

Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
August 8, 2018

The Public hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held August 8, 2018, at the Town Hall followed by our regular scheduled meeting. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

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

Guest: Elwood Bryan, John Slocum, Mike Bellefleur Sr, Bob Carson and Phil Brigandi from Stadium International, John Leyburn, Randy Hopkins, Bob Stewart,

Councilperson Mackey prepared and submitted an Environmental Assessment form.

Councilperson Mackey request that the Town Clerk make a cover letter and send our drafted local law #1 of 2018 on solar farming to Cortland County Planning Board (Dan Dineen) for suggestions and approval.

The State has offered a 15 year property tax exemption on the increased value of the solar panels as an incentive to go green and increase more people to go solar.

Randy Hopkins a former town resident has expressed his opinion on his dislike of the Town Board regulating a town law on solar farming. The Town Board explained that the proposed law provides a guideline.

Public hearing closed at 6:56 pm.

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held August 8, 2018, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. The same people in attendance as in the public hearing.

Motion 40: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Contri to submit the local law #1 of 2018 to the Cortland County Planning Board (Dan Dineen).

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

Motion 41: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Contri to accept the meeting minutes for July.

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

Open Floor: Superintendent Hawley requested Stadium International Truck address the Board on the 2018 International plow truck that they have for sale.

Phil Brigandi has assured the board that the 2018 International plow truck that has been the topic of our discussion is a stainless steel box, Viking blades, Allison transmission, 5 year warranty on axel and transmission parts and labor and if it's non-drivable to Stadium International, Stadium International will pay the tow cost. Bob Carson (salesman from International Stadium) said that the transmission automatically comes with a 3 year factory warrant. Councilperson Contri asked if it had a max force engine and was reassured that it was not a force max engine. Town Board has agreed to go with First National Bank of Dryden at 4% interested.

Gail Heady has asked Phil and Bob the famous question why if it's a great deal why it's still there, they explained that they order 2-3 trucks for demonstration each year and this is one of them.

Councilperson Contri asked Bob Stewart about trimming bushes on the Marathon McGraw Rd. Bob stated he would trim his bushes and the county will need to be notified on the tree in the ditch to be removed.

Supervisor Grinnell has received a notice from the IRS stating we were sent a tax check that was never cashed for \$ 1,136.08 in September of 2015, she needs to request a new check. Supervisor Grinnell has received a replacement check for \$465.91 for a check that had been issued in July 2015 and never cashed.

Unfinished Business: Tax Collector Gail Heady, informed the Town Board that we have 551 parcels in the Town of Freetown. Mike Maxwell (an assessor) sent his revised contract to the board to complete our re-valuation, which included the town paying an additional \$1.00 per parcel for mailing out postcards. Town Supervisor needs to check with Fran Butler to see how many parcels weren't completed. Mr. Maxwell stated he would use flexible hours to accommodate the town 'people for their property grievances.

The payment schedule is as following:

\$1,000 on signing of the agreement.

\$3,000 on completion of valuation.

\$2,000 the remainder by 4/1/2019.

Total at \$6,000.

Project to be completed on 5/1/2019.

NEW BUSINESS: The Town Tax Collector has volunteer her time to paint the towns' picnic tables under the pavilion. Councilperson Contri has agree to help/ volunteered to seal our Basketball Court and to stencil afterwards. Highway Superintendent reported the porta john that we rent from Brain Drain tends to blow over in heavy wind. The Town Clerk will call to see how they can anchor it down.

Mike Bellefleur has turned in his application for employment as our grounds keeper.
HIGHWAY: Highway Superintendent announce his advice to the taking 1994 Gradall excavator to auction.

Motion 42: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to accept contract with Mike Maxwell to complete our appraisal process.

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

Motion 43: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to purchase the stock 2018 International plow truck with blades \$70,000 from highway savings and \$70,000 from general savings the remainder of \$78,000 to be bonded at the First National Bank of Dryden at 4% interest.

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

Motion 44: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to spend up to \$200.00 from the park fund for sealant on the basketball court and stencil for the court, to be apply, and materials needed to seal the roof of the pavilion in the park.

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

Motion 45: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Contri to pay vouchers 125-137 from the following accounts.

(A) General \$760.59
(DA) Highway \$25,867.44

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm

