

JUNE 28, 2010

A Special Meeting of the Town Board regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant was called to order at 4:00PM.

Members present: Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, David Fisher, Tim Thisse, also, Aaron Jarvis (Tisdell Associates), and Joe Finnegan (Town Supervisor)

Contracts were awarded to:

1. General Construction – Fiacco & Riley Construction, Inc. Fiacco bid \$1,573,000.00

Motion was made by David Fisher to except the bid, second by Kevin Finnegan.

All voted in favor. Bid excepted.

2. Mechanical Construction – Perras Excavating, Inc. Perras bid \$241,499.00

Motion was made by Tony Cooper to except the bid, second by Tim Thisse. All voted in favor. Bid excepted.

3. Plumbing Construction – Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Inc. Hyde-Stone bid \$18,600.00

Motion was made by Kevin Finnegan to except the bid, second by David Fisher.

All voted in favor. Bid excepted.

4. Electrical Construction – Jordstat Construction, Inc. Jordstat Construction Bid \$147,610.00

Motion was made by Tim Thisse to except the bid, second by Tony Cooper. All voted in favor. Bid excepted.

Tim Thisse made the motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to have a contractor out of Hamburg, New York to do robotic video inspection of the tanks. Cost would be around \$3,400.00. The town would split the cost with Norfolk, since Norfolk would like to do the same. The town cost would be around \$1702.50. Vote was taken – all in favor.

Aaron Jarvis will coordinate the Robotic Video Inspection.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tony Cooper, second by David Fisher, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Linda Newtown, Deputy Town Clerk

June 30, 2010

A public hearing of the Planning Board was called to order at 6:36 p.m in the Town Office.

Members Present Dan McGrath, Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, David Fisher, and Joe Finnegan.

Also present: Laura McGrath, Heidi Ames, James and Grace Hargrave, Deb Finnegan, Barbara and Max Fisher, Phyllis and Richard McDougal, Tammy Hawkins, Marion Acres, Kevin Acres, Gary and Joyce Wells,

Heidi Ames and Matilda Larson from the County Planning Office discussed the NYS CDBG Community Planning Program that the Town is going to apply for. They spoke about the Community Development Block grants and what they could do as well as solicited input from the community as to get a better idea of what priorities the community believes are important.

The members of the community were encouraged to express Madrid's strengths, which included: The Grasse River, the Community Building, Park and Playground, the Bluegrass Festival, Canoe Races, Two museums, the Library, a great school system, close proximity to four colleges, Memorial Weekend events, three churches, its central location, picturesque countryside, active volunteer groups, historic farming community, good water, tourist attraction, extensive community support, friendly, good fishing, a golf course, local medical clinic and various activities for children.

Listed as assets of Madrid were: good soil, good roads, the newly restored historic bridge, historic buildings, the post office, the bank, the Diner and Smokehouse, the Hotel, New Beginnings/Food Pantry, the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, access to riverfront property and extensive law enforcement coverage.

Things that were seen as wishes/needs were: more commerce (local businesses), preservation of historic buildings, a farmers market, a skate park, a beach, a new dam, more sidewalks, green spaces in place of abandoned gas stations, a new fire station/rescue building, a community arts program. Townwide housing improvement (to include weatherproofing, insulation, repairs), a Main Street facelift, WiFi hotspot, a place to process meat for local livestock, increased access to local food, community composting/recycling, alternative sources of energy, salt/sand storage issues, new building for New Beginnings, municipal water and sewer for Steam Museum (perhaps expanding the district).

Challenges that were identified were: high tax rate, aging/small population, lack of federal and state support, unemployment, consensus regarding desirable industry, more community participation (encouraging more and varied residents), communication.

Drawbacks that can be addressed were identified as motivation, communication, consensus, welcoming new residents and encouraging community participation, creating opportunities for younger people to stay in the community and marketing our community to others.

Voting was done to categorize the top 5 of positives and challenges to narrow the scope of the grant proposal. The top positives of the community were seen as the Museums, School, Fire/Rescue, Location and the River. The top challenging issues were seen as New building for Fire/Rescue, Local Business Development, Taxes, Lack of Funding, and Remediation of old gas stations into green spaces.

Finally a vision statement was proposed as

Madrid ~ A wonderful mix of old and new, a wonderful place to raise your children/family, and a place where visitors will want to return.

The meeting wrapped up with announcing the next public hearing at 6:00 pm on 7/14/10 where the final application will be presented to the Town Board. The public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

JULY 14, 2010

A public hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Office.

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

Also present: Peter and Joyce Longshore, Kathy and Phillip Paige, Mary and Wayne Day, Sara Schulz, Ann Lindley, Jean Barclay, Laura and Dan McGrath, Heidi Ames, James and Grace Hargrave, Deb Finnegan, Alan Finnegan, Jeff Gilson, Barbara Fisher, Lloyd Grandy, II, Tim Lucas, Phyllis and Richard McDougall, Ted Champagne, James Connor, Betty and Gerald Crump, Judith DeGroat, Lawrence Boyette, Tammy Hawkins, Sue Hathaway and Aaron Jarvis.

Heidi Ames from the County Planning Office spoke about the NYS CDBG Community Planning Program that the Town is going to be applying for. Heidi stated that one objective for the community planning project is to help the Town improve the quality of community or economic development projects, identify eligible NYS CDBG projects and prepare applications for future CDBG funding. Community planning projects should identify and describe potential funding sources that may be used to tackle these challenges, including federal, state, local and other resources. A successful community planning project should serve as a basis for identifying eligible projects for subsequent applications to the funding sources identified in the plan. People had the opportunity to ask Heidi questions about this project. Dan McGrath would like to see the Town go for a \$45,000 grant as it would be an investment into the Town's future.

Tony cooper made a resolution, second by Kevin Finnegan to adopt the following resolution: Whereas, the Town of Madrid has expressed an interest in preparing a Community Development Plan to identify community needs, goals and objectives, and develop implementation steps to address those needs: and

Whereas, the St. Lawrence County Planning Office has the capacity and experience necessary to prepare a Community Planning Program Application for the New York office of Community Renewal.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Madrid:

Hereby requests the St. Lawrence County Planning office to prepare and submit a Community Planning program application to the New York State office of Community Renewal on their behalf;

Will provide \$500 to the County Planning Office to cover the costs for preparing the application;

Will provide the 33% local match in the form of a cash contribution and in-kind services for the grant;

Authorizes the Town Supervisor to take any and all actions necessary to assist the County Planning Office in the preparation of this application; and

Will bring the completed Community Development Plan to the Board for its consideration.

All were in favor and the resolution was duly passed.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to spend \$11,000.00 for the Community Development Plan. All were in favor.

The public hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

The Supervisor called the regular July Town Board meeting to order at 6:35 pm in the Town Office.

Public Comment: Peter Longshore asked the Board if they would consider a partial property tax exemption for persons with disabilities and limited income. The Board will look into this matter.

Alan Finnegan gave the Board an update on the dam rehabilitation issue.

Aaron Jarvis stated the bids had been awarded for the WWTP project and the contracts have been signed. Work should begin around August 1, 2010. The Town was awarded a grant for \$282,590 towards the project.

Richard McDougall brought up the subject of proper 911 numbering on houses and buildings located in the Town, as some places have no numbers at all.

Sue Hathaway spoke to the Board about the Town joining the county wide health district, there will be no cost for the Town to join. After discussion about the county wide health district, Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to join the County wide health district and to pay Dr. Jarrett a prorated amount for first seven months of this year. All were in favor.

Jeff Gilson reported that he has issued 21 new building permits. Jeff stated that he has not issued a certificate of occupancy for the amish house on State highway 310. There have been complaints about Wayne Taillon's garage and all the junk that is around the property.

Tammy Hawkins gave the board a preliminary report on the Bluegrass Festival. The income from the festival was \$36,296.90 and expenses were \$29,592.00.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to acknowledge receipt of the monthly report. All were in favor.

The board reviewed the monthly bills. Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to pay the monthly bills. General #204-240 in the amount of \$10,539.96, Highway #99-115 in the amount of \$18,236.03, Water #57-63 in the amount of \$1,226.85, Sewer #27-33 in the amount of \$7,229.66 and Light District #7 for \$1,045.77. All were in favor.

Communications: Fuller Insurance would like to have the opportunity to prepare a quote for the Town's insurance needs. The Supervisor will contact them regarding this matter.

A letter was received from the Department of Civil Service stating that there will be an increase of 16.6% for the Empire Health Insurance for 2011.

The Town received a bill from Tisdell Associates for \$100,203.65 for work they have done so far on the WWTP project. Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to authorize payment to Tisdell Associates for \$100,203.65. All were in favor.

Bill Barkley: Bill is interested in purchasing a set of gang mowers for \$1200.00. Tim Thisse made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to authorize the Highway Supt to purchase the gang mowers with the price not to exceed \$1200.00. All were in favor.

Bill received a report from Atlantic Testing on their inspection of the old town barns on North Street, all the tests came back negative.

Bill reported that the highway crew will be paving 1.1 miles of the Chipman Corners Road and they are painting the truck we purchased and coating it with rhino liner.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to declare the 1996 Ford service body ½ ton as surplus equipment and accept sealed bids to be opened on August 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm. All were in favor.

Bill would like to thank Doug Matthie for the time donated to fix the ruts at the Park after the Bluegrass Festival.

The Board told Bill that he could hire someone for a Safety program .

The flushing hydrant on Caroline Street has been installed.

The Board agreed to have the water tower inspected by Robotic Observation Ventures when they are in the area inspecting the tower at Norfolk.

OLD BUSINESS: Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to have National Grid replace the lighting fixtures at the Town Office building and to do the time payment option. All were in favor.

Lloyd Grandy II is reviewing the Employee Manual.

There has been no action taken on the highway winter maintenance contract.

The Supervisor has not yet ordered a computer.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Streeter donated his time to weld the slide at the playground.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to approve the minutes from the June 17th board meeting. All were in favor.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to adjourn at 8:32 pm. All were in favor.

Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk