

**January 8, 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, David Fisher, Alex Smith, Garry Wells, Kevin Finnegan, Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk.

Also present: Rachel Murphy, William Murphy, Jordan Walker, Anna Campbell, Wayne Day, Jim Hargrave, Linda Hargrave, Greg Hargrave, Allen Kelly, Joe Finnegan, Marcia LeMay, Deb Finnegan, Bill Hull, Rachel Roslicello, Julia Beaumuelline, Bruce Durant, Kevin Acres and Jeff Gilson.

The Supervisor called to order the public hearing on the sale of the property located at 16 Church Street. There was no public comment on the sale of the 16 Church Street property. Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by David Fisher to close the public hearing.

The Supervisor called the public hearing on Local Law #1 for a moratorium on commercial solar projects to order. Joe Finnegan, Chairman of the Planning Board explained that they Planning Board had recently reviewed the law on solar projects with the County Planning Boards input and felt that the law was sufficient. Jordan Walker is not in favor of a moratorium. Bill Hull said he wished that the Town Board had discussed this subject with the Planning Board first before they decided to have a public hearing on a moratorium. More discussion followed,, some people thought as landowners it was their choice what to do with their property. After all people wishing to speak were heard David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to close the public hearing.

**Public Comment:** Kevin Acres gave the board an update on County business. He stated that Judge Richards had resigned so the pistol permits will be changing.

Anna Campbell gave an update on the MDMS.

The Board reviewed the monthly report. Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Garry Wells to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Alex Smith stated we needed to add the balance of the MX Fuels bill from December to the highway bills. David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to pay the monthly bills. General #1-22 in the amount of \$10,658.42, Highway #1-9 for \$18,404.83, Water #1-5 for \$1,829.34, Sewer #1-6 for \$2,536.50, Light #1 for \$1,956.15 and Trust & Agency #1 for \$33,570.11. All were in favor.

**Communications:** The justice court funds for October 2019 was \$641.00 and \$320.00 for November 2019.

St. Lawrence County Human Resources sent the annual payroll certification forms to be completed by Amy Moulton.

OCR sent the final grant closeout letter for the 2015 CDBG.

**Bill Barkley:** Bill was absent, but Alex Smith had contacted Tom Pahler regarding the bid documents for the Buck Road bridge, Tom is working on them.

**Old Business:** Tony will contact National Grid and NYPA regarding the street lights.

Bill is working on the issues that were mentioned in the NYMIR letter regarding their inspection.

**New Business:** Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Garry Wells to table Local Law #1 of 2020 the moratorium on solar projects.

At a regular Town Board meeting held on January 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM Councilperson Garry Wells made a resolution, second by Councilperson David Fisher:

Whereas, the Town of Madrid has been requested to offer for sale to Evan Rutherford the premises known as 16 Church Street, and

Whereas, the Town has no need to retain such property,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved said property is offered for sale to Evan Rutherford for the amount of \$28,000.00, and be it further resolved that said sale is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law 64(2), and be it further

Resolved that pursuant to 82 and 90 of the Town Law that within 10 days from the date of this resolution the Town Clerk shall post and publish a notice which shall set for the date of the adoption of the resolution, shall contain an abstract of such resolution concisely setting for the purpose and effect hereof, shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum, and shall publish such notice in the Watertown Daily Times, a newspaper published in St. Lawrence County having general circulation in the Town of Madrid and in addition the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the sign board of the Town of Madrid a copy of such notice within 10 days after the adoption of this resolution.

Roll call vote as follows: Garry Wells – Aye, Kevin Finnegan – Aye, Alex Smith – Aye, David Fisher – Aye and Tony Cooper – Aye.

#### **Appointments for 2020:**

David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to set mileage at \$.575 per mile for use of personal vehicles for official town business during 2020. All were in favor.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to designate the Watertown Daily Times as official newspapers for the Town of Madrid for 2020. All were in favor.

Alex Smith made a resolution, second by Garry Wells to designate the Madrid Community Bank NA as the depository for town money. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to hold the regular town board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. All were in favor.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Alex Smith to appoint Sara Schulz and Carrie Rutherford as co-town historians for 2020 with a salary of \$175 each. All were in favor.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by Alex Smith to authorize membership in the NYS Association of Towns with Tony Cooper as the delegate and David Fisher as the alternate delegate. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to authorize the Supervisor to use the short form for the Supervisor's annual report to the newspaper. All were in favor.

The Supervisor appointed himself budget officer for 2020.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by Alex Smith to set the Senior Citizen Exemption at \$20,000 with a sliding scale to 20%. All were in favor.

Alex Smith made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to appoint James Pipher Sr. as Dog Control Officer with a salary of \$4,203.00. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to appoint Marcia LeMay, Esq. As Town Attorney for 2020 with a salary of \$3,225.00. All were in favor.

Alex Smith made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to appoint Judy Hargrave as Registrar of Vital Statistics with a salary of \$1,555.00, with Kerri O'Bryan the Deputy. All were in favor.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Garry Wells to appoint Theresa Holmes as water and sewer billing clerk with a salary of \$2,432.00 and Judy Hargrave as the collector also for \$2,432.00. All were in favor.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Alex Smith to appoint Jeffrey Gilson as Code Enforcement Officer for 2020 with a compensation of \$10,084.00. All were in favor.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by Alex Smith to appoint William Barkley as Water and Sewer Superintendent with a compensation of \$5,520.00. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to appoint Thomas Rutherford as Deputy Water and Sewer Superintendent with a compensation of \$500.00. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to appoint Kerri O'Bryan as Court Clerk with a salary of \$12,546.00. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a resolution, second by Alex Smith to allow the Highway Superintendent to exchange work with other highway departments when feasible in a fair and equitable manner and to authorize the Supervisor to sign inter-municipal agreements to that effect. All were in favor.

Kevin Finnegan made a resolution, second by Garry Wells to limit the Highway Superintendent to expenditures of \$3,999.99 without Town Board approval. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Alex Smith to allow the Highway Supt., the Deputy Highway Supt., the Water & Sewer Supt., Deputy Water & Sewer Supt., Code Enforcement Officer and the Water and Sewer Plant Operator to attend training and conferences. All were in favor.

Alex Smith made a motion, second by Garry Wells to allow the Supervisor to sign a contract for the provision of emergency medical services for the Town of Madrid with the Madrid Rescue Squad Inc. in the amount of \$31,000.00. All were in favor.

Garry Wells made a motion, second by David Fisher to pay the following Town Officials Salaries according to the 2020 budget: All were in favor.

Supervisor	\$11,000.00
Town Clerk	\$28,594.00
Town Justice	\$11,042.00
Town Council (each)	\$ 2,750.00
Highway Supt	\$44,445.00
Registrar of Vital Statistics	\$ 1,555.00
Historian (each)	\$ 175.00
Town Attorney	\$ 3,225.00
Assessor	\$15,382.00

The Supervisor appointed Alex Smith as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Judy Hargrave appointed Kerri O'Bryan and Brooke Pryce as Deputy Town Clerk at an hourly rate of \$16.00. All were in favor.

The Highway Supt. appointed Thomas Rutherford as Deputy Highway Supt.

The Supervisor appointed the following committees:

Planning Board: Kevin Finnegan and Tony Cooper

Insurance: Alex Smith and David Fisher

Highway: Alex Smith and Garry Wells

Parks and Recreation: David Fisher and Garry Wells

Personnel: David Fisher and Tony Cooper

Water and Sewer: Kevin Finnegan and Alex Smith

Library: Tony Cooper and Garry Wells

Fire and Rescue: Kevin Finnegan and Alex Smith

5 Year Planning: Tony Cooper and Garry Wells

Budget & Finance: Tony Cooper and Kevin Finnegan

Pride & Beautification: David Fisher and Kevin Finnegan

Audit day will be January 27 at 10 AM.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by David Fisher to approve the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 town board meetings. All were in favor.

Next regular meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM.

Alex Smith made a motion, second by Garry Wells to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk