

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
March 9, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held March 9, 2016 at the Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Deputy Town Supervisor: Randy Hopkins
Councilpersons: Robert Stewart
William Contri
Mary Mackey
Town Clerk: Serina Ingrahm
Highway Superintendent: Steve Strough

Absent:
Supervisor: Crystal Clough: Absent
Thomas VanderPloeg: Absent

Guests: Gail Heady, Robin Slocum, Tim Brown, Chuck Ingrahm, Diane Couch.

Motion 32: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to approve February's minutes.

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

Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Unemployment Insurance: The Town of Freetown was fined for nonpayment of Unemployment Insurance for the 2st, 3rd, and 4th quarters of 2015. The fine was 1,000.

Accident with Town Vehicles: The 2006 Chevy Truck was totaled by the insurance company. We purchased that truck on 9/20/2013 for \$9,999 dollars with 96,345 miles. The Insurance Company is going to pay \$11,801.00 for the 2006 Chevy truck, ending mileage last recorded at 119,078. Police report is on file in Freetown's clerk's office. Superintendent Strough was told by the Board he could start looking for another truck to replace the 2006 Chevy Truck that was totaled, the board put a limit of 10,000 for purchase of replacement truck would discuss it further at April's Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recycling: Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins stated he had talked with Bill at Adam's Trash Company and they would charge \$150.00 to pick up recyclables. Randy also stated he spoke to Leaches Custom Trash and they would charge \$250.00 a month for a 14' yard container for recyclables. Superintendent Steven Strough stated he was going to get prices on a set of forks for the front of the bucket loader to assist loading recyclables easier. Councilperson William Contri also thinks that having the forks around would be handy on many projects.

Highway: Superintendent Steven Strough stated he had a quote on the Pine Hill Bridge for \$140,000 which is for replacing everything but the concrete. Superintendent Steven Strough stated that he has another meeting with an engineer on Monday March 14th at 10:30am to get another Quote on the repair of Pine Hill Bridge. Superintendent Strough plans for the spring include working on Stone Road and Miracle Road for about a two mile stretch of road. Superintendent Strough is going to try to lay down 3/10 of a mile of pug mill on Hoxie Gorge Rd on Cortlandville end this summer.

OPEN FLOOR: Robin Slocum a resident of Freetown was asking about our town revaluation of properties' in Freetown. **Briggs':** Councilperson Mackey stated she had spoken to Briggs' Appraisal Service about doing the appraisal on the properties in Freetown. The Briggs' Appraisal proposal included responsibility for data collection of all properties in the Town of Freetown, collection of the 2016 building permits, and sending and responding to data mailers, which verifies the data collection. Briggs' fixed price would be \$14,000 for these services. Which is a cost of \$24.30 per parcel. Brigg's anticipate starting in the second or third week of June into August. The new appraisals would take effect for the 2018 Fiscal year. Board will review contract and make a discussion at the April Board Meeting. Diane Couch a resident of Freetown believes there should be consequences for the accident involving the 2006 Chevy truck, between Superintendent Strough and employee Tim Brown.

Amnesty Day: Town resident Gail Heady was addressing the Board about possibly having amnesty day. The Town Clerk will put out a face book notice to find out who in the Town is interested in have one. Councilperson Mackey is going to do up some flyers to hand out. The board will revisit this at our April Board Meeting.

Sun Oil: Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins received an application for Sun Oil from Councilperson William Contri. The Board is hoping to reduce our fuel prices from \$1.74 to \$1.19 a gallon. It's a one year contract.

Motion 33: Made by Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to stop regular Meeting and go into an Executive Meeting at 7:44 PM.

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

Passed

Motion 34: Made by Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to end Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

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

Passed

Motion 35: Made by Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay bills for March, 2016. As follows:

General (A) \$4656.88
Highway (DA) \$8273.25

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

Acknowledge by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm