APRIL 13, 2011

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

Members present: Supervisor Joseph Finnegan, Kevin Finnegan, David Fisher, Tim Thisse, Tony Cooper, Highway Supt. Bill Barkley and Town Clerk Judy Hargrave.

Also present: Jerry Smith, Marsha LeMay, Bradley Harte and Aaron Jarvis.

Public Comment: Bradley Harte explained the NYS Deferred Compensation plan proposal for employees, this is a salary deduction plan with no cost to the Town.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to appoint Marcia LeMay as Town Attorney for the remainder of 2011 at the salary that Lloyd Grandy II was receiving. All were in favor.

Aaron Jarvis gave the board an update on the waste- water treatment plant project, the concrete work is almost all completed and they will start the pump station work this week. Aaron is submitting a payment request to EFC for the following amounts: Fiacco & Riley - $49,816.00, Perras Construction - $37,848.00 and $3,410.50 for plumbing. The board also discussed how to spend the grant money, such as confined space equipment, tripod, harnesses, lab equipment, etc.

Jerry Smith asked if there had been any progress regarding zoning code violations concerning boarding homes,etc. The Board is still looking into this matter and will have Marcia LeMay check into this matter.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to give the Supervisor permission to sign the agreement with the LeBerge Group for the CDBG plan, as the attorney had given his approval of the agreement. All were in favor.

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

The Board reviewed the monthly bills. Bill Barkley stated that they had to do a lot of repairs to truck 12 this past month. Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to pay the monthly bills. General #105-127 in the amount of $12,274.81, Highway #47-73 in the amount of $18,849.80, Water #22-31 in the amount of $1,423.90, Sewer #13-17 in the amount of $2,386.68 and Light District #4 in the amount of $1,263.19. All were in favor.

Communications: Received a copy of the Special Franchise Full Value Assessments from the Assessor.

Received a report from James Pipher, Animal Control Officer, stating that their were no dogs captured during the first quarter so no charges were incurred.

Received a letter and information from Karen St. Hilaire regarding MEGA (Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance) inviting the Town to an informational presentation on Friday, April 29, 2011 at the County Courthouse.

Received and filled out a questionnaire from Cobalt Community Research regarding the Town's finances and our financial management policies.

Received a letter from NYPA regarding an upcoming meeting to be held on May 4^{th} at the Hawkins Point Visitor's Information Center to describe their financial aid programs for energy saving projects for municipal governments.

Received a copy of a memo from Brad Pinski, Attorney, in regards to the Town's request for financial disclosure by the Rescue Squad and legal opinions concerning that request.

Received copies of amendment No. 1 to the project finance agreement for the WWTP project from EFC encompassing the change orders, the Supervisor reviewed and signed them.

Received a letter from EFC regarding Minority and Women in Business requirements and reports for the WWTP project, the Supervisor forwarded them to Aaron Jarvis who completed them and sent them in.

Received an invitation to attend the 2nd annual North Country Technology Symposium & IT Expo at Clarkson University on May 5, 2011.

Received a letter from the St. Law. Co. Treasurer's Office regarding the year end stats from the Workmen's Compensation Fund for 2010.

Follow up to the memorandum from the St. Law. Co. Planning Office regarding the North Country Home Consortium and the Home investment partnership program requesting the Town to pass a resolution supporting the above. David Fisher offered the following resolution, second by Kevin Finnegan:

Whereas, the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 created new initiatives to produce and preserve affordable housing including the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and

Whereas, the HOME Investments Partnerships Program will provide monies to states and local governments to fund affordable housing strategies, and

Whereas, Section 216(2) of the National Affordable Housing Act provides that a consortium of geographically contiguous units of general local government may apply for funding under the HOME Program, and

Whereas, the Town of Madrid has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to cooperate with the County of St. Lawrence, in order to participate in the North Country HOME Consortium comprised of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties in order to receive funding under the HOME Program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Madrid Town Board authorizes its Supervisor to execute, on behalf of the Town of Madrid, a Cooperation Agreement with the County of St. Lawrence to undertake or assist in undertaking housing assistance activities for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

This resolution was passes by a majority of the Town Board present.

Received a check of $139.95 from the County for surplus funds for dog licensing, this was deposited in the general fund.

The Supervisor received a letter from Brian Hammond indicating that the Teamsters Health Care Plan was being upgraded and he would be available in June to discuss these updated plans and start contract negotiations.

The Supervisor received a phone call from Marsha Watson, Fire District Treasurer, stating that there was a $600.00 shortage in their check for the 2011 budget. There was an error in the final budget that was adopted so the Supervisor stated that the Town will pay the Fire District the additional $600.00 in the near future.

Bill Barkley: The highway crew has rebuilt the dock at the park and they have installed it. Bill has had a request for a dock below the dam, it would cost approximately $1,000.00 to build one. Tim Thisse made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to approve the building of a dock for below the dam. All were in favor.

Bill stated that the highway crew will soon start working four ten hour days. Bill stated that he will soon have a white metal drop off week.

People have questioned whether the County will be picking up the sand piles along the County roads, Bill stated that the Town will if the County doesn't do it this year.

Old Business: The Town Clerk reported that the E911 Law has been filed with the State.

Time Warner Cable will be switching our phone service in the near future.

The Supervisor is setting up a meeting with the Bluegrass Committee for the week of April 17th.

New Business: Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by David Fisher to set the second notice fee for taxes at $2.00 per parcel. All were in favor.

The Supervisor informed the Board that he had a conference call with Mark Scott, the Supervisor of Waddington and Karen St. Hilaire to discuss combining Madrid and Waddington court. He asked if the Board was interested in looking into this possibility. The Board did say they would be interested in investigating this.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to offer the NYS deferred compensation plan to employees of the Town. All were in favor.

The Board reviewed the recommendations sent from the State Comptroller's Office (1) There is no record of the Board auditing the Supervisor's records. (2) The water and sewer funds both have deficit fund balances. They need to repay the general fund by the end of the year with interest. (3) Bank reconciliation's include the front only of the checks; we need copies of the backs of the checks also.

(4) The payroll account has an unidentified balance of $1,838.01, it should be 0. (5) Bluegrass festival statements should be at the end of the month. (6) The Supervisor should maintain water & sewer receivable control accounts and reconcile with detail customer accounts. (7) The water & sewer Superintendent should reconcile water produced with water billed. (8) There were no certified payrolls other than the highway fund. (9) The Town needs to determine compliance with bidding laws regarding vehicle fuel. (10) Tthere needs to be a receipt/ticket system required for the Bluegrass Festival receipts. (11) The Court had a few late bank deposits. (12) The Court has an unidentified balance of $574.73. (13) The December 2010 report was late. (14) IT: recommend password changes, recommend offsite storage for backups and recommend disaster recovery plan or computer security plan.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Tim Thisse to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011 board meeting. All were in favor.

The next Town Board meeting will be May 11th at 6:30 pm.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk