

**Town of Freetown  
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd  
Marathon, NY 13803  
December 14th, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held December 14th, 2016 at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Present:** Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins  
Councilpersons: Robert Stewart  
William Contri  
Crystal Clough  
Mary Mackey  
Town Clerk: Serina Ingrahm  
Highway Superintendent: Art Hawley: Absent

**Guests:** Gail Heady, Ann Homer, Freetown Fred (Elwood Bryan), John Slocum, Tim Brown, Christine Hopkins.

**Motion 78:** Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept the minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting.

**Votes:** Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye  
Crystal Clough: Aye  
William Contri: Aye  
Robert Stewart: Aye

Passed

Fran Butler (Town Assessor) was unable to attend the Board Meeting to answer questions the Board may have had regarding the Towns revaluation and Briggs' appraisals.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The board has decided not to make a decision on Quick Book until after January 2017.

Supervisor Hopkins is going to price check on co-sharing with Becky Bailey (Bookkeeper) or purchasing our own.

Board has decided not to have a refund policy. Board needs to come up with policy, or statement on the actual permit paper, stating NO REFUND ISSUED.

**Motion 79:** Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to adopt a no refund policy for the Town of Freetown.

**Votes:** Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye  
Crystal Clough: Aye  
William Contri: Aye  
Robert Stewart: Aye

Passed

Employee hand book:

The Board is still working on re-writing the Employee hand book. The Interview Committee is comprised of the Superintendent of Highway and two Board members. The Board is also review comp time. Superintendent needs to start keeping a log of worked hours by his employees.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Supervisor Hopkins is going to check on the IRS fines with Pat Isenberg (IRS Employee) to see if we should contact the appeals bureau for possible reduction in our fines. Highway employee's bonuses were approved in our budget for 2016 and will be paid out in December. Supervisor Hopkins is going to purchase a new American Flag for our flag pole and new spot light to be installed in the spring. Superintendent Hawley was looking to get health insurance for 2017, board hadn't made a decision. The 2004 International that had gone to Henderson in Watertown, NY was returned not fixed, due to the lack of availability of parts. The plow truck is being used to its ability. Supervisor Hopkins is going to bring to the bookkeeper's attention some accountant issues in our A5132.4 account fund. Our sales tax share needs to be transferred into the highway account A9901.9 (50,000). Christine Hopkins was concerned about the SPCA doing their job on enforcing dog licenses renewals. Supervisor Hopkins suggested if the Board has any concerns about our appointed contracts that renew in January to bring it to the meeting in January 2017. Councilperson Clough had a conversation with Ely Coblentz which seems to be the Amish spokesperson. Mr. Coblentz has no intention of doing anything with his horse's manure that ends up in the road ways. There is no law in the County of Cortland that states they have to clean the road ways of horse manure.

**Motion 80:** Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to pay bills.

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	Passed

**Motion 81:** Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay from general accounts.

(A) \$7,875.00  
(DA) \$ 3,287.95

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:31pm

Acknowledge by Town Clerk,

Serina Ingrahm