

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
March 13, 2019**

The Public Hearing on Changing the Highway Superintendent from an elected position to an appointed position for the year 2020. Was held March 13, 2019 at the Freetown Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Lisa Grinnell, Town Supervisor
Terry Wolff, Councilperson
William Contri, Councilperson- **Absent**
Crystal Clough, Councilperson
Mary Mackey, Councilperson
Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Tim Brown (Highway Employee), Gail Heady (Tax Collector).

OPENFLOOR: No objection to this local law #1 of 2019, on the position change of Highway Superintendent from an elected to an appointed.

Hearing adjourned at 7:05 pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held March 13, 2019 at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Same people attending our regular meeting as was in attendance of the public hearing.

The results from the public meeting was to determine whether or not to continue moving forward with changing Highway Superintendent from an elected position at an appointed position. Town Board is in favor of passing local law #1

A letter was received from Highway Superintendent of Lapeer (Jamie Bush) sharing his research and opinion on the outcome of the appointed verse elected position, which would be more money in the long run for the appoint position.

Motion 29: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to change Highway Superintendent position from elected to appointment effective January 2022. local law #1 of 2019.

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

Motion 28: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to accept the February minutes.

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

OPEN FLOOR: Councilperson Clough read a letter received from John Walsh who was the gentlemen who had set up our webpage. The webpage is currently sitting at go Daddy and it's paid for until 2020. According to John Walsh we should have paid Daniel Bruffy (IT person) \$3 a month. The board members have no recall of such bill being received. He also paid the of \$117.00 for the past 39 months of service. John Walsh has proposal the town hiring him for \$15.00 a month and he would maintain the website with current information. Town has declined this proposal Councilperson Mackey will check with Adam Dennison from Marathon High School on getting a high school student looking to build their professional skills and complete some community service. Councilperson Clough will hold off on contacting John Walsh until more information is gathered by Councilperson Mackey on creating a new web page.

Supervisor Grinnell send Mr. Doty a letter, on approaching a board member at a public event, in regards to an owned amount of money for a past summer program. Research by Supervisor Grinnell indicates that those summer students didn't resided in Freetown. Mr. Doty was informed by Town Supervisor not to approach our Town members again for town business.

Amnesty day is still set for May 18, 2019, time still pending. The board will discuss at the April 2019 meeting.

Gail Heady inquired about our current Bookkeeper and if we were considering changing. Karen Fritts (Lapeer) Accountant would be receptive to an offer. Supervisor Grinnell commented on the numerus trips to Dryden for bookkeeping. She also expressed concerns on Highway Superintendent using incorrect account numbers on vouchers. Councilperson Mackey stated she would install QuickBooks
General consensus is waiting it out this year and revaluating it in Sept, 2019.

A refurbished craft man 6hp -22in big wheel push mower was purchase for \$85.00 From Ronald Funk of 3 Brink St. Marathon, NY 13803, to help maintain our park and cemeteries. Highway employee offered to pick-up when it was ready.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Justice, Tax Collector and Code Enforcement Officer were received and passed along for review.

NEW BUSINESS: Town Supervisor is recommending a heating coil on the edges of the town hall to help prevent ice build-up that leads to a leak in the ceiling.

Town Supervisor informed the Board that she made a mistake on depositing funds at the bank, we received a couple of insufficient funds charges, but corrections were made.

Town audit set for March 21st @6:30pm for the Town Supervisor and Tax Collector.

Councilperson Clough recommend an executive session as passed along a guideline for reasons to have an executive meeting to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion. Discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

Adjourned at 8:45pm

Returned to regular meeting at 9:02pm

Councilperson Clough received an e-mail from Cortland County on re-cycling glass

The Cortland County requested to have glass separated as it can be processed as ground cover at the landfill thru deceasing county cost. It is anticipated a change to separate all recycling items by the end of 2019.

Town employee are inquiring about dental and vision insurance. Town board would like to get more information to make a decision from Town Supervisor.

Corelogic is a company that handles properties in escrow through banks who mail out taxes payments for Freetown residents. Mrs. Heady hadn't received them, twice and come to the conclusion that the fed-x man was placing them in the recycling box at the end of her drive way instead of delivering them to her door and placing them on her porch. A formal complaint has been made. Town Supervisor received a check back from the Town of McGraw as it was short \$300.00 for the full payment. A new check was issued for the correct amount.

Motion 30: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Larry Jebbett and Thomas Vanderploeg to the planning Board for a 5 years term ending in 2024.

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

Motion 31: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Mackey to pay the bills from the following accounts. Vouchers 39-53.

(A)\$5,258.18
(DA) \$10,042.44

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm