

Machias Town Board Meeting

August 17, 2026

Present: Stephen Cornwall, Supervisor
Robert Shenk, Council
Tom Reese, Council
Frank Bork, Council
Nicholas Glasner, Council
Scott Ludtka, Code Enforcement
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 6:00 p.m.

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

Tessa Palix, a member of the self-formed Bicentennial Committee, asked the Town Board for permission to have the Bicentennial Celebration on the weekend of August 21st and 22nd of 2027. The Board did not have an objection.

Supervisor Cornwall said that he has the proposed 2027 budget for the King Memorial Library.

Kevin Sparks has been looking into the responsibilities of the Zoning Commission. There are some upcoming trainings, and the Town Clerk will get that information out to the members of the Planning Committee.

Highway Superintendent Byroads was not at the meeting. He sent his report. Canada Hill was cold mix paved. On August 24th, they will chop seal and then do shoulders on Canada Hill. This is covered under the CHIPs program. They are doing a pave job on Canada Hill 8000 to cover the millings that were put there four years ago. This is also covered under CHIPs. They have patched most of the Town roads and will be finishing the rest when weather cooperates. They are ditching and doing equipment repair on rain days. They will be chipping Very and Tingue on August 24th. Please note for parking at Gary Herman Memorial Park, you must park in front of the park on Union Street. For safety reasons, you may no longer park in Schwab's parking lot along the pool side of the park.

Lime Lake Sewer – no report, but they are working on an updated information sheet to send out to residents of the district.

The Town Clerk will reach out to the Cattaugus County SPCA to see about a kennel agreement.

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Ludtka provided his report to the Board. On Wednesday, he has six property maintenance cases coming before the Town Court.

The Board was provided with the Assessor's Report.

Karen Insley gave a report for the Youth Commission. They has 128 kids registered for Summer REC this year. About 90 kids attended each day. They went on three field trips and had swimming lessons.

The Annual Color Run was held the last Friday in July, and the kids really enjoyed it. There were snow cones, a bounce house, and lots of water and color dust. The pool will be closing August 22nd to allow maintenance. The new storage shed needs to be finished; it will have a closet for REC supplies, cabinets, shelving, and a refrigerator. They asked for \$3,000 from the Cattaraugus County Youth Development Grant. Trunk or Treat will be coming up in October.

Supervisor Cornwall brought attention to the two Bond Counsel proposals that the Board had received for the Water District Project. He went over the options and the Board decided to sign the contract with Orrick.

RESOLUTION #46

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MACHIAS PV, LLC

Motion by Council Reese, seconded by Council Shenk

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

RESOLUTION #47

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO RENEWAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 4578 FELTON ROAD WEST

Motion by Council Shenk, seconded by Council Reese

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

RESOLUTION #48

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO RENEWAL OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 4578 FELTON ROAD EAST

Motion by Council Reese, seconded by Council Bork

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

RESOLUTION #49

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGAGEMENT OF BOND COUNSEL FOR TOWN OF MACHIAS WATER DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Motion by Supervisor Cornwall, seconded by Council Shenk

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

RESOLUTION #50

AUDIT OF CLAIMS FOR AUGUST 2026

Motion by Council Glasner, seconded by Council Reese

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

A motion was made by Council Bork, seconded by Council Shenk, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Grimmelt, Town Clerk

August 2026 Vouchers

GENERAL	\$	19,388.58
HIGHWAY	\$	149,466.13
STREET LIGHTING	\$	1,895.32
WATER	\$	8,797.97
LIME LAKE SEWER DISTRICT	\$	27,944.94