

4/9/2025

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

Members Present: Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, Emily Losey, Clark Putman, and Zoe Hawkins-Town Clerk.

Absent: David Fisher

Also Present: Bill Hull, Amanda Barkley, Carol Palmer, Harry Garvey, Tammy Hawkins, Greg Hargrave, and Rita Gerenser-CEO

CEO: Rita has issued a few permits, and the planning board has asked her to look into a few things.

Assessor: Amy left a report stating that the Town will have to adopt a local law to allow the firefighter exemptions to continue. Current exemption is 10% or \$200 credit, with a \$3,000 cap. The deadline to pass the local law is December 9th.

Caroline street: The project is on hold due to waiting on the NYSDOT permits to cross State highway 310, and State highway 345. The town is awaiting \$270,000 from the DEC, and we have spent all but \$18,000 of the \$300,000 ARPA funds. A 90-day extension has been granted for the project.

Public Comment: Greg Hargrave asked about the public hearing that is next Tuesday. Tony responded it is for a 6-month moratorium which will give the town time to create code for battery storage facilities.

Harry Garvey was curious about the Jaquith solar project. Awaiting on a SEQR.

Bill Hull is hoping that the Town and the county can work together to get ditching done on north street to elm street.

Amanda Barkley would like 20-minute parking in the Mainstreet Market parking lot. Wyatt is going to look into getting signs for 3 of the parking spots.

Tammy thinks that the town should consider getting the park surveyed, and a fence put up around it to keep out 4wheelers and other vehicles from the grassy areas.

Monthly Report: The board reviewed the monthly report, Emily Losey made a motion 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All in favor.

Monthly Bills: The board reviewed the monthly bills, General 89-119 in the amount of \$24,698.11, Highway 33-44 for \$18,959.06, Water 24-30 for \$178,775.99, Sewer 22-27 for \$4,253.82, Lighting #4 for \$0.00, and Trust and Agency #4 for \$6,960.20. Emily Losey made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan. All in Favor.

Highway: Wyatt reports new windsheilds in truck 13, 19, and 4. Truck 19 and 13 have electronic issues. Truck #6 needs a clutch brake.

The sludge pump has been rebuilt, a quote as been given for a replacement one for \$10,000.00. A new backup/maintenance pump has failed and cannot be rebuilt, a new one of those has been ordered for \$800.

There was a watermain leak on River Rd, this has been fixed. A tack hoe was rented from Laberge and Curtis.

Community building has passed inspection, NCC recommends the hood being professionally cleaned soon, as well as tie it into the alarm panel. Approximate cost; \$500.00.

Welcome to Madrid signs are very faded, they are \$62.00 each. Emily Losey made a motion to use beautification funds for those signs. Clark Putman seconded. All in favor.

Quotes from Midland and suit coat for paving Planty Rd (\$252,000) and reprofiling/paving Dennis rd (\$50,500) and Brandy Brook Rd, (183,500).

Hydrant Flushing is going to be on April 17th, weather permitting.

Spring brush pickup is set for April 21st.

Communications: Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by Clark Putman to continue our membership with the SLC Chamber. All in Favor.

The Town must have a .gov website by December to remain compliant.

New Business: Wyatt and Kevin looking at the sidewalks to finish around the block that was started last spring, once weather permits. There is no grant money this year, and the Highway department will be doing the labor.

Proposal to Increase Madrid Water and Sewer Usage rates

Water Usage Rates:

Table Minimum Maximum Charge/thousand gallons

Current Proposed

Water (No1) 0 - 2,000 gals \$17.69* per M gallon

2,001 - 7,000 gals \$4.73 per M gallon

7,001 - 12,000 \$2.38 per M gallon

12,001 - 22,000 \$1.19 per M gallon

22,001 - infinity \$.85 per M gallon

Notes: * This is the minimum charge amount for water service accessibility

All rates shown are adjusted by (+ 10%) from the current rates

Sewer Rates:

Table Minimum Maximum Charge/thousand gallons

Current Proposed

Sewer (No2) 0 - 2,000 \$19.53* per M gallon

2,001 - 7,000 \$5.20 per M gallon

7,001 - 12,000 \$2.61 per M gallon

12,001 - 22,000 \$1.31 per M gallon

22,001 - infinity \$0.95 per M gallon

Notes: * This is the minimum charge amount for sewer service accessibility

All rates shown are adjusted by (+ 10%) from the current rates

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Clark Putman to adopt the above mentioned increases to water & sewer rates. All were in favor.

Clark Putman made a motion, 2nd by Emily Losey to approve the minutes of the March 12th, and April 2nd meetings. All in favor

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15P.M.

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk