

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held March 8, 2017, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

<b>Present:</b>	Town Supervisor	Randy Hopkins
	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart
		William Contri
		Crystal Clough
		Mary Mackey
	Town Clerk:	Serina Ingrahm
	Highway Superintendent:	Art Hawley

**Guests:** Ann Homer, Tim Brown, Jim Weiss, John Slocum, Steve Strough, Gaetano Spizzirri,

**Motion 33:** Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept the minutes of February 2017 meeting.

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye
		Crystal Clough: Aye
		William Contri: Aye
		Robert Stewart: Aye
	Supervisor:	Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

**Planning Board:** Chairman James Weiss addressed the Town Board concerning an e-mail he had received from Tom Williams Town of Freetown's Code Enforcement Officer about an interest in purchasing eighteen acres of land in the Town of Freetown to install an solar farm. A solar farm is acres of solar panels built on a commercial basis. Mr. Weiss would recommend the Town board adopts a resolution recommending a moratorium on industrial solar installations until regulations can be developed. Mr. Weiss would also like regulations to name the responsible parties for decommissioning of the equipment once it was no longer needed. Mr. Weiss informed us of the County of Cortland Planning Board was offering a training session on solar energy on twentieth of March 2017. Councilperson Mackey inquired whether we needed an Environmental Impact Statement from the State of New York. Mr. Weiss, Councilperson Mackey and Supervisor Hopkins are going to the training on March twentieth and will report back to the Town Board with more information.

**HIGHWAY:** Superintendent Hawley requested the Town Board sign the New York State document 284 so the Highway Superintendent outlining the road repair in 2017. The New York

State form 284 is generally done before and presented to the Board for the upcoming budget year.

**OPEN FLOOR:**

Gaetano Spizzirri addressed the Town Board regarding the Status of the reimbursement for the repairs to his chrome bumper and his tow bill for his truck due to an accident on Ferber Rd on January 8, 2017. No formal action was taken by the Town Board but the general consensus was that the Board should not reimburse Mr. Spizzirri.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The grant that had been applied for by the Town of Marathon and Freetown for the repair to Pine Hill Bridge was granted to another county.

**Extension:** Supervisor Hopkins requested and was granted an extension for the Annual Update Document.

The former Supervisor has not responded to the legal letter from Donald Armstrong (Town Attorney) on behalf of the Town Board, informing her of the Towns fines and penalties due to her negligence of office.

The IRS has released the lean on the Town of Freetown property. Supervisor Hopkins will follow-up with Pat Isenberg (IRS) on any possible re-imburement from our fines and penalties. Town Board is still finding some discrepancies in the monthly board reports, Supervisor Hopkins will follow-up with the Becky Bailey the bookkeeper on corrections.

**NEW BUSNIESS:** Superintendent Hawley would like an executive meeting in April to discuss raises for the Highway Employees.

Councilperson Clough requested changing the Board Meeting in September to the first Wednesday (9/6/2017 instead of second Wednesday (9/13/2017).

Councilperson Contri has requested Supervisor Hopkins forward his e-mail of the monthly draft minutes. Councilperson Contri is having trouble downloading the file from the Town Clerk.

**Motion 34:** Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to change September 2017 meeting from the second Wednesday to the first Wednesday.

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye
	Supervisor:	Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

**Motion 35:** Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills.

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye
	Supervisor:	Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

**Motion 36:** Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay bills out of following accounts.

(A) General \$1,642.97

(DA) highway \$9,015.90

<b>Votes:</b>	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye
	Supervisor:	Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,  
Serina Ingrahm