

**February 12, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Madrid Town Board was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Town Office.

Members present: Tony Cooper, Alex Smith, Garry Wells, David Fisher, Kevin Finnegan, Bill Barkley – Highway Supt, Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk and Brooke Pryce – Deputy Town Clerk.

Also present: Annette Bowman, Christine Martin, Andy Backus, Jeff Gilson, Arianna Stroski, Jordan Walker, Nick Wildey, Evan Rutherford, Philip Paige, Megan Moulton and Kevin Acres.

**Public Comment:** Annette Bowman gave an update on the CDBG progress, a couple of projects are ready to start and there are still applications coming in. Chrissy Martin explained that there are other grants available (septic system, lead grand, 1<sup>st</sup> time home buyer), people can contact the North Country Housing Council for information. The deadline for the Madrid CDBG projects is December 2020.

Kevin Acres stated that the Sheriff's office will be holding gun safety classes for a fee. The County is still working with the City of Ogdensburg regarding sales tax money.

Jeff Gilson gave an update on building permits issued and he gave the board an updated fee schedule for permits that he thinks they should consider.

Anna Campbell gave an update on the MDMS, they have received a \$5,000 grant Northern NY Community Foundation that will go towards the bandstand. Laura McGrath has submitted a grant from Stewart's for 4 programs within the town that include children.

Megan Moulton was here on behalf of the Madrid Pride & Beautification Committee just to give an update on the September 13<sup>th</sup> Block Dance.

Jordan Walker voiced his concerns over the current assessments of certain properties and stated he would be interested in serving on the B.A.R. Also he spoke about his cellar flooding when the ice rink melts.

Nick Wildey voiced his concern regarding the legal representation that the Town has been receiving.

The Board reviewed the monthly report, David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan acknowledging receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The Board reviewed the monthly bills. David Fisher made a motion, second by Garry Wells to pay the monthly bills. General #23-53 for \$52,238.86, Highway #10-34 for \$60,671.98, Water #6-10 for \$1,090.26, Sewer #7-15 for \$2,761.59, Light #2 for \$2,155.60 and Trust & Agency #2 for \$6,053.11. All were in favor.

**Communications:** Daniel Moyer sent a lease/service agreement for dog pound and shelter services for 2020, with the same terms as the previous year. Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by David Fisher to sign the agreement for 2020. All were in favor.

National Grid and Liberty Utilities sent updated emergency contact information.

The Town received the first quarter sales tax check in the amount of \$90,634.93.

The Town's share of the Justice court funds for December was \$601.00.

**Bill Barkley:** Bill is working on the sign inventory that the Insurance Company suggested the Town has.

Bill will email Tom Pahler regarding the progress on the bridge project.

Marcia brought the easement that the Town needs from Tim & Cheryl Thisse for the water project.

**Old Business:** Renee from USDA is contacting Roger Linden regarding the grant money for the snowplow.

There will be a pre-construction meeting for the water tower and meters on February 10 at the Town Office.

The closing on the old medical building sale should be very soon.

**New Business:** The board discussed reappointing Bill Hull to the Board of Assessment Review, which Jordan Walker also expressed an interest in. Alex Smith made a motion, second by Garry Wells to appoint Jordan Walker to the B.A.R. for a 5 year term, which would end 9/30/2024. Roll call vote as follows: Garry Wells – Aye, Kevin Finnegan – Aye, Alex Smith – Aye, David Fisher – No and Tony Cooper – No. The motion was duly passed.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by Alex Smith to enter into a holding harmless agreement with the County of St. Lawrence for providing service for the year 2020. All were in favor.

The board discussed possibly amending the CDBG to allow replacing one or two mobile homes, discussion followed and the board tabled this until next month.

Alex Smith made a motion, second by Garry Wells to amend some of the building permit fees: The following changes are: Addition - \$55 or .20 per square foot, Ag Building \$150.00, Alterations - \$50 for 300 square foot or .20 per foot, Commercial - \$100 or .28 per square foot, Fence/hedge row \$15, Garage - \$60 or .10 per square foot, Dwelling Unit - \$200 or .18 per sq ft, Manufactured Home \$150, Out building - \$50 or .10 per sq ft over 500 sq ft, Solar Array – Residential \$50, Solar Array – Commercial \$250, plus any unusual or extraordinary cost to be billed to developer/permit applicant, Permit extension \$25, fire inspection – residential \$10 per unit, Commercial fire inspection - \$20. All were in favor.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by David Fisher to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 town board meeting. All were in favor.

The next regular meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM.

At 8:35 PM the board went into executive session and came out at 8:40 PM with no votes taken.

Alex Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

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Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk