

Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
June 13, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held June 13, 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
		Crystal Clough
		Mary Mackey
	Town Clerk:	Serina Ingrahm
	Highway Superintendent:	Art Hawley
	Tax Collector:	Gail Heady

Guest: Elwood Bryan, John Slocum, Tim Brown, Jim Weiss, Mike Bellefleur Sr, Fran Butler,

Motion 33: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the minutes for May.

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

Open Floor: Mike Bellefleur questions the Town Clerk on why Town minutes aren't posted sooner on the town's website. Town Clerk explained that she hadn't gotten around to it yet, more important things needed to be attended to first and a paper copy was available to him two weeks after board meeting if he could not wait for publication of the webpage. Councilperson Contri inquired about the purpose of the roads not being swept on the rainy days. Town Tax Collect finalized the property taxes with the county, and inquired about any documentation of any waiver or law about time frame for tax deposits in a daily manner. Elwood Bryan asked if Tony and himself could get there pay for the assessment board that's due in June. Supervisor Grinnell said she'd get the checks from the bookkeeper for them. John Slocum came down to check the progress on Deneve rd. for dust control. Superintendent responded by say they were working on it. Supervisor Grinnell received a letter from BCBS with the anticipation of a rate increase of 1.5% for the town's health insurance, January 2019 is the start date. Supervisor Grinnell had gotten a responds from Mike Maxwell (an Assessor) and he would be unavailable

Our Town Assessor attended the board meeting to discuss the Contract of Mike Maxwell to complete the re-evaluation of our town's properties. Fran showed some concern about not getting all the paperwork and information needed to complete her job. Councilperson Clough will contact Mike Maxwell and have all the paperwork turned over to our Town Assessor when the job is complete and to increase the time for questions.

Councilperson Mackey ask who had done Cincinnatus, Fran's response was Larry Fitts. Councilperson Mackey inquired about the equalization rate going from 93% to 95%, Fran explained that the state bases the equalization rate on the difference between the assessment and their indication of value.

Motion 34: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to approve Superintendent Hawley and his wife Debra to our health insurance policy through BCBS, effective date of July 1, 2018.

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

“After attending various community meetings of the city, villages and towns I have concluded that we must continue to be diligent in attending to the county proposals. The sales tax proposals from the Budget & Finance Committee has the county taking 1.8 million dollars "off the top" and leaving most of the villages and towns with much less than in previous years. The city and many of the towns and villages together, had a fair plan which was shared with the county. This plan was not accepted.

Those of the county committee have been adamant and extremely insistent in the need for the 1.8 million to start, with more for the county in the coming years. The towns and villages would receive much less than previously shared.

I would suggest that we each speak with our county representative (Charles Sudbrink @ 863-4711) to voice our concerns. “This paragraph was written by Councilperson Clough our town's official representative to the shared services committee.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Grinnell inquired about the bond for the new plow truck, the interest rate was set at 4% set by the bond company. The quotes are available at the Towns Clerk's office for viewing. The town has advertises a public meeting for June 27 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall at 2369 McGraw Marathon NY, 13080.

Councilperson Contri would like the board to make a decision earlier in the year to advertise sooner for amnesty day.

Councilperson Contri expressed his concerned about the conditions in the trucks being dirty. Superintendent explained that they didn't have time and would keep better track of it.

Councilperson Contri feels that a new roof isn't necessary, Superintendent will contact a contractor for a repair estimate.

Superintendent was asked by the board to get prices on lawn mowers to maintain our town's property.

Councilperson Mackey was elected to reword parts of the solar law and send the changes to Dan Dineen for verbiage approval.

Supervisor Grinnell is checking with Genson Overhead Door Company for an estimate on overhead door opener for cold storage.

Councilperson Clough had checked to see if our applications for the summer swim program were from Freetown and the application does ask and states that they must attend Marathon School District.

Motion 35: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to hold a special meeting at 6:00pm at 2369 McGraw Marathon Rd, Marathon NY 13803 for bonding for a new plow truck.

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

Motion 36: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay vouchers #90-#111 from following Accounts.

(A) \$11,965.60

(DA) \$31,741.85

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