**OCTOBER 10, 2012**

A special meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 6 pm to review the tentative budget for 2013.

Members present: Joseph Finnegan, Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, David Fisher, Tim Thisse, Bill Barkley – Highway Supt. and Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk.

Also present: Brian Kidwell, Philip Paige, Alex Smith, Amy Moulton, Kevin Acres, Alan Finnegan, Carol Zimmerman, Tammy Hawkins and Jeff Gilson.

The special meeting was closed at 6:30 pm.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. The public hearing on Local Law #2 of 2012 authorizing the 2% tax levy cap override was called to order. There was no public comment.

**Public Comment:** Carol Zimmerman presented a proposal for a Workplace Wellness Program that the Town participated in to continue for another year at a price of 50% of the normal fee. The cost would be $1,012.00 for a year.

Jeff Gilson gave the board a monthly report on building permit applications.

Kevin Acres updated the board on the County budget process.

Alan Finnegan gave the board an update on the dam project, which is done for this year.

The board reviewed the monthly report. David Fisher made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. The board discussed general bill #290 to the Madrid Highway Dept. for $19,011.92 for work on the dam project. The board will wait on paying this bill until the Town is reimbursed from the RVRDA grant.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to pay the monthly bills. General #271-303, except bill #290 for $19,011.92, in the amount of$52,965.95, Highway #143-152 in the amount of $26,919.74, Water #75-88 in the amount of $7,493.92, Sewer #80-93 in the amount of $6,089.00, Light #10 for $1,158.91 and Trust and Agency #22-23 in the amount of $7,431.87. All were in favor.

**Communications:** Received an email from Data Path Card Services notifying us of a change in our required Healthcare Reimbursement Account minimum balance to $2,800.00 changing the monthly payment to $420.00.

A letter from Jim Dawson, Supervisor of the Town of Brasher notifying us a joint meeting of Town Supervisors and Mayors to discuss the sales tax issue with St. Lawrence County.

There will be a seminar in Syracuse on November 2nd on Personnel & Ethics training, sponsored by the Association of Towns.

A letter was received from Bob Best containing resolutions asking the SLC board of Legislators to conduct a referendum asking the voters to choose between a sales tax increase or a property tax increase, to oppose the redistribution of the portion of the sales tax to the towns and villages and to hold a referendum to support raising the County’s portion of the sales tax by 1%.

Received a letter from National Grid detailing the information they need to make arrangements for placing the towns Christmas decorations on their poles. The Supervisor has sent them the requested information.

Jeany Danielson from Rose & Kiernan has informed the Supervisor to anticipate an 8% increase at the most for insurance for the upcoming year.

The Supervisor met with Donna Blackburn from Heyler, Fryer and Coons Insurance Agency to review the town’s insurance coverage and to generate a quote for 2013 coverage, which was determined to be $17,736.67. She is also checking into workers compensation insurance coverage.

Received a letter from Toby Bogart, St. Lawrence County Highway Supt., asking the town to participate in a county wide multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan study.

Received an invoice from Thompson for a subscription renewal for the grants handbook for $378.50. The board is not in favor of renewing this subscription at this time.

**Bill Barkley:** Bill reported that the town will not be able to abandon the Crump Road because the State has a right of way on part of the road. However it could qualify for limited maintenance.

Bill has not heard back from Bill Dashnaw yet about prioritizing road work.

Bill discussed posting a weight limit on Church Street, the board stated it was his decision.

**Old Business:** The Supervisor will be meeting with Brian Hammond tomorrow morning at 8 am to discuss the Teamster’s high deductible health insurance option.

**New Business:** Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to adopt Local Law #2 of 2012 entitled “A local law to override the tax levy established in General Municipal Law 3-c”. Roll call vote as follows: Kevin Finnegan – Aye, Tony Cooper- Aye, Timothy Thisse – Aye, David Fisher – No and Joseph Finnegan – Aye. The motion was duly passed.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to reappoint Lawrence LaMere to the Board of Assessment Review. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a resolution, second by Tony Cooper to approve St. Lawrence County to act on behalf of the Town of Madrid in developing a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. All were in favor.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to accept the St. Lawrence County winter highway maintenance contract as proposed for one year and authorize the Supervisor and Highway Supt. to sign the contract. The Town will be paid $4,234.75 per mile for the year. All were in favor.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to accept the Workplace Wellness proposal for the year for $1,012.00. All were in favor.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by David Fisher to oppose the redistribution of sales tax monies to the Town of Madrid as proposed by the St. Lawrence County Administrator. All were in favor.

Tim Thisse made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2012 Town Board meeting. All were in favor.

There will be a budget meeting on Wednesday, October 17th at 6 pm in the Town Office.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be November 14th at 6:30 pm.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk

**OCTOBER 17, 2012**

A special meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Office to work on the tentative budget for 2013.

Members present: Joseph Finnegan, Tony Cooper, David Fisher, Kevin Finnegan, Tim Thisse, Bill Barkley-Highway Supt. and Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk.

Also present: Amy Moulton, Mickie & Brad VanPatten, Alan Finnegan, Kathy Paige and Laura McGrath.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to pay General bills #304-306 for $1,595.94, Sewer #94 to Verizon for $29.25 and $15,000.00 to Chase Bank for the water bond payment. All were in favor.

Members of the Library Board presented their budget for 2013 and answered any questions the Town Board had regarding it.

The board went over the budget and made some cuts but need to figure out where further cuts can be made.

There will be a budget meeting on Wednesday, October 24th at 6 pm in the Town Office.

Tim Thisse made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk

**OCTOBER 24, 2012**

A special meeting of the Madrid Town Board was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Office to review the tentative budget for 2013.

Members present: David Fisher, Tim Thisse, Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk and Bill Barkley – Highway Supt.

Also present: Mildred Lucas, Greg Barney and Derek Kingston.

The Clerk presented proof of publication on the special meeting.

The Board reviewed the tentative budget for 2013 and discussed what percentage they would be comfortable with for an increase in the budget.

The board took away the 2% raises for employees, subtracted $250 from A3300-3310-4, subtracted $1,000.00 from A4500-4510-4, subtracted $500 from A5100-5132-4, subtracted $3,000 from A7100-7110-1 and $1,000 from A7100-7110-4, subtracted $600 from A7400-7450-4, subtracted $800 from A8000-8020-4, subtracted $2,250 from L7400-7410-4, subtracted $106 from L9000-9030-8, subtracted $6,300 from L9700-9730-6 and added $3,000 unexpended balance to the Library Fund. $25,000 subtracted from SS8120-8120-4.

There will be another budget work session on November 1, 2012 at 4:30, at which time they will go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations, to be followed by a regular budget session.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk