

**Town of Freetown  
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd  
Marathon, NY 13803  
June 8th, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held June 8th, 2016 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

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| Present | Town Supervisor:        | Thomas VanderPloeg  |
|         | Councilpersons:         | Robert Stewart<br>William Contri<br>Crystal Clough<br>Mary Mackey |
|         | Deputy Town Clerk:      | Gail Heady  |
|         | Town Clerk:             | Serina Ingrahm: Absent  |
|         | Highway Superintendent: | Art Hawley  |

**Guests:** Shirlene Strough, Steven Strough, Elwood Bryan

**Motion 49:** Made by Councilperson William Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to approve the minutes of May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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| <b>Votes:</b> | Councilpersons: | Mary Mackey: Aye<br>Robert Stewart: Aye<br>William Contri: Aye<br>Crystal Clough: Abstained |
|               | Supervisor      | Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye   |

Passed

**HIGHWAY:** Superintendent Art Hawley stated that everything was going well. Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg ask Art if he had heard about any of the changes through the MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets). Superintendent Hawley hasn't heard of any yet. Superintendent Hawley is in negotiations with Tracey Equipment on how to fix the forks for the bucket loader, Tracey is trying to encourage Superintendent Hawley to keep them and just get the extensions for them. Superintendent Hawley said that the extensions would still have to be modified to be able to work and feels that it wouldn't be safe. Superintendent Hawley is going to return the forks to Tracey Equipment. Superintendent Hawley notified the board that he replaced the two electrical outlets at the pavilion. A discussion followed regarding electrical service to the pavilion when in use. The current acting Highway superintendent will turn the service on and off or anyone who has a key.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Town Park:** Superintendent Hawley asked the Board Members about replacing the existing stone with black top under the pavilion and a path to the porta john at the Towns Park. Councilperson Contri asked Superintendent Hawley to get some price quotes on the black top project before the next Board meeting in July, so board members could discuss it further, possibly taking the monies from the park fund. Councilperson Clough asked about the roofs condition on the pavilion. Superintendent Hawley is going to inspect the roof to see if anything needs to be fixed. Superintendent Hawley asked the Board Members permission to remove the posts, chains and stairs that are by the road, more of a hazard then a help. The discussion also included the electrical wire to the pavilion and perhaps stone and tile the ditch where the wire passes beneath. Supervisor VanderPloeg stated that a new porta john has been placed at the Towns Park and that it will be cleaned every week by Drain Brain at cost of \$85.00 monthly. In the event of a multiple use weekend they will come and clean in between for an additional charge. Town will have it removed during winter's months and returned in the spring. Supervisors VanderPloeg is going to get some paint to redo picnic tables and charge it to park fund.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Computer:** Supervisor VanderPleog has a new key code coming for Superintendent Hawley's new computer. The metal from Amnesty day still hasn't been taken to the scrapyard to sell. Acting Highway Superintendent Hawley was asked if we could add more scrap metal to the pile. Superintendent stated that more can be added. Deputy Town Clerk Gail Heady recorded the minutes and took notes for this June 2016 Monthly Regular Board Meeting.

**OPEN FLOOR:** Elwood Bryan asked when the re-assessment (grievance) Board was getting paid. Supervisor VanderPloeg said they will be paid in July 2016 for there once a year meeting at the rate of \$50.00 each. There is a vacancy on the Grievance board that needs to be filled. Councilperson Clough asked if we could get the cemeteries 'cared for before Memorial Day. Superintendent Hawley is going to talk to Bruce Hatch, (Town caretaker) about added some dirt to the Turner Cemetery on Caldwell Road. Town Historian, Mary Mackey indicates that the Town is only responsible for the fence surrounding the cemetery. Highway superintendent also requested to have petty cash "on hand" as he does not want to wait for reimbursement when using his personal funds. Councilperson Clough asked about the monthly reports. Only the Justice and the Town Clerk reports were available. There were no written Highway reports, Code Officer reports, Planning or Zoning Board of Appeals reports.

**Motion 50:** Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to give Superintendent Art Hawley petty cash in the amount of \$100.00.

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

