

November 8, 2023

A regular board meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Madrid Town Office.

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

Absent: Kevin Finnegan, and Emily Losey

Planning Board: The Jaquith solar project is disputing the county decision to deny the project from moving forward.

Infrastructure: Heidi Ames said that the Town can submit receipts for the Caroline Street project to begin receiving reimbursement from the ARPA money.

MDMS: There is a possible plan for moving forward and keeping the program running at a moderate level. Bill Barkley is interested in becoming chairman and needs to discuss more what it is going to take for him to continue the program.

The board reviewed the monthly report, David Fisher made a motion, 2nd Garry Wells to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All in Favor.

The monthly bills were reviewed General #351-377 for \$10,643.07, Highway #156-169 for \$27,852.26, Water #65-70 for \$2,525.60, Sewer #69-74 for \$3,269.14, Lighting #11 for \$1,720.00, and Trust and Agency #11 for \$5,791.87. Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to pay the monthly bills. All in Favor.

Communications: NYS Council Health and Hospital Fund needs to be adopted by 12/31/2023.

National Grid submitted a request for liability insurance for street pole Christmas decorations.

Highway: Bill reached out to Marty Miller who is exploring the possibility of giving driver courses for the Class A license.

Bill has had no luck finding a contractor this fall for the sidewalks.

The sand pile is complete and expected to cost the town significantly more than previous years.

Bill got pricing for a new plow truck. It will take approximately 12-18 months to get one here after the order date. A new truck is \$162,000.00 plus the body equipment which will be an additional \$110,000.00. This quote is from Stadium International.

Bill would like to meet with his water and sewer committee, and the water and sewer rates should be increased.

Old Business: A line of credit needs to be received from the bank in order to move forward with a closing with National Grid for the streetlights.

New Business: David Fisher made a motion second by Garry Wells to relevy all unpaid water bills onto the 2024 County and Town Tax bills.

David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Garry Wells to approve the minutes of the October 4th, and 11th meeting minutes.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

David Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk