

Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
April 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held April 12, 2017, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

Present:	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, Clarence Wright Jr., Christine Spizzirri, Grayson Spizzirri, Gaetano Spizzirri, Freetown Fred (Elwood Bryan).

Motion 37: Made by Councilperson William Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept the minutes of March 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

Supervisor Hopkins raised concern about the web page and how and what is being posted. Supervisor Hopkins would like to discontinue the use of the website. Superintendent Hopkins feels we could be losing revenue by posting minutes on webpage instead of foiling them. Councilperson Clough however feels that the webpage should not be a revenue for the town and the Town's people have the right to view the minutes on our webpage. Councilperson Mackey stated that she doesn't know if we own the domain. Councilperson Clough agreed to contact John Walsh and see if he could do another training session on the webpage. Supervisor Hopkins confirmed Board permission to go ahead with the \$1.39 per gallon propane agreement with Sun Oil, The Board agreed.

IRS: Supervisor Hopkins has received a reimbursement from the IRS on the first fines that were paid on the non-filed W-2's for the years of 2012-2015.

The amount of the reimbursement was \$4,500 out of \$6,000 that was paid. Supervisor Hopkins has re-submitted a certified letter and requested paperwork for reimbursement on the second fine that was paid to the IRS.

Noise Ordinance: Town Supervisor was asked to contact Town Attorney Donald Armstrong to have our Local Law #1 of 2015 to be spell corrected to better define level of noise and check on the proper footage from the source of the noise.

Gaetano Spizzirri: Mr. Spizzirri came to address the board again about his denied claim for his reimbursement on his repairs to his dump truck due to his accident on January 8, 2017 on Ferber Rd. Mr. Spizzirri has stated he has the right to sue the Town of Freetown. The Town Board Members had decided last month to deny his claim. Mr. Spizzirri daughter (Christine Spizzirri) spoke on his behalf. Supervisor Hopkins will notify the Town Attorney of this pending concern.

Jim Weiss: Chairman of the Planning Board Jim Weiss address the Board on filing a moratorium for the Town of Freetown on solar farming. Mr. Weiss has spoken to Cortland County Planning Board. Solon, NY has passed a moratorium and Homer and Dryden have passed a solar law. Mr. Weiss has given Supervisor Hopkins copies of the Solon moratorium and Dryden solar law as a reference. Some towns have agreed to exclude residential properties for solar panels. Supervisor Hopkins will contact Town Attorney Donald Armstrong to draft a moratorium for the Town of Freetown. Town Councilpersons would like a clause added that we could replace the moratorium with a land lease law if a law was formed earlier than one year.

Highway: Town Supervisor inquired about the progress of the Pine Hill Bridge, Superintendent Hawley reported that Marathon Superintendent Randy Ensign was working on applying for different grants for the bridge project. Town Superintendent Ensign has contacted Congressman Finch and wants to contact Congresswoman Claudia Tenney to see if she'd attend the next Superintendent's meeting. Superintendent Hawley stated that we should receive reimbursement from FEMA for the last snow storm we had in March of 2017. Governor Como had declared it a state of emergency. The International truck was repaired and new tires put on. Highway superintendent estimates that Hoxie Gorge will cost \$80,000 dollar to grind and repave and oil and stone it. Highway employees received new safety equipment. Superintendent Hawley wanted the Boards opinion on the Gradall repairs, Superintendent Hawley thinks it needs a circuit board. Councilperson Clough would like Superintendent Hawley to check on a price for the circuit board. Councilperson Clough asked if anyone has checked on getting an estimate for roof repairs. Supervisor Hopkins will contact a contractor for roof repairs. Councilperson Clough was also concerned about the building being left unattended during highway hours of operation. Councilperson Clough thinks that if multiple incidents occur with the Highway Department, that the board members should be made aware of the incidences prior to the next scheduled board meeting.

Motion 38: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to file for a 1 year Moratorium with a clause that we could replace the moratorium with a land lease law.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye
Passed

Motion 39: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to close the regular board meeting at 8:23 pm

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye
Passed

Motion 40: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of a discussion for highway employees raise at 8:24 pm

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye
Passed

Motion 41: Made by Councilperson William Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to end the executive meeting at 8:47 pm.

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

Passed

Motion 42: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to return to the regular board meeting at 8:49 pm.

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

Passed

Motion 43: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept the decision made in the executive meeting to give the Highway Department Employees a raises.

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

Passed

Motion 44: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills.

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

Passed

Motion 45: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay bills from the following accounts.

(A) General \$2,307.75

(DA) highway \$18,147.38

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm