

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
July 11, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held July 11, 2018, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

Present:	Town Supervisor	Lisa Grinnell
	Councilpersons:	Terry Wolff William Contri Crystal Clough Mary Mackey
	Town Clerk:	Serina Ingrahm
	Highway Superintendent:	Art Hawley

Guest: Elwood Bryan, John Slocum, Jim Weiss, Mike Bellefleur Sr, Mike Maxwell, Patti Zering, Robin Slocum.

Motion 37: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to accept the minutes for June.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Solar Law: Councilperson Mackey has talked to County Planning Chairman Dan Dineen and Freetown Planning Board Chairman Jim Weiss and has revised the solar law. Mr. Weiss had a few adjustments he would like to see changed.

The max height limit to be 15ft, setback from the road 100ft and setback for property lines be 50 ft. for solar ground mounts. Mr. Weiss was concern that the local town laws that we used as a rough draft to create a solar law had a few to many loop holes. Mr. Weiss asked if the wording could be change from collector to solar systems, and all cost to be assumed by the applicant.

Cortland County planning board needs to review our final approved solar farm law.

Councilperson Mackey will give the final draft for approval to the County Planning Board prior to the August regular meeting.

Mike Maxwell property appraiser for many surrounding towns came to give the board a rundown of his job responsibility. The Town Board has agreed to hire Mike Maxwell with an updated contract. Councilperson Contri asked if our equalization rate that had gone from 93%-95% would be correct? Mr. Maxwell had explained that the state has provided a 5% leeway so yes, it would be okay. Mr. Maxwell confirmed that there will be a paper and computer information

turned over to the Town Assessor Fran Butler. Mr. Maxwell also said the only additional cost would be the notifications of the 2019 assessments (stamps, envelopes, postcards).

Councilperson Clough asked if he could extend his hours for the grievance part of the project to as needed, he stated the hours could be like 12 pm -8 pm.

Councilperson Clough will follow through with checking Mike Maxwell's references.

HIGHWAY: Town Superintendent Hawley has submitted a quote on a zero turn lawn mower, Alpha quote is \$3,499 and a John deer is \$4,250. The Board has decided to go with a regular style lawn mower which would fit in the Cadwill Road Cemetery entrance. The board has requested Superintendent Hawley to get quotes on a regular mower to present to the board in August meeting.

Superintendent Hawley has received a quote for leasing a plow truck and the interest rates was Higher than the offer from the bank. Leasing would mean holding the loan until paid off.

Interest rates were as following: 1st Capital 4.6%, Sun First 4.2% and First National Bank of Dryden 4.0%.The board turned down the option of leasing. The estimate on the 2018 international went from \$223,000 to \$218,900.

Amnesty day has a few changes for the upcoming 2019 season, each county will be given a 30 ton max weight to use for the 2019 year to use at their discretion.

Councilperson Clough asked Superintendent Hawley about the repair on the small building and he said when he gets a chance he would fix it. Superintendent Hawley stated he has not had time to clean the salt spreader.

JUSTICE: Justice Slocum has fixed a lot of coding issues with the State that existed prior to her appointment. Debbie Gallagher is (Court Clerk) daughter (Daniella Gallagher) will be taking the training for her own credentials and the Town of Freetown has agreed to allow the \$80.00 fee for finger printing to come out of justice contractual. It is anticipated that Daniella Gallagher

Motion 38: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to approve the motion to have a public meeting on the solar energy project on August 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 39: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay bills from the following accounts, voucher numbers 112-124.

(A) \$833.80

(DA) \$40,146.31

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm