

January 10th, 2024

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

Members Present: Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, Garry Wells, Emily Losey, David Fisher , Bill Barkley-Hwy Supt. And Zoe Hawkins- Town Clerk.

Also Present: Kai Simonsen, Cyn French, Ted, and Marsha Champagne.

Public Comment: Cyn French, and Kai Simonson came to introduce themselves and their company. They are planning on constructing a Bio-Digester energy project for Maplevue Dairy. Bill mentioned concerns about heavy traffic on the roads that would be used to haul manure. They presented Bill with a map of their planned routes, and he thinks it is a well-planned route. Once construction has begun the project will be completed within a year. Life expectancy of a digester is 20-30 years.

Ted Champagne has who lives on 345 below the bridge is having issues with the burnt down house across the road, 1823 State Highway 345. There are numerous stray cats that have taken residence there. He and his wife have started feeding them, but they are worried about the health of the cats with it being wintertime. Tony said he will be in contact with animal control to try to get the cats trapped and brought to the humane society.

The board asked Bill Barkley about his plans for the Madrid Dam Music Series, they are working on coming up with fundraisers, and sending out donation letters. He already has a full roster for the summer of 2024.

The board reviewed the monthly report, Tony Cooper made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills General #1-23 for \$11,980.57, Highway #1-11 for \$13,217.59 Water #1-4 for \$868.98, Sewer #1-4 \$1,675.87, Lighting#1 for \$1,911.12, and Trust & Agency #1 for \$29,403.57. Emily Losey made a motion, second by Garry Wells to pay the monthly bills. All were in favor.

Communications: Justice Court Fund for February 2022: State- \$619.00; Town- \$489.00

The senior citizens group sent a letter to ask for the Towns support for 2024. Garry Wells made a motion 2nd by Emily Losey to support the Seniors. A voucher will be made up for them for the next board meeting. All in Favor.

Highway: Bill is waiting on another quote for a truck to compare to the last quote presented.

Bill wants to ask Tom Rutherford to be present when Atlantic testing does the bore samples for the Caroline Street water project, Tom will more accurately know where the water and sewer lines are.

Caroline street was flushed, 30 seconds of rusty water, then it ran clear.

Bill would like to advertise for a new highway employee to replace George, he would like to do this during the current plow season to try to get a new person trained and some seat time. The board needs to discuss and find out if there is money in the budget.

Kevin Asked Bill for an update on the generator for the town office, The generator has been delivered. Bill does not have an install date for it.

Old Business: The line of credit letter has been signed and mailed to National Grid.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO.1

OF THE Town OF Madrid

HOLDING HARMLESS THE COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE FOR PROVIDING SERVICE FOR 2023

By the Town Board, Town of Madrid

WHEREAS, the of is desirous of St. Lawrence County

Department of Highways providing shared services such as paving, signage, road stripping, blasting, and other routine maintenance activities to the Town, and

WHEREAS, both the of and the County of St. Lawrence are

desirous of promoting partnering efforts for the safety of the traveling public in St. Lawrence County, and

WHEREAS, in this joint cooperative endeavor the of and the

County of St. Lawrence desires to be reimbursed for their expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the is aware that the County may incur liability in the

providing of the services and wishes to indemnify the County in this regard,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that to the fullest extent permitted by law,

the of will indemnify and hold harmless the County, their

officers, directors, partners, representatives, agents and employees from and against any and all

claims, suits, liens, judgments, damages, losses and expenses, including legal fees and all court

costs and liability (including statutory liability) arising in whole or in part and in any manner

from injury and/or death of person or damage to or loss of any property relating to or arising out

of any negligent or intentional acts and/or omissions of the of or any

of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, representatives, or agents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following request for General Liability (GL)

coverage is as follows:

General Liability Insurance

On an "Occurrence" basis, with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$3,000,000 General Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate

\$1,000,000 Personal Injury

\$ 50,000 Fire Damage Legal Liability

\$ 5,000 Medical Payment Expense

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that St. Lawrence County shall be an additional insured on the GL Policy, via ISO endorsement CG 2026.

Date of January 10,2024

By :Zoe Hawkins

Appointments 2024

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells TOWN MILEAGE TO BE SET AT .67 PER MILE FOR PERSONAL USE OF VEHICLES FOR TOWN BUSINESS

Garry Wells made a motion, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to DESIGNATE THE WDT, and North Country This Week AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR 2024

Emily Losey made a motion, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to make COMMUNITY BANK, MADRID BRANCH DESIGNATED AS DEPOSITORY FOR TOWN MONEY

David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells to have the REGULAR TOWN BOARD MTGS TO BE HELD ON THE 2ND WED OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.

Garry Wells made a motion 2nd by Emily Losey to APPOINT SARA DAY-SCHULZ And CARRIE RUTHERFORD AS CO-TOWN HISTORIAN.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND ASSOC. OF TOWNS MTG IN NYC APPOINT Tony Cooper as THE DELEGATE & Emily Losey AS THE ALTERNATE

Gary Wells made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISOR TO USE THE SHORT FORM FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NEWSPAPERS

THE SUPERVISOR APPOINTED HIMSELF BUDGET OFFICER FOR 2024.

Garry Wells made a motion, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to APPOINT Eric Gustafson TOWN ATTORNEY FOR 2024 WITH A SALARY OF \$4,750.00

Emily Losey made a motion, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to APPOINT ZOE HAWKINS REGISTRAR VITAL STATISTICS, KERRI O'BRYAN AS DEPUTY.

SUPERVISOR APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

PLANNING BOARD: Garry Wells and Tony Cooper

INSURANCE: Tony Cooper and Emily Losey

HIGHWAY: Kevin Finnegan and David Fisher

RECREATION: Emily Losey and Kevin Finnegan

PERSONNEL: Tony Cooper and David Fisher

WATER & SEWER: Kevin Finnegan and David Fisher

LIBRARY: David Fisher & Garry Wells

FIRE & RESCUE: Kevin Finnegan and Garry Wells

5 YEAR PLANNING: Tony Cooper and Emily Losey

Garry Wells made a motion, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to APPOINT JUDY HARGRAVE AS WATER & SEWER BILLING CLERK @ SALARY \$2632.00, AND TO APPOINT ZOE HAWKINS AS COLLECTOR W/SALARY OF \$2814.00

Kevin Finnegan made a motion 2nd by Garry Wells TO APPOINT KERRI O'BRYAN AS COURT CLERK TO BE PAID A SALARY OF \$13,575.00.

Emily Losey made a motion 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to APPOINT Jeff Gilson AS CEO, SALARY \$10,491.00

Kevin Finnegan made a motion 2nd by Garry Wells to SET SR CIT. EXEMPTION AT \$20,000 WITH A SLIDING SCALE TO 20%

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells TO AUTHORIZE THE HWY SUPT TO EXCHANGE WORK & EQUIP. WITH ANY HWY DEPT WHEN IT IS FEASIBLE FOR BOTH PARTIES & SIGN AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT.

Garry Wells made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to LIMIT THE HWY SUPT TO AN EXPENDITURE OF \$5,999.99 WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.

Garry Wells made a motion 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to AUTHORIZE THE SUPV TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE MADRID RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A PRICE OF \$38,500.00

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells TO AUTHORIZE THE HWY SUPT TO ATTEND SCHOOLS & CONFERENCES IN THE SPRING & FALL.

AUDIT DAY WILL BE HELD ON: January 25, 2023

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher TO ADOPT THE SALARY SCHEDULE AS SET UP IN BUDGET TO PAY THE TOWN OFFICERS YEARLY SALARIES

AS STATED BELOW:

SUPERVISOR	\$11,440.00
TOWN CLERK	\$25,624.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$11,948.00
TOWN COUNCIL (EACH)	\$2,860.00
HIGHWAY SUPT.	\$52,012.00
REGISTRAR OF VS	\$1,799.00
HISTORIAN	\$350.00
TOWN ATTORNEY	\$4,750.00
ASSESSOR	\$15,900.00

Zoe Hawkins appointed Judy Hargrave & Kerri O'Bryan As deputy Town Clerk to be paid \$16.00 per hour.

BILL BARKLEY APPOINTED ROB RUTHERFORD AS DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPT.

ANTHONY COOPER APPOINTED Kevin Finnegan AS DEPUTY SUPERVISOR.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells to approve the minutes of the December 13th, and 27th 2023 Town meeting minutes. All were in favor.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15 PM

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk