

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
October 10, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held October 10, 2018, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Guest: Gail Heady Tax Collector, Fred Bryan, Michael Bellefleur Sr. Donald Armstrong (attorney for town)

Motion 49: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to approve the minutes for September 2018.

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

New Business: Supervisor Grinnell has passed along the Town Clerks, Justice and highway reports for viewing.

Supervisor Grinnell has announced the resignation of our Cortland County Legislator from district 17, Charles Sudbrink.

Town Supervisor Grinnell received a letter dated on September 28th, from Cortland County Clerk Elizabeth Larkin in reference to how the Legislator seat is to be filled.

The Board of Freetown was unsatisfied as to how the process of electing a Legislator took place.

Town Supervisor received a call from Luanne King, Cincinnatus Supervisor wanting an emergency meeting to put Joan Coombs in the vacant seat, Supervisor Grinnell informed Luanne that she would like to support Councilperson Clough for the open seat in district 17.

Councilperson Mackey spoke on behalf of the informational meeting that took place on October 1, 2018.

Cortland Standard in October 2018 quoted 5 Candidates were in the running. Councilperson Mackey stated there were 3 Candidates at the October 1 meeting. 1. Crystal Clough 2. Paul Sandy. A third person declined the nomination.

Councilperson Clough suggested that Freetown Board record a vote for legislator and turn the resolution into the County Clerk and the Clerk of the Legislature for their records.

During this information meeting Councilperson Mackey stated that 3 out of the 4 towns voted. Freetown wasn't even apprised that the other towns were bringing their clerks as well as some of their board members along for the meeting.

Freetown Board Members abstained from voting. Paul Sandy had been voted in, and apparently declined the position the following morning. Town Supervisor Grinnell received a text that they were endorsing Joan Coombs to fill the vacant seat. There is a concern on how this process took place.

Amnesty day: Town Superintendent averaged about 20 tons of debris taken to the dump per year. County of Cortland is looking to increase the tipping fee at the County landfill from \$65.00 to \$80.00.

Councilperson Clough spoke to Jim from Suite Kote on asphalt donating for the park, is on a short notice set-up, they will call Highway Superintendent as it becomes available.

CCTVS: Councilperson Clough reported one of the topics covered was on Emergency preparedness, Cortney Metcalf is the contact person for an emergency in our area @ #753-5065

Motion 50: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Wolff on the process of selecting a County Legislator to replace Charles Sudbrink, was undertaken without adequate notice provided to the Town of Freetown Board Members.

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

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm
Open Public Meeting for Noise Ordinance at 7:09

PUBLIC HEARING: On the local law #1 of 2018 prohibiting the creation of unreasonable noise. Gail Heady raised a concern about the committee that was formed on this project as she felt that one of those members shouldn't have been allow to participate in creating the law. County Planning was sent a copy of local law #1 of 2018.it had been reviewed previously. Their input was to add the use of a decibel meter. The Board declined to add this as there are no staff in the county sheriff who is trained in the use of the meter. County planning recommended law approval

Public Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Regular meeting re-opened at 7:29 pm.

OPEN FLOOR:

A SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review) was prepared by our Town Attorney stating there is no impact on the environment as a result of the proposed Local law #1 of 2018.

A type one SEQR status, the project will result in no negative impact on the environment.

Impact environment statement need not to be completed for local law #2 solar energy. Town board reviewed and action was taken, and a resolution for a negative declaration was made.

Town Attorney is checking into a pilot program that's gives the town a portion of the proceeds that's generated by solar power.

Supervisor Grinnell inquired about information on the New York State retirement program in place of the current once a year stipend payment.

Supervisor Grinnell was advised to contact Annett Barber or Lori Gross in personal at the County Office Building.

Supervisor Grinnell received a letter from Fran Butler, Town Assessor from the State of New York on Sept.28th regarding our data collection. Fran Butler forwarded the letter to Mike Maxwell who is the assessor that is completing our data collection.

Board Discussion: Cynthia Barkley of Baker School house Rd expressed an interest in the open position of Town Historian she will be invited to attend the Nov .board Meeting.

Mike Bellefleur is inquired about a date to stop mowing lawns. The Board agreed to let him continue until next board meeting. Mr. Bellefleur also suggested we put some sort of park road way, so people aren't just driving all over the lawn and creating ruts. Councilperson Clough would like to have the town employee Tim Brown teach Town Supervisor how to work the town's cameras which monitor Town Garage

Town Supervisor will write a letter to Randy Hopkins to fix his old fallen down fence next to the property line of the Town Hall.

Town budget for 2019 was discussed.

HIGHWAY: Town Superintendent Hawley turned in his monthly report.

Highway Superintendent has permission from the Town Board Members to cut down the trees that hang over the entry door to the Town Hall he was also asked to get a quote automatic overhead door.

Highway may change their hour to 7:00- 3:00 stating next week.

Highway Superintendent will remove the parks BBQ grill for the winter.

Highway Superintendent Hawley will look over the park area for a proper gravel parking area to be completed.

Supervisor Grinnell advised Art Hawley to get a Trapping permit regarding beavers near west end of Deneve Rd.

Highway Superintendent to have sign made to replace smile your on camera, which fell off or was torn off garage door.

Highway Superintendent Hawley asked Councilperson Mackey if she know whether they need to file for a grant to replace a sloss pipe on Irish Hill Rd, she has agreed to help him write one.

Highway Superintendent is to re-paint the Town “plow” in front of Town Hall.

Highway Superintendent Hawley has obtained title for highway equipment, no title for Gradall Excavator as of yet.

A complaint forwarded to the Board regarding the back door from the hall being found open on Sept.23. Art Hawley to repair.

A perspective applicate for cleaning of the town Hall asked for \$30.00 per hour and \$20.00 was offered by the Board. Councilperson Clough will offer \$20.00 per hour and report back at next meeting.

No bill received for summer swim program, Sylvia Boyce Village Clerk/ Treasurer of Marathon to be contacted by Serina Ingrahm.

Dog Enumeration continues.

Tom William Code enforcement Officer to provide the town with his certificate of qualifications and ongoing training for his code enforcement position.

Motion 51: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Clough to adopt Local Law #1 of 2018, prohibiting the creation of unreasonable noise.

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

Motion 52: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell that the Town of Freetown Board adopted a negative declaration as a result of a SEQR review on the noise ordinance.

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

Motion 53: Made by Councilperson Wolff and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to adopt Local Law #2 of 2018, solar energy systems.

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

Motion 54: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell that the Town of Freetown Board adopted a negative declaration as a result of a SEQR review on the solar law.

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

Motion 55: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to pass a resolution authorizing withdrawal of \$70,000 from Highway reserve and \$70,000 from General reserve to apply to the purchase price of a plow truck subject to permissive referendum. See minutes for August 8, 2018, motion #43

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

Motion 56: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to authorize appropriate steps to be taken to initiate passage of the law allowing more than a 2% increase on the tax levy for 2019. Public meeting held at Town hall on 11/14/2018 at 6:30pm.

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

Motion 57: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to write a letter of concern to Randy Hopkins about the hazard of the fence that's leaning toward the Town Halls building south wall.

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

Motion 58: Made by Councilperson Wolff and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to have a public Meeting on the 2019 budget at 6:45 at the Freetown town hall on November 14, 2018.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 59: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to pay vouchers 160-181 from the following accounts.

(A) General \$2,218.47
(DA) Highway \$89,866.39

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm