

January 8, 2025

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

Members Present: Tony Cooper, Kevin Finnegan, Emily Losey, David Fisher, Wyatt Boswell-Hwy. Supt., and Zoe Hawkins- Town Clerk.

Absent: Garry Wells

Also Present: Rita Gerenser, Ethan Ward, Joe and Debbie Finnegan, Marsha Watson, Bill Hull, Ben Hull, Lydia Baxter, and Abigail Burwell.

Public Comment: Kevin Finnegan asked Ben if there is an update on the curbing on Elm St. There is no update.

Bill Hull says there is a new sandwich shop where Martins was and would like the Town to rectify the lack of parking in the square.

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

Monthly Bills: The board reviewed the monthly bills, General 1-23 in the amount of \$13,693.20, Highway 1-6 for \$11,712.63, Water 1-7 for \$1,834.02, Sewer 1-6 for \$3,251.35, Lighting #1 for \$0.00, and Trust and Agency #1 for \$36,208.47. Emily Losey made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan. All in Favor.

Communications: ARPA renewal is good through 2026 with the County.

The board is going to look over a USDA grant application for a new plow truck.

Highway: Wyatt is looking for a gear box for the aerator at the sewer plant.

Truck 19 has an exhaust leak.

One of the pickup trucks is down.

Wyatt doesn't think the town should trade in the tractor but feels as though they should consider getting a backhoe or excavator. The board told Wyatt to talk to Amy about money for one.

Old Business: David proposes to raise the water and sewer rates 10%. The board is unsure of how much this will change the overall budget for the water and sewer and will have more information at the next meeting. A public hearing will be held in the future.

New business: David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to put a 12-month moratorium on commercial and community solar projects. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS 2025

David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan TOWN MILEAGE TO BE SET AT 70 cents PER MILE FOR PERSONAL USE OF VEHICLES FOR TOWN BUSINESS

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to DESIGNATE THE WDT, and North Country This Week AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR 2025

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

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

David Fisher made a motion 2nd by Kevin Finnegan to APPOINT SARA DAY-SCHULZ And CARRIE RUTHERFORD AS CO-TOWN HISTORIAN.

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

David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Emily Losey 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 2025.

Emily Losey made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to APPOINT Eric Gustafson TOWN ATTORNEY FOR 2025 WITH A SALARY OF \$4,750.00

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

SUPERVISOR APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

PLANNING BOARD: Kevin Finnegan, and Tony Cooper

INSURANCE: Tony Cooper, and David Fisher

HIGHWAY: Kevin Finnegan, and David Fisher

RECREATION: Emily Losey, and Garry Wells

PERSONNEL: David Fisher, and Tony Cooper

WATER & SEWER: David Fisher, and Garry Wells

LIBRARY: Garry Wells, and Emily Losey

FIRE & RESCUE: Kevin Finnegan, and Emily Losey

5 YEAR PLANNING: Tony Cooper, and Emily Losey

Emily Losey made a motion, 2nd by David Fisher to APPOINT JUDY HARGRAVE AS WATER & SEWER BILLING CLERK @ SALARY \$2954.00, AND TO APPOINT ZOE HAWKINS AS COLLECTOR W/SALARY OF \$2,954.00

Kevin Finnegan made a motion 2nd by David Fisher TO APPOINT KERRI O'BRYAN AS COURT CLERK TO BE PAID A SALARY OF \$14,254.00.

David Fisher made a motion 2nd by Emily Losey to SET SR CIT. EXEMPTION AT \$25,000.00 WITH A SLIDING SCALE TO 20%

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

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

David Fisher made a motion 2nd by Emily Losey to AUTHORIZE THE SUPV TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE MADRID RESCUE SQUAD FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE YEAR 2025 AT A PRICE OF \$

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

AUDIT DAY WILL BE HELD ON: January 23, 2025

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

AS STATED BELOW:

SUPERVISOR	\$11,669.00
TOWN CLERK	\$26,905.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$12,187.00
TOWN COUNCIL (EACH)	\$2,917.00
HIGHWAY SUPT.	\$43,000.00

REGISTRAR OF VS	\$1,889.00
HISTORIAN	\$350.00
TOWN ATTORNEY	\$4,750.00
ASSESSOR	\$16,218.00

Zoe Hawkins appointed Judy Hargrave & Kerri O'Bryan As deputy Town Clerk to be paid \$17.00 per hour.

WYATT BOSWELL APPOINTED ROB RUTHERFORD AS DEPUTY HIGHWAY SUPT.

ANTHONY COOPER APPOINTED EMILY LOSEY AS DEPUTY SUPERVISOR.

The board went into executive session at 8:40 PM. Executive session ended at 9:04 PM.

The board decided that the Code enforcement officer position with be a monthly appointment instead of an annual appointment for the time being. The board appointed Jeff Gilson as code enforcement officer for the month of January. Annual salary for this job is \$10,492.00.

David Fisher made a motion, 2nd by Emily Losey to approve the minutes of the December 11th, and December 30th board meetings.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 P.M.
