

Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
May 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held May 10, 2017, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Tim Brown, Jim Weiss, Clarence Wright Jr., Freetown Fred (Elwood Bryan), Christine Hopkins, Terry Perfetti, Michael Bellefleur Sr., Don Armstrong, David C. Alexander.

Motion 45: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Clough to postpone the acceptance of the minutes for March 2017 meeting due to corrections.

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

Passed

Guest Speaker: Candidate for Cortland County Judge, David C. Alexander addressed the Town Board for our support for the upcoming election.

Town Attorney: Donald Armstrong, Town Attorney came to address the board regarding our Local Law #1 of 2015 noise ordinance and the moratorium on solar farming. Mr. Armstrong will draft corrections on the noise ordinance, present it to the board for approval and amend it with the state. Mr. Armstrong has written up a draft for a 1 year moratorium on the solar farming. Planning Board Chairman Jim Weiss had a few questions regarding the moratorium for Mr. Armstrong. 1) the moratorium only applies to commercial solar farming will that preclude adding residential installation in the final product if the Town of Freetown chooses to do so. Mr. Armstrong assured us that a moratorium can be changed at any time. 2) Mr. Weiss also asked if this would be a standalone law, Mr. Armstrong confirmed that it would be. Town Board members will review the moratorium and make a decision in June's board meeting.

OPEN FLOOR: Town resident Christine Hopkins was concerned that our board members are still on unresolved matters from prior years. Mrs. Hopkins suggested that future Board members read up to 5 years of previous minutes for knowledge on town's history. Mr. Bellefleur has a concern about people that are living in campers in Freetown. Code officer has explained in previous meeting that there is no law or ordinance to be able to enforce for people living in campers.

Supervisor Hopkins

Councilperson Stewart asked the board if a group of Girl Scout from Marathon could come do some volunteer work at our Freetown Park. Board members agreed that they could paint the benches as a start.

Board has decided not to have Amnesty Day for 2017.

Councilperson Clough stated she was to meet with the web designer John Walsh on Monday May 15, 2017 to learn about posting the minutes to the webpage.

Supervisor Hopkins has received a letter from the IRS stating that we the Town of Freetown has over paid on our Form 941 (Employee's Quarterly Federal tax return) for the year of 2015. Supervisor Hopkins and Bookkeeper finished End of year report and turned in.

Supervisor Hopkins informed us there was a \$42,000 sale tax deposit went into our general savings.

Board has requested a legal ad for bids on roof repair on Town Barn, looking for three bids.

HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent Hawley did not attend the Board Meeting and has given Supervisor Hopkins a written report on what he had to report. The circuit board on the excavator Gandall would cost \$1,300 plus installation to repair. Charlies 2004 international had more unspecified repairs done. Supervisor Hopkins has suggested that our equipment should be stored out of the weather.

Supervisor Hopkins has received \$1,400 back from the IRS from our fine on the W-2 from 2012-2015.

Superintendent Hawley has requested an income for his deputy to learn the job. Town Board has stated that Deputies don't received pay. Superintendent Hawley will start culvert replacement as weather permits. Superintendent will rent an excavator to do culverts.

Highway Superintendent will get a quote for pug milling Hoxie Gorge Rd.

Motion 46: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to draft corrections on the Local Law #1 of 2015 the noise ordinance by Town Attorney Donald Armstrong.

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

Passed

Motion 47: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mackey accept Bruce Hatch to be our hired Maintenance man for the Town of Freetown and on projects per board approval.

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

Motion 48: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay Bruce Hatch for 12 hours worked in the cemeteries.

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

Motion 49: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to provide an additional \$200.00 to be added to the Town Clerk's Petty cash fund for the use of the Town Park expenses. For bench painting at the Freetown Park.

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

Motion 50: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay Larry Cass for his 8 hours of attendance in training.

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

Motion 51: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills.

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

Passed

Motion 52: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Clough to pay bills from following accounts.

(A) \$3,422.42

(DA) \$20,969.03

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

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm