

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 13, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town Freetown, NY was held January 13, 2016 Held at the Town Hall. Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present	Town Supervisor:	Thomas VanderPloeg
	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart William Contri Crystal Clough Mary Mackey
	Town Clerk:	Serina Ingrahm
	Highway Superintendent:	Steve Strough

Guests: Elwood Bryan, Tim Brown, Randy Hopkins, Christine Hopkins, Gail Heady, Tom Williams.

Motion 1: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by councilperson Robert Stewart to approve the minutes from 12/9/2015 meeting as corrected.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye William Contri: Abstained Crystal Clough: Nay
	Supervisor	Thomas VanderPloeg: Abstained Passed

Motion 2: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by councilperson Robert Stewart to approve the Appointment of the First National Bank of Dryden for the official Bank.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye William Contri: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye
	Supervisor	Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed

Motion 3: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg and seconded by councilperson Robert Stewart to approve the Appointment of the Cortland Standard as our official Newspaper.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye William Contri: Aye
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Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed
Motion 4: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by councilperson Mary Mackey. To appoint Donald Armstrong as our Official Town Attorney.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 5: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to approve the contract from MAVAC. One year contract for the amount of \$8804.00 for the fiscal year of 2016.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 6: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to Appoint Elwood Bryan as MAVAC Representative

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 7: Made by councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg to appoint Bill Contri as the Town Employee Liaison.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 8: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to Appoint Mary Mackey for Town Historian.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye

Supervisor Crystal Clough: Aye
 Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 14: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to change the time of the Town Board meeting from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm and keep the same second Wednesday of every month date. Meeting to still be held at Freetown Town Hall.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
 Robert Stewart: Aye
 William Contri: Aye
 Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 15: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to Audit our Town of Freetown books at our February Meeting. Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Justice, Code Enforcer and Tax Collector.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
 Robert Stewart: Aye
 William Contri: Aye
 Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 16: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to approve Bailey's Bookkeeping Service LLC, as our Town's official Bookkeeper.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
 Robert Stewart: Aye
 William Contri: Aye
 Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 17: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to approve Tom Williams as our Code Enforcer for the Town of Freetown.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
 Robert Stewart: Aye
 William Contri: Aye
 Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye Passed

Motion 18: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to approve Bailey’s Bookkeeping Service LLC, contract for one year with a Bond of \$5,000 each party and personal liability for \$500,000.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye	Passed

Motion 19: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to approve the SPCA Contract for the fiscal Year 2016.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye	Passed

Code Enforcement Officer: Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg is going to check with Cortlandville to see how much we would have to pay through them for Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Williams is no longer employed through Cortlandville. Concerns on how we could hire Tom Williams on as our Code Enforcement Officer .Board states that we would have to advertise the position. Tom would have to purchase his own Liability Insurance. Board is undecided.

Handyman: Councilperson Robert Stewart is going to check with Art Hawley about continuing to be our handyman

Highway: Superintendent Strough stated that the Town will not receive revenue from cardboard any longer.

Deputy Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins is going to check on a price for renting a covered recycling dumpster. Councilperson William Contri is going to check with Adam’s Trash and Recycling to get price from them on a covered recycling dumpster also. Superintendent Strough is going to check on prices for the welcome to Freetown signs he designed. Steve is going to replace a couple of street signs that were stolen.

Handbook: Needs to be reviewed by the board concerning overtime and comp time usage.

Direct Deposit: Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg wants to encourage the employee's of Freetown to get direct deposit for their pay checks. Town Supervisor is going to check with the bank to make sure they honor our date that are printed on checks for expiration.

Old Business:

Website: Councilperson Crystal Clough states the person who set up the website for the Town of Freetown is in Florida and has been unreachable. Councilperson Crystal Clough states that she will contact Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg or Town Clerk Serina Ingrahm when she receives the website information. Website is to be maintained by the Town Clerk or Town Supervisor. If Councilperson Crystal Clough doesn't hear from the web designer soon the board will consider an alternate route.

Town assessment: Town Supervisor VanderPloeg is still working on finding someone to do a re-evaluation.

Pine hill: Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg is going to check with Marathon Town Superintend Tom Adams and Randy Ensign on the pine hill bridge.

Porta Johns: Town Supervisor VanderPloeg is going to check with a place in Lisle on the price for rental and or purchase of a handicap acceptable porta john and the cost to empty it.

Justice Report: Town Clerk Ingrahm spoke to Town Justice about turning in monthly reports even if there isn't anything to report, so we have 12 monthly reports in our files.

Open Floor: Deputy Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins was wondering why the protected trout stream was only protected in certain areas and Supervisor Tom VanderPloeg was going to check into it with D.E.C. Councilperson Crystal Clough is going to check with water and soil.

Motion 20: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to make a Resolution to pay encumbered 2015 fiscal years bills.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye	Passed

Motion 21: Made by Councilperson Crystal Clough and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay the 2015 fiscal year bills. Voucher #249 Staples,#250 Tom Willaims,#251

Superior Plus, #252 Tallmadge Tire ,#253Steve Strough, #254E&V energy. DA (highway)
\$1319.86 A (General) \$1099.25.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye	Passed

Motion 22: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to pay the Warrants for January 2016.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas Vanderploeg: Aye	Passed

Motion 23: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas Vanderploeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay from general funds.

Meeting Closed at 9:28 pm

General (A) \$10,807.99
Highway (DA) \$2,520.85

Acknowledge by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm