

June 18, 2024

Town of Maine Town Board Meeting

The Town of Maine Town Board meeting was held on Tuesday June 18, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. at Maine Town Hall, 12 Lewis Street, Maine, NY.

**Present:**

Supervisor: James Tokos	Town Clerk: Joyce Grover
Deputy Supervisor: Cara Holland-Hauer	Highway Superintendent: Rob Szczepanski
Councilmember: Peggy Bowles	Code Inspector: Bob Lawler
Councilmember: Art Robinson	Attorney: Robert McKertich
Councilmember: Ernie Palmer	

Supervisor Tokos called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with the pledge to the flag.

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the May 21, 2024 town board meeting minutes. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the May clerk's report. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the May supervisors report. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the June audited bills. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

**General:** Voucher: #213 - #252 Total: \$22,563.21

**Highway:** Voucher: #58 – #68 Total: \$ 4,990.45

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the June transfers. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

**General**

Transfer: \$3,000.00 from Acct: A9010.8 NYS Retirement to Acct: A1320.1 Auditor

Transfer: \$200 from Acct: A1320.4 Auditor Contr. to Acct: A1320.43 Auditor Conf. & Mileage

Transfer: \$25.00 from Acct: A1330.4 Tax Collect Contr. Acct: A1330.44 Tax Collect Dues

Transfer: \$300.00 from Acct: A1410.12 Town Clerk Deputy to Acct: A1410.41 Town Clerk Office Supplies

Transfer: \$500.00 from Acct: A1410.12 Town Clerk Deputy to Acct: A1410.43 Town Clerk Conf. & Mileage

Transfer: \$1,300.00 from Acct: A1990.4 Contr. to Acct: A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance

Transfer: \$1,300.00 from Acct: A1990.4 Contingency to Acct: A1989.41 Random Drug Testing

Transfer: \$150.00 from Acct: A7020.47 Rec. Summer Supplies to Acct: A7020.12 Rec. Adm. Winter Rec.

Transfer: \$75.00 from Acct: A7550.4 Celebrations Contr. to Acct: A7550.46 Celebration Flags

Transfer: \$300.00 from Acct: A1990.4 Contingency to Acct: A5010.43 Hwy. Admin. Conf. & Mileage

Transfer: \$300.00 from Acct: A1990.4 Contingency to Acct: A5010.44 Hwy. Admin. Dues

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**Highway**

Transfer: \$10,000.00 from Acct: DA9010.8 State Retirement to Acct: DA5130.46 Machinery Supplies

Transfer: \$16,000.00 from Acct: DA5110.1 Gen. Repairs Pers. Serv. To Acct: DA5120.1 Bridges Pers. Ser.

Transfer: \$5,000.00 from Acct: DA5130.21 to Acct: DA5130.46 Machinery Supplies

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the bid from T & C Stone, 296 Hinsdale Rd. Whitney Point, NY 13862 for the following aggregates. Councilmember Robinson seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

Coarse Aggregate Number 1A for \$26.00 per ton delivered

Coarse Aggregate Number 1 ST for \$26.00 per ton delivered

Fine Aggregate (M-3) road sand for \$14.50 per ton delivered

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the bid from the County for Lopke Rock Products, 3430 State Route 434, Apalachin, NY 13732 for the following aggregates. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

Coarse Aggregate Number 1 for \$23.80 per ton delivered

Coarse Aggregate Number2 for \$23.80 per ton delivered

Coarse Aggregate 2x4 for \$19.70 per ton delivered

Type 2 sub-base for \$13.50 per ton delivered

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve Justice Howard Dingman to go to Magistrates conference September 22-25, 2024 in Niagara Falls. Councilmember Palmer seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the hiring of Passero Engineering, 242 West Main Street, Suite 100 Rochester, NY 14614 for Professional Engineering and Planning Services to assist the Town of Maine in their review and processing of SEQR documentation for the Broome Industrial Park at Airport Road, proposed by the Broome County IDA. Councilmember Robinson seconded.** Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tokos read aloud the bids to pave the Maine Town Park walking path.

A & S Blacktop Paving, LLC, 249 Pollard Hill Rd, Johnson City, NY 13790 \$ 23,900.00

Smith Site Development LLC, 1249 Front St. Suite 110, Binghamton, NY 13905 \$ 29,800.00

**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the \$23,900.00 bid from A & S Blacktop Paving, LLC. Councilmember Holland-Hauer seconded.** Roll call vote: Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Tokos: aye, Holland-Hauer: aye, Robinson abstained. Motion carried.

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**Supervisor Tokos made a motion to increase the Disability Benefits Insurance Coverage from the Statutory coverage to the Enriched at 2.0 coverage. The Statutory coverage is New York minimum disability benefit, the enriched disability benefit coverage offers qualified employees a higher level of claim benefits. Councilmember Holland-Hauer seconded.** Roll call vote: Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Holland-Hauer: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tokos made a motion to approve the Summer Recreation Staff. Councilmember Palmer seconded. Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

Leader: Hanna Palmer: \$2,500.00 salary

Angela Thomas: \$14.00 per hour    Megan Bryla: \$14.50 per hour    Gavin Rice: \$14.00 per hour  
Amelia Curtis: \$13.00 per hour    Raven Healander: \$13.00 per hour    Scarlett Healander: \$13.00 per hour

Kiera Rahner: \$14.00 per hour    Kylee Seamans: \$15.00 per hour    Maria Pignatelli: \$13.00 per hour  
McKenna Seavey: \$13.00 per hour    Owen Seavey: \$13.00 per hour    (2) Bus drivers at \$200.00 each

Supervisor Tokos asked the board for approval to send a letter to NYS Liquor Authority approving AB Brewing LLC (dba Water Street Brewing Co.) to obtain a temporary permit to provide beer and cider at the Slaughterland Screampark in Binghamton, NY for each of the scheduled events this fall. Vote: all ayes.

National Night Out will be August 6, 2024 at Maine Town Park at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmember Palmer stated that he reached out to Broome County Legislature Matthew Pasquale regarding the IDA Corporate Park Project and he said Maine is not in his district.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to move the open floor on the agenda to after the approvals. Councilmember Holland-Hauer seconded. Roll call vote: Bowles: abstained, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: abstained, Holland-Hauer: aye. Motion carried.

Councilmember Robinson spoke about contacting the Fire Marshal Association to see if they would be able to get information and schooling for the Town of Maine Fire Departments regarding electrical fires at battery energy storage facilities.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to have Attorney Robert McKertich draft a moratorium on the installation of Battery Energy Storage System facilities. Councilmember Palmer seconded. Roll call vote: Holland-Hauer: aye, Bowles: aye, Palmer: aye, Robinson: aye, Tokos: aye. Motion carried.

Robinson also requested that Attorney Robert McKertich revise the code book and update the cell towers local law to include 5G cell towers.

Olenda Schram of 1320 Airport Road spoke about the IDA.

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Bob Utter asked about the Town of Maine board of ethics in the code book.

Supervisor Tokos made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 P.M. Councilmember Palmer seconded. Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: \_\_\_ July 16, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Joyce Grover  
Maine Town Clerk