**SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

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

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

Also present: Jeff Gilson, Brian Kidwell, Garry Wells, Ronald Cady, Dick & Phyllis McDougall, Phillip Paige, Marcia LeMay and Alan Finnegan.

**Public Comment**: Jeff Gilson gave the Board his report on building permit applications.

Alan Finnegan gave an update on the dam repairs, the concrete wall is to be poured tomorrow. The D.E.C. has reissued the permit, as there were some changes made to it.

Marcia LeMay had no updates to report.

Dick and Phyllis McDougall presented the Board with a copy of the Rescue Squad’s budget request for 2013. The Squad is asking for an increase of $1,000.00.

Kevin Finnegan brought up the subject of requesting a four way stop at the intersection of County Route 14 and County Route 31 by the old Miller’s Market gas station as there was another accident there recently. The Supervisor will write to the County requesting the four way stop.

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. Bill Barkley was asked if the bill for Barrett Paving for $97,463.30 was all for paving, most of it was. Tim Thisse made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to pay the monthly bills. General #251-270 in the amount of $17,010.48, Highway #129-142 in the amount of $139,760.31, Water #65-74 in the amount of $35,121.19, Sewer #73-79 in the amount of $1,711.78, Lighting Fund #9 for $1,146.63 and Trust and Agency #18-21 in the amount of $8,387.05. All were in favor.

**Communications:** Received an email from Ted Schultz inquiring on the status of a dry hydrant at the proposed boat launch adjacent to the WWTP.

Received a rebate check from NYSEFC for $677.87 due to an overpayment of the WWTP construction loan. (This was an interest rebate)

An invitation was received from the Madrid Rescue Squad to their annual banquet which will be at the Lobster House on September 22 at 6 pm.

A letter from NYSEFC notifying the Town that we will receive principal forgiveness of $282,590.00 on our construction loan for the WWTP.

Received an email from Data Path Card Services notifying us of a change in our required Healthcare Reimbursement Account minimum balance to $2,900.00 changing the monthly payment amount to $435.00.

A letter was received from St. Law. Co. IDA with a copy of the grant agreement for the Dam Rehab project grant. The Supervisor signed and returned to them.

Received a copy of the letter that James Pipher sent to Susan Hathaway, Director of the St. Law. Co. Health Department.

A letter from the NYSDEC accepting the design changes for the dam project, along with a reissued permit for the work.

Received an email from Bill Dashnaw asking if anyone was interested in attending a budget training workshop to be held on September 13th from 7-9 pm.

Received a copy of the latest water quality analysis results and everything is within the limits set by the DEC and DOH.

The Association of Towns dues for 2013 will be $800. The Town pays these in January.

Received a request for a person who worked the summer recreation program for unemployment, contacted the County Youth Bureau regarding this matter and they stated they will take care of this request as the person worked for them.

Received a proposal for financing for the purchase of the plow truck through Beam Mack, the Supervisor gave the Board members a copy of this information.

Received a packet from the St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Program detailing the Town’s cost for 2013 for Workmen’s Compensation Insurance. The fee will be $17,736.67 for 2013.

**Bill Barkley:** Doyle Builders have repaired the water pump. Both pumps at the WWTP are working at this time. Bill talked to Aaron Jarvis about the sewer jetter, the Town cannot get this under the grant as we can’t meet the minority women in business clause. However Bill has received quotes for a water line locator. The lowest quote was $3,528.00 from POW-R Mole Sales, VIVAX Metrotech had two quotes, one for $4,000.00 and one for $3,745.00. Tim Thisse made a motion, second by David Fisher to authorize Bill Barkley to purchase the water line locator for $3,528.00 from POW-R Mole Sales. All were in favor.

**Old Business:** The Supervisor contacted Ron Piester, Director of the Codes Division of the Department of State regarding the ISO downgrade of the Towns code effectiveness grading schedule. Mr. Piester is looking into his matter but suggested lobbying our Legislators to update the codes.

**New Business:**  Anyone interested in attending the Local Government Conference in Potsdam needs to let the Town Clerk know so she can send in the registration forms.

David Fisher will check on the status of the employee handbook.

Bill Barkley will check with Bill Dashnaw about the cost of having him help prioritize which roads need work and what kind of repairs they need.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 board meeting. All were in favor.

The next regular board meeting will be October 10, 2012 at 6 pm.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk