

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
March 14, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held March 14, 2018, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

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

Guest: Elwood Bryan, John Slocum, Tim Brown

Motion 24: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Contri to accept the minutes for February 2018.

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

OPEN FLOOR: John Slocum is putting his request in for dust control for the summer of 2018. Honorable Slocum is requesting a raise for her Court Clerk Debbie Gallagher, the town was backed logged on cases and needs extra Attention. Honorable Slocum informed the Town Board that we are receiving a credit card machine and requesting a label maker.

Motion 25: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to transfer \$800.00 from Justice Contractual to Court Clerk Fund for the increase to \$210.00 a month for the remainder of 2018.

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

OLD BUSINESS: No new information has been reported on Pine Hill Bridge.

Solar moratorium laws for Virgil and Homer have been passed out to all Board Members to review for next board meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Grinnell informed the Town Board she has received a check from subscribers share of under writing earnings, Councilperson Mackey directed her to put in account A2680, and one from Suite Kote which will be deposited in Highway savings account . Highway Superintendent will check with Phil Krey –Highway Superintendent for Cortland County for a notice when a date has been set for Cortland County Amnesty Day. Councilperson Clough has recommended that the Town Clerk advertise for a Historian on our webpage. Councilperson Clough inquired about the veterans discount on our property taxes, and Supervisor Grinnell stated that Tax Collector Heady said she passes on the information when they pay their taxes, Councilperson Clough said there about 5 that haven't gotten the discount yet. Councilperson Clough also stated that there is a local discount card available to veterans or their spouses. Councilperson Clough has collected some information on hiring a Building Cleaner.

She had four people reply to her phone calls, 1) Advantage was requesting \$55.00 per week. 2) JM Murray Center is requesting \$100.00 per week, 3) Executive Cleaning Services was \$143.75 per week. The Board will consider the proposals and make a decision in the future.

Councilperson Clough thinks that the Town Board should do a special meeting for the Towns Audit, each member of the board be present on all departments.

Councilperson Clough would also like this statement added to the minutes:

“This statement pertains to the February 21, 2018 Freetown Board Meeting audit. I and another Freetown Board member conducted the audit of the books of the Tax Collector for 2017. A discrepancy of \$49.50 was found without reconciliation. The only documents provided by the Tax Collector were a checkbook register and bank statements. There was no book or ledger to document funds received. My initials on the 2-page audit form indicates only my participation and not my approval of the results of the audit.”

Councilperson Clough requested to be appointed to represent Freetown at a monthly meeting at the County, City, Towns, Villages and Schools (CCTVS) meeting for knowledge and information to assist the Town.

Councilperson Clough will request Matt Dennison (Representative of Workman's Compensation) to attend Aprils Board Meeting.

Councilperson Clough asked if we budgeted for the youth summer program for 2018, Supervisor Grinnell stated that we budgeted for \$700.

Councilperson Clough handed out new recycling rule and requested that we make a few copies to give to Jim Burk towns recycling attendant to hand out.

Councilperson Clough reported on the latest re-valuation of towns' property, NYS tax service from Real Property needs to be contacted first and there step be taken before the property appraisal can be done.

Mavac has had 38 emergency calls in Freetown for 2017.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Hawley informed the Town Board that we have to submit our paid bill for the accident involving Tim Brown and Donahue on Hoxie Gorge Rd to get reimbursed by Geico insurance company. Highway Superintendent Hawley has requested that the clerk notify the public to call 911 after normal operating hours (6 am- 4 pm) for any road emergencies. Highway Hawley will also add to the answering machine to notify 911 after hours.

Motion 26: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to appoint Crystal Clough to representative for The Town of Freetown at the County, City, Towns, Villages and Schools (CCTVS) meetings.

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

Motion 27: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay bills from the following accounts.

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