present: Stephen Cornwall, Supervisor
Robert Shenk, Council
Tom Reese, Council – via videoconference
Nicholas Glasner, Council
Scott Ludtka, Code Enforcement Officer
Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk
Frank Bork, Council - excused

Public Hearing – Building Codes Adoption

Opened at 6:45 pm. There were no questions or comments. Closed at 6:46 pm.

Public Hearing – Comprehensive Plan Law

Opened at 6:46 pm. There were concerns about this law creating zoning in the Town. It was stated that this is just the next step forward with the Comprehensive Plan for the Town. It does not create any zoning or new regulations. It is just a guideline for where the Town is going over the next ten years; what do we want for the Town (visions, population, etc.). A resident brought up concerns with noise levels in the Town, especially near Bear Creek ATV Park. Would the Town do a noise ordinance? He referenced the NYS Sleep Act and the Town of Menden's noise ordinance and enforcement. He will provide the information he has gathered to the Town. The Code Enforcement Officer will review the information, and the Board will investigate the possibility of new regulations. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag at the Machias Town Hall at 7:05 p.m.

Supervisor Cornwall made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes. Council Shenk seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Supervisor Cornwall invited Kevin Kruetzer from New Wave Energy to propose a fixed rate Municipal Energy Management Program for the Town's electric and natural gas costs. The Town currently pays a variable rate for energy costs. This program would allow the Town to lock in a fixed rate for a specific time period. He estimated that the Town could save \$3,300.00 in a 12-month period. Handouts with cost comparison breakdowns were provided to the Board. The Board will review the information and consider the options.

Supervisor Cornwall asked for petitions or requests from the floor. Several residents from Cash Hill, Hazelmere, and Very Road addressed the Board regarding snow removal complaints with the Town Highway Department. Other residents had questions about the shared services for snow removal with Cattaraugus County that was approved at January's meeting.

Katie Cornwall reported for the Youth Commission. They have scheduled the summer REC program for July 6th through August 14th. It is a six-week program with daily swim lessons. They are planning for their field trips and fundraisers. Karen Insley said they had received the SWIMS Grant for

\$5,000.00 and Youth Development Grant for \$2,100.00 from Cattaraugus County. They have applied for several other grants to fund a walking path in the park. An extension to the pavilion and a storage building are in the planning process.

Scott Ludka, Code Enforcement Officer, gave his report. He issued 3 Building Permits, a Stop Work Order and has 22 open permits. He completed the Annual State Survey.

The Assessor's report was provided to the Board.

Supervisor Cornwall discussed the ongoing Water District study. MDA has completed a preliminary report on remediation and repairs. There would be increased and improved filtration to keep nitrate levels within the allowed range, much like a water-softening system. This report is necessary to provide to the State and other agencies to proceed with funding applications. The fire protection requirements are 6-inch mains and most of the Water District has smaller lines. This is addressed in the engineering plan. The plan calls for replacement of 60% of the water infrastructure.

RESOLUTION #17

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS

Motion by Council Reese, seconded by Council Shenk

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Cornwall, Shenk, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Bork

RESOLUTION #18

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 - ADOPTION OF THE 2025 BUILDING CODE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Motion by Supervisor Cornwall, seconded by Council Glasner

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Cornwall, Shenk, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Bork

RESOLUTION #19

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW PROCESS

Motion by Supervisor Cornwall, seconded by Council Shenk

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Cornwall, Shenk, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Bork

RESOLUTION #20

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026 - ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWN OF MACHIAS

Motion by Council Shenk, seconded by Council Reese

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Cornwall, Shenk, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 Bork

RESOLUTION #21

AUDIT OF CLAIMS FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Motion by Council Glasner, seconded by Supervisor Cornwall

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Cornwall, Shenk, Reese, Glasner
 Nays 0

Absent 1 Bork

A motion was made by Cornwall, seconded by Reese, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

February 2026 Vouchers

GENERAL	\$	54,859.32
YOUTH	\$	1,097.16
HIGHWAY	\$	24,187.13
STREET LIGHTING	\$	2,315.08
WATER	\$	14,254.16
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	6,282.83