

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

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held September 14th, 2016 at the Town Hall. Councilperson Mary Mackey called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Town Supervisor: Thomas VanderPloeg: Absent
Councilpersons: Robert Stewart: Arrived at 7:42 pm
William Contri
Crystal Clough
Presided over Meeting: Mary Mackey
Town Clerk: Serina Ingrahm
Highway Superintendent: Art Hawley

Guests: Gail Heady, Terry Wolff, Michael Bellefleur Sr., Clarence Wright Jr, John Slocum, Tim Brown, Steven Strough, Shirlene Strough

Motion 60: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept the minutes of August 10th meeting.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye

Passed

Highway: Highway Superintendent Hawley has received a Quote from Cortland overhead door company of Cortland for \$1500.00. Which covered an electric overhead door and 4 remotes for all the trucks. Board has decided that there wasn't enough in his 2016 budget for that upgrade this year. Councilperson Mary Mackey suggested he resubmit the request for the budget year of 2017. Superintendent Hawley has ordered studded tires for Charlie's dump truck for the winter. Superintendent Hawley is waiting on Supervisor VanderPloeg to get him copies of his chips vouchers and cancelled checks to be able to file for reimbursement. Superintendent Hawley stated the back garage door wouldn't close and called Cortland Overhead Doors to come fix it. Superintendent Hawley had to have the brakes on the 2004 GMC replaced down to Stanley's Auto Repair. Superintendent Hawley has a quote to repair the sanding unit conveyer system for Charlie's dump truck for \$10,500. A new box for the dump truck with conveyer would be about \$43,000. Councilperson Contri asked Superintendent Hawley to get a quote on a stainless steel dump box.

BRIDGE: Town of Marathon needs to have Supervisor VanderPloeg present for his signature on the application for the grant, to repair the Pine Hill Bridge. Randy Ensign (Town of Marathon

Supervisor) hasn't been able to reach Supervisor VanderPloeg. Superintendent Hawley is going to contact Randy Ensign to see if Superintendent Hawley can attend the meetings for the Pine Hill Bridge Project.

OPEN FLOOR: John Slocum was questioning the need for the third truck and wondering if Superintendent Hawley could do something with the dust on Center Rd. Mike Bellefleur was concerned about the horse manure on the roads. Councilperson Contri was also concerned about the damage the Amish buggies are doing to our roads. Councilperson Contri said that the Town would look into prices for signs for the roads that state (slow moving traffic move to the right) to be put up to help encourage the Horse buggies to move over to allow vehicle to go by. Mr. Bellefleur also wanted to know who was in charge of the web-site for the Town of Freetown. He was informed that it was the Town Clerk of Freetown, and was giving the correct web address. Councilperson Clough suggested that we write the web-site address on the chalk board at every Town Board Meeting so the public could view it (freetownny.org). Town clerk Ingrahm and Town Tax Collector Heady are going to check prices for the letters for the message board outside (Staples and Hummel's). The Town Board has discussed a possibility of purchasing signs that display our web address on the 4 welcome to Freetown sign we have entering the Town.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilperson William Contri has brought in another Sun Gas application. Councilperson Contri followed up on the application and discover that it hasn't been sent back yet. The new application will be placed on the Supervisor desk. Councilperson Contri offered to return the application when it was completed by the Town Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS: "Councilperson Crystal Clough indicated that to comply with Town Law a Motion to approve Mary Mackey as Chairperson pro tem was required. Councilperson Mary Mackey refused to process a motion and stated that Supervisor VanderPloeg had appointed her". Town Justice Terry Wolff will consult with Sue from Cortlandville on how much of a raise is need for his Court Clerk. Approximately \$2000.00 for his software and a roll of stamps. Honorable Wolff will leave his proposal on Supervisor VanderPloeg's desk. Councilperson Mackey was reminding the board members that the 2017 Budget should be in the hands of the Board members by October 5th. The board Members will be reviewing the budget at the October's board meeting. The public hearing will follow the Wednesday after the Election in November. Councilperson Clough was inquiring about an update on the senior discount on property taxes. Councilperson Clough is going to check with our Town Assessor on the senior discount on property taxes and an update on Brigg's appraisal. Town has received notice that our fire contracts haven't been paid. Town Clerk has e-mailed the contacts to the bookkeeper (bailey's) to be paid. Councilperson Clough reported that the town groundskeeper, Bruce Hatch is using his own equipment to maintain the grounds.

Motion 61: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to pay last year's YMCA Summer Program of \$49.90.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye

Passed

Motion 62: Made by Councilperson Crystal Clough and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to purchase the 10”H x 20”Wx 15”D standard park grill with tilt-back grate for \$195.00. Paying by the HUD Grant.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye

Passed

Motion 63: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to pay the bills.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye

Passed

Motion 64: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay bill from general funds.

(DA) \$50,298.14

(A) \$1864.52

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

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm