

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
November 8, 2017**

The Preliminary Budget Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held November 8, 2017, at the Town Hall. Deputy Town Supervisor Serina Ingrahm called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Present:	Deputy Town Supervisor	Serina Ingrahm
	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: William Contri: Arrived @ 7:50 pm. Crystal Clough Mary Mackey
	Deputy Town Clerk:	Gail Heady
	Highway Superintendent:	Art Hawley

Guest: Fred Bryan, Lisa Grinnell, Robin Slocum.

Budget Hearing:

Councilperson Mackey made a few changes to the final budget, she verified that the property tax cap rate is at 1.84% for 2018. Councilperson Mackey made adjustments, adding \$6,000 to have the re-valuation completed. Mike Maxwell (Assessor) was recommend by Brigg's and is requesting \$6,000- \$9,000 a year to be our Town Assessor. Town is still waiting on Brigg's Appraisal to turn in his base line data he collected for our town to Fran Butler Town Assessor. Councilperson Mackey stated we need to transfer \$10,350 total from saving to contribute to property taxes to keep under the tax cap for 2018.

Budget hearing adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held November 8, 2017, at the Town Hall, Deputy Town Supervisor Serina Ingrahm called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Motion 84: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pass the 2018 Budget with the corrections of \$6,000 added to the Assessor contractual and Medical for Highway Employees of \$200.00.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Town board members decided to postpone the approval of Octobers minutes until Decembers Board meeting.

Court clerk will not continue to serve, possible replacement discussed.

Motion 85: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the resignation of Justice Terry Wolff as of 12/31/2017.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

Motion 86: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the appointment of Lisa Grinnell as Town Supervisor effective November 9th, 2017.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

Motion 87: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the appointment of Robin Slocum as Town Justice, replacing Terry Wolff beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

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

Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye

Passed

Motion 88: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to transfer \$50,000 for 2016's highways share of property taxes that was forgotten in 2016.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye

Passed

HIGHWAY REPORT: Highway Superintendent reported that there has been some minor flooding on Irish hill and Deneve Rd which has been repaired. Highway has graveled, graded and rolled on Dutch hill and Irish Hill. Roller broke down, and it needed a new starter. The new 2003 excavator works well. Paperwork was completed and sent to D.O.T for C.H.I.P.S, Pave N.Y and W.R.P. Superintendent Hawley sent the 2004 international truck for inspection, they found it needed a new clutch fan, found a broken walking beam, all work was completed. Superintendent Hawley had the u-joint on the one ton ford truck fixed. Highway superintendent reported the cost of \$100.00 to repair the shed behind Town hall used for lawnmower storage. Councilperson Clough reports the need for heat in the town hall during Election Day. Also better lighting is needed for voting booths. Councilperson Clough is to notify Cortland County Election Office about lighting concerns.

Open Floor: Robin Slocum is inquiring on the training for Justice in Albany that need to proceed her office in January. Mrs. Slocum has training that begins in December of 2017 at the Radisson Hotel. Town of Freetown is responsible for funding the training for Justice. Board held a discussion regarding possible impropriety of Ms. Slocum to hold office of Justice as well as a Wedding Officiant, no conflict exists.

Motion 89: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay bills from following accounts.

(A) General \$1,822.56
(DA) Highway \$21,931.71

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye

Deputy Supervisor:

Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Serina Ingrahm: Aye

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Acknowledged by Deputy Town Clerk,
Gail Heady