

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

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

Members present: William Carkner, David Fisher, Tony Cooper, Tim Thisse, Kevin Finnegan, Chet Tyndall – Hwy Supt and Judy Hargrave – Town Clerk.

Also present: Tedra Cobb, Dan McGrath, Tim Lucas, Alan Finnegan, Don McCall, Tammy Hawkins and Jennifer Appleby.

Tedra stated that the County currently has a hiring freeze on and they are working on the 2009 budget. The County is still working on an Ethics law. Sept 13 from 1-5 there will be Energy Education Event held at SUNY Canton.

Members of the Planning Board discussed the County feedback on the updated zoning laws for the Town of Madrid. There are a few issues that the Town Board wants to clarify with the County Planning Board. The Madrid Planning Board would like to have a meeting with the Town Board to discuss long-term plans for the Town and continuing education for the residents on the zoning laws.

The Town Board will have a public hearing on Local Law #1 of 2008, a law providing for the establishment of comprehensive zoning regulations governing the location, density and characteristics of permitted land uses through the delineation of zoning districts in accordance with the Town Plan: and providing for uniform administration and enforcement, including penalties for the violation thereof on September 24, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the Town Office.

Alan Finnegan reported that the cameras are installed and properly working at the Community Building. He reported that the outdoor lights are not working at the Community building, he suggested putting up motion detection lights, the board will check into the prices of flood lights/motion detection lights.

Tim reported that the new doors for the Community building are in and being painted. The Board reviewed the monthly bills.

Tim Thisse made a motion, second by David Fisher to pay the monthly bills General #350-387 for \$6,631.13, Highway #121-128 for \$9,429.65, Water #96-107 for \$3,414.13, Sewer #25-29 for \$3,162.17 and Light District #9 for \$1,245.27. All were in favor.

Tammy Hawkins gave the board a report on the 2008 Bluegrass Festival. The income was \$26,912.70 and the expenses were \$20,261.73.

It was suggested that the Town Board send Roger Patenaude a thank you card for installing the security cameras at the Community building.

Don McCall requested that the speed limit be reduced on County Route 14 towards Chase Mills approximately one mile be reduced to a 30 MPH zone. The Board will send a letter making this request.

David Fisher made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to have the Supervisor send a letter to the DOT asking for consideration in paving North street, Buck road and the Ruddy road due to the increase of traffic because of the bridge being closed. Also see if the walkway on the bridge could have a temporary enclosure over it for the winter.

The board went into executive session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:50pm. Executive session closed at 8:10 with no votes taken.

**Communications:** Madrid Rescue Squad banquet will be Sept. 20, 2008 at the Lobster House if any board members are interested in attending.

A letter was received from Lekki Hill Fischer & Duprey regarding AMP's action to obtain public power authority status. Peter Lekki stated that legislation has been introduced in the State Senate with a republican sponsor.

**Chet Tyndall:** The County highway department will be helping the Town repair the Ruddy road.

The County has made an offer for an increase to the Town's for plowing County roads, but nothing has been finalized yet.

**Old Business:** Kevin Finnegan made a resolution, second by Tim Thisse that it is hereby determined that it is in the best interest of the Town of Madrid, New York, that the number of Town Justices of the Town be reduced from two Town Justices to one Town Justice; and Be it further resolved, that effective December 31, 2009, the number of Town Justices of the Town of Madrid, New York, shall be reduced from the present two Justices to one Town Justice; and Be it further resolved, that the within resolution be and the same hereby is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section 90 and 91 of the Town Law of the State of New York; and Be it further resolved, that this resolution shall take effect thirty days after its adoption by the Town Board, or, if a permissive referendum on petition on the adoption of the resolution

is held, when the resolution is approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of qualified electors of the Town voting on such proposition. Roll call vote as follows: Tony Cooper – Aye, Kevin Finnegan – Aye, Tim Thisse – Aye, David Fisher – Aye and William Carkner – Aye. The resolution was duly passed.

The board would like the Supervisor to send the County a letter to the County regarding the unsafe condition of County Route 31.

Tony Cooper made a motion, second by David Fisher to increase Judge Appleby's salary by half of Judge Fisher's salary (\$4,885.50) and to increase the Court Clerk's salary by \$1,000. All were in favor.

Tim Thisse made a motion, second by Tony Cooper to sign the updated contract with the highway employees, which include the following changes: ARTICLE 13: Holiday (1.) Add Columbus Day as a paid holiday. ARTICLE 19: Health & Hospital (2.) Town to pay the full cost of health insurance for up to a two person plan for employees hired prior to 1-1-2009, employees shall contribute the difference between two-person plan and family plan if covered by the family plan (more than 2 people) plan. (3.) Town to pay the full cost of health insurance for single plan for employees hired after 1-1-2009, employees shall contribute the difference between single coverage plan and the two-person or family plan as coverage dictates. ARTICLE 21: Wages and Hours of Work (4.) Increase hourly wages by: 4% each year of the agreement (5.) Summer hours shorten by 30 minutes, employees receive a paid lunch (6) The Deputy Highway Supt. shall be compensated at a yearly stipend of \$1,500.00. ARTICLE 22: (7) Increase Boot Allowance to \$150.00 ARTICLE 26: Duration of Agreement (8) Three (3) years from January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011. Roll call vote as follows: Tony Cooper – Aye, Kevin Finnegan – Aye, Tim Thisse – Aye, David Fisher – Aye and William Carkner – Aye. The motion was duly passed.

**New Business:** Tony Cooper made a motion, second by Kevin Finnegan to order the materials for the roof at the water plant for \$3,419.78 from Roll Lock Truss. All were in favor.

A letter was received from the library board asking if they have to advertise for bids for work they are going to have done on the Library. They do have to advertise for bids.

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

Kevin Finnegan made a motion, second by David Fisher to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Judy Hargrave, Town Clerk