## **December 11, 2024**

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, Bill Barkley-Hwy. Supt., and Zoe Hawkins-Town Clerk.

Absent: Garry Wells

**Also Present:** Wyatt Boswell, Clark Putman, Debbie and Joe Finnegan, Steve Rookey, Kaitlyn Putman, Zara Cordwell, Emmah Manson, And Aleah Losey.

There was no Public Comment.

**Planning Board:** A solar company has contacted the Planning Board, and Joe Finnegan shared the correspondence. If another proposal is submitted the Town Attorney needs to be involved.

**Assessor:** Many other towns are hiring GAR to do reval. Amy suggested looking into this company. Kevin asked if we hire this outfit if they can use any of the already completed parts of the Reval. This is unknown.

**Infrastructure:** 2 Bids were received for the Caroline Street project, The board will meet on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM to discuss. Kevin Finnegan made a resolution 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily Losey to accept the lowest bid. All in Favor.

**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 353-377 in the amount of \$13,780.09, Highway 141-157 for \$24,655.67, Water 89-97 for \$2,898.32, Sewer 86-98 for \$4,805.69, Lighting #12 for \$0.00, and Trust and Agency #12 for \$5,542.41. Emily Losey made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Kevin Finnegan. All in Favor.

**Highway:** Bill asked the board to give him a set price on how much we can spend on Christmas decorations to try to finish replacing the older ones. Previous years it has been around \$5,000.00 plus shipping. David Fisher made a motion to allow Bill and Zoe to spend up to \$6,000.00 on new decorations each year until the older ones are replaced. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily Losey, all in favor.

Bill said that he misunderstood the delivery date of the new truck. The truck will be at the dealer by the end of June. It could be 8-10 months after that, that the town will get the truck.

Bill thinks the decision to buy a new tractor should be tabled, and the new Highway Supt. Can make that decision. Bill believes the current tractor is in good shape and doesn't need to be traded in yet.

**Old Business:** Highway Superintendent appointment. Emily Made a motion to Appoint Wyatt Boswell to the Highway Super. Position for the remaining year of the term, starting on January 1, 2025. David Fisher 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Kevin Finnegan Abstain.

**New Business**: End of the year meeting will be December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM to pay final bills and anything else to come before the board.

George Harvey sick time compensation for 2025, contract doesn't say board has to pay February-December.

LF Bio Energy check was received in the amount of \$20,000.00. The fire dept. will be receiving \$2,500.00 from this, as well as the rescue squad.

Wyatt would like to thank the board for the opportunity to serve the community.

David Fisher made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily Losey to approve the minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and November 13<sup>th</sup> board meetings.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Kevin Finnegan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Zoe Hawkins, Town Clerk