

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
September 6, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held September 6, 2017, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

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

Guess: Tim Brown, Terry Perfetti, John Leyburn, Shirlene Strough, Steve Strough,

Motion 74: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the minutes of August 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

OPEN FLOOR: Supervisor Hopkins has not received a phone call back from Brigg's Appraisal on whether he would be interested in completing the second part of our re-valuation. Freetown is now at a 95% equalization rate. IRS wants w-2 forms for 2014, Supervisor Hopkins was told if we failed to send them we would be fined \$12,000. Councilperson Clough asked town resident Steve Strough former Highway Superintendent if he knew anything about our existing roof or damage to it. Steve Strough reported that he use to climb up and remove ice build-up during his terms of office and now is unaware of any current damage or leaks to the Town Hall's roof. Terry Perfetti was concerned about our Moratorium and was corrected on the fact of it being a Moratorium on Solar Farming not residential solar panels. The board explained that the moratorium was in place to give us time to investigate as a municipality. Mr. Perfetti and Town Board members have some concerns on a camper resident on Freetown Cross Rd which has a porta john by the rd. Supervisor Hopkins will contact Our Code Enforcement Officer to attend our October board meeting to answer some concerns.

OLD BUSNISS: Councilperson Stewart has not written a letter to the editor yet on the opposed 10% property tax increase. Supervisor Hopkins is expecting a new bid from Perry Construction on the replacement of the existing roof with insulation. A decision on the roof will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Councilperson Clough asked Supervisor Hopkins if he had spoken to the bookkeeper about being available for question on the accounts. Supervisor Hopkins said she would be reachable by phone if needed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm for court.

Open regular meeting at 7:22 pm.

Supervisor Hopkins has received social security retirement paperwork for the Board to review on whether or not to purchase State retirement. Councilperson Stewart has requested a copy to review. Councilperson Mackey suggested Supervisor Hopkins contact McGraw N.Y.'s Town Clerk Lori Aiken, on where they purchase their supplemental retirement plan.

HIGHWAY: Councilperson Contri questioned Highway Superintendent about his Contractual that was being over spent. Superintendent stated that there was extra unseen vehicle maintenance throughout the year. Some of the equipment that has been replaced was cutting edges for bucket loader, new pedal for loader.

Hoxie Gorge project still needs the shoulders put on with help from Cortlandville, then oil and stoned, they Hoxie gorge will be finished.

Pine hill will be stoned from Merihew Rd to Pine Hill Bridge.

Sperry Rd will be finished this year.

Superintendent Hawley is requesting to board to consider a ditch digger and an extra truck.

Town Board has given Superintendent Hawley permission to spend up to the Maximum of \$40,000 for a wheeled excavator with the board suggested approval of another person's opinion such as Tim Brown or Randy Ensign from Marathon.

Superintendent is having some issues with beavers on Irish Hill Rd, Marathon and Solon has been up in the past with their excavator to pull out brush.

Motion 75: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve up to the maximum amount of \$40,000 from the Highway fund to purchase a Wheeled Excavator with an approval of another person's opinion such as Tim Brown or Randy Ensign from Marathon.

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

Passed

Councilperson Clough's Questions:

Councilperson Clough asked if Superintendent Hawley received the funds from our Amnesty day collection from Contento's. Superintendent Hawley stated that we received a check for \$3,131.20 from Contento's for the metal from Amnesty day 2015.

Councilperson Clough stated her and Patti Zering are still working on the revised park rules.

Councilperson Clough has found a solar flag pole light for \$66.32 Plus Tax, the board members has giving Councilperson Clough permission to purchase the solar light and to be reimbursed. Councilperson Clough inquired about the traffic counter repair that was to be done by employee Tim Brown, Superintendent Hawley stated that they haven't gotten to it yet.

BUDGET:

Supervisor Hopkins has received most of the material for the 2018 budget, lacking Cincinnatus fire contract.

Bookkeeper would like a 3% raise.

Excellus BCBS is going up by 8.2%.

Motion 76: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Clough to pay bills.

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

Motion 77: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills from following accounts.

- (A) General \$1,261.96
- (DA) Highway \$13,077.09
- (H) Special Hoxie Gorge \$79,877.10

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm