

DECEMBER 11, 2019

A public hearing on closing the 2015 CDBG and to discuss the current CDBG which is administered by the NYS Office of Community Renewal was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Madrid Town Office. The Town Clerk presented proof of publication for the public hearing.

Members present: Tony Cooper, Garry Wells, Alex Smith, David Fisher and Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk. Absent: Kevin Finnegan

Also present: Jacob Jenne, Anna Campbell, Nick Wildey, Philip Paige, Cade VanBuren, Kevin Acres, Aaron Jarvis, Jacob French, David French, Laura McGrath, Jeff Gilson and Alex Hammond.

The board discussed the closing of the 2015 CDBG and the current housing grant that is available for residents of the Town of Madrid, this is for owner occupied residents who meet certain qualifications. Residents can contact the Town Clerk or the St Lawrence County Housing Council for applications.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by David Fisher to close the public hearing at 6:30 PM.

The regular town board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Public Comment: Aaron Jarvis had the contracts for both the water tower and the new meters that Tony had to sign. Tony and Judy signed the BAN from Community Bank at Roger Lindens office, so things are moving forward with the water tower replacement project.

Alex Hammond presented a resolution for the board to consider in regards to stand in opposition with other municipalities to any change to the current negotiated sales tax formula between the City of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County. Discussion followed with Kevin Acres and the board members regarding the possible changes to the formula that is currently being used to disperse the sales tax money.

After more discussion, Garry Wells made a resolution, second by Alex Smith that the Town of Madrid stands in opposition with other municipalities to any change to the current negotiated sales tax formula between the City of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County. Any change will devastate local municipal budgets resulting in significant local tax increases and possible layoffs. Roll call vote as follows: Garry Wells – Aye, Alex Smith – Aye, David Fisher – No and Tony Cooper – Aye. The resolution was duly passed.

Anna Campbell gave the board an update on the MDMS.

Jeff Gilson gave an update on building permits issued. David Fisher brought up the subject of the regulating solar projects within the Town.

The board reviewed the monthly report. David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith acknowledging receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to pay the monthly bills. General #305-336 for \$8700.55, Highway #192-213 for \$59,010.54, Water #86-95 for \$14,346.27, Sewer #83-93 for \$3,997.68, Light #12 for \$1,802.96 and Trust & Agency #12-13 for \$66,517.11. All were in favor.

Communications: NYMIR sent a list of recommendations for the Town to consider.

A letter from OCR concerning the monitoring visit for the CDBG that occurred on September 18, 2019.

The mortgage tax check was received in the amount of \$9,847.87.

No highway report.

Old Business: Contracts were signed with Aquastore and Sheehan Co for water tower construction and the replacement of meters.

No news yet regarding updating the street lights.

The board also decided to not keep the old water tower and to have the Supervisor contact Donald Holmes to see if he would be interested in serving as Clerk of the Works for the water tower project.

New Business: Discussion has started for a three year contract with the County for plowing snow. This was tabled.

Alex Smith made a motion, second by Garry Wells to approve the minutes of the November 6 and 13, 2019 meetings. All were in favor.

There will be a special meeting on December 30th @ 10 AM to pay the year end bills and any other business that is brought before the board.

The next regular meeting will Wednesday January 8th @ 6:30 PM.

Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk