

**September 9, 2020**

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

Members Present: Tony Cooper, Garry Wells, David Fisher, Kevin Finnegan , Bill Barkley-Highway Supt.

Judy Hargrave- Town Clerk, Zoe Hawkins- Deputy Town Clerk. Absent: Alex Smith

Also Present: Aaron Jarvis, Anna Campbell, Joe Murphy, Marcia Lemay, Bill Hull, Kevin Acres.

**Public Comment:** Bill Hull followed up on finishing up land donation, and legalities of having a right of way set up, and having a 1 year renewable lease for snow removal. A resolution was made, to accept land donation, with easement for drain access. Motion by Garry Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Finnegan. All in Favor.

Joe Murphy mentioned he is against making Outer Elm Street a dead in road, he has concerns for the amount of traffic that would push onto Church Street.

Joe Murphy inquired what can be done regarding cleaning up the property next to his mother's residence, and what would the board do if it was their mothers property. The supervisor will be in contact with code enforcement regarding this matter.

Kevin Acres gave an update on the meeting with the city of Ogdensburg regarding sales tax, and other county business.

Aaron Jarvis gave an update on meter replacements and the water tank is complete.

MDMS are hosting a decorate a top hat contest, and are trying to come up with other fall activities for the community.

The board reviewed the monthly report, Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by David Fisher to approve them. All were in Favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills, General 196-215 for \$20,302.14 , Highway 144-159 for \$144,702.27, Water 66-77 for \$126,888.95, Sewer 68-76 got \$1,469.18, Lighting for \$1,280.24, and Trust & Agency #9 for \$7,386.38. David Fisher made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Finnegan. All were in favor.

**Communications:** St. Lawrence County Self Insurance Plan letter.

NYS Ag and Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection report- Satisfactory.

DANC letter from new executive director Carl Farone, introduction.

Genetworx ad for Covid-19.

**Highway Superintendents Report:** Bill looked into having repair done to a truck that insurance may total, and hoping to buy back from insurance. Repair work will cost an estimated \$33,000 if done by the Town, or \$45,000 if done by a garage.

The Buck road bridge: Elevations are off from one side to another, the fix is expected to be simple.

The beams for the bridge will be in on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bill is hoping to get the drainage for Mainstreet Market parking lot complete, once the right of way legalities are completed. Also Bill would like to get the new, donated, parking lot surveyed.

**Old Business:** Community Building is going to remain closed.

Organizations will be having budget proposals October 14<sup>th</sup> .

**New Business:** A motion has been made to adopt a Proclamation for Constitution Week 9/17- 9/23. 1<sup>st</sup> by David Fisher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Garry Wells. All in Favor.

Budget Planning session will be September 23 at 6:30 PM.

Pilot agreement with Nexium, for two solar projects.

Concerns over a barn that is not structurally sound, with animals in it, to be brought to the attention of the State Vet for Ag & Markets , Jessica Smith.

All were in favor of approving the August 12<sup>th</sup> Board minutes.

The next town board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

A motion has been made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin Finnegan at 8:29 PM.

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Zoe Hawkins, Deputy Town Clerk

**September 23, 2020**

A special meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Town Office to review the 2021 tentative budget.

The Town Clerk presented proof of publication for the special meeting.

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

Also present Amy Moulton.

The board reviewed the tentative budget for 2021, at this time all salaries are staying the same as 2020 rates.

The board discussed the Buck road bridge project and the fact that it is over budget, Bill, Kevin and Alex will meet with Sheehan to discuss what can be done to try and reduce the amount that is still owed on the project. Amy stated that there is some money in the savings account that could be used for this project.

\$35,000 was added to the General fund for unexpended balance, \$39,000 to the Sewer and \$34,000 to the water. The board will review the budget again at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Garry Wells to adjourn at 8:11 PM.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk