

**Town of Freetown  
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd  
Marathon, NY 13803  
September 11, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held September 11, 2019 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Others Present: Clarence Wright, John Slocum, Tim Brown, Amanda Barber, Cortland Co. SWCD, Gail Heady.

**Motion 39:** Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to accept the minutes for August.

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| <b>Votes:</b> | Councilpersons: | Mary Mackey: Aye       |        |
|               |                 | Crystal Clough: Absent |        |
|               |                 | William Contri: Aye    |        |
|               |                 | Terry Wolff: Aye       |        |
|               | Supervisor:     | Lisa Grinnell: Aye     | Passed |

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

**Workers Compensation:**

Supervisor Grinnell received word that Partners Insurance does carry worker's comp for New York employees. Supervisor Grinnell will contact the County and request a copy of the current Workers Comp pilot Policy for comparison on prices.

**Open Floor:**

Fran Butler came to the meeting to answer questions on the re-Val and grievance day. Questions the residence or board may have on their properties. Councilperson Clough had a few questions but was unable to attend the board meeting. Councilperson Mackey recalled some of the Town residence had some concerns on Mike Maxwell's professionalism. Mrs. Butler claimed she had not received everything she requested from Mike Maxwell after the re-val was complete. Fran inquired on whether the board wanted to renew her term for another 6 years. Supervisor Grinnell stated she would let Fran know what they decided at a later date. Mrs. Barber inquired on why business owner such as Gutchess lumber of Cortland were getting cheaper assessments on their property verses residential properties owners. Mrs. Butler explains how property owner first acre has a primary site value. Where property owned by lumber

companies will reforest the land. Mrs. Barber will continue to research further into the difference in properties. Fran Butler informed the Board that Mike Maxwell did not finish the advisor appraisal on some utilities such as New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG).

Supervisor Grinnell sent letters to Scott, Cyler, Truxton and Preble for opinions on William Barrett there Town Assessor. She received back 2 letters one from Scott and Preble both praising his job performance. Supervisor Grinnell will check with William Barrett on cost to our Town if we choose him as our new Town Assessor

Amanda Barber a resident of Freetown came to the meeting to inform us of a grant she had submitted in July concerning the condition of Deneve Rd. If her grant is awarded they would redo drainage about a ½ mile starting at the top of the hill to East Freetown Texas Valley Rd. Materials would include 10 culverts installed a signification amount of fill added. Mrs. Barber and her co-workers have been trying to work with New York State on adopting the dirt, gravel and low volume road program, which is for roads that see less than 500 cars a day it's been a great success in Pennsylvania.

**Old Business:** Supervisor Grinnell called Code Enforcement officer (Tom Williams) on enforcing the local law #1 of 1987 limiting the number of unregister vehicles on one's property. Supervisor Grinnell also inquired on his position with the Town if he's elected into office. No correspondence as of yet. Supervisor Grinnell passed along a quote from Hine's Plumbing on the replacement of the 2 toilets at the Town Hall.

**Motion 40:** Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mary to accept Hines Plumbing to install one standard toilet and one elevated with the max amount of \$700.00.

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| <b>Votes:</b> | Councilpersons: | Mary Mackey: Aye       |        |
|               |                 | Crystal Clough: Absent |        |
|               |                 | William Contri: Aye    |        |
|               |                 | Terry Wolff: Aye       |        |
|               | Supervisor:     | Lisa Grinnell: Aye     | Passed |

**Highway report:** Councilperson Contri inquired about the replaced tire on the International truck. Town Supervisor explained that as Charlie was inflating the tire it blew up. Councilperson Contri inquired on whether or not we had a tire cage for changing tires. Supervisor Grinnell report an accident involving Highway Superintendent Hawley and Charlie Peck town employee. Accident happened on Freetown Cross Rds. between the Ford dump truck and a loose domesticated horse cause the horses to be unitized and between \$6,000-\$7,000 dollars in damages to the front of the dump truck. Highway Superintendent has contacted our insurance company to handle the claim. Tim Brown Highway employee has been corresponding with Council Person Clough about ceiling tiles in meeting room. Questioned the pattern difference and hadn't heard back, Board approved Tim to continue with replacing the panels with what had been purchased.

**Motion 41:** Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay the vouchers from the following accounts. Vouchers 147-165.

(A)\$2585.81

(DA) \$26,757.79

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| <b>Votes:</b> | Councilpersons: | Mary Mackey: Aye       |        |
|               |                 | Crystal Clough: Absent |        |
|               |                 | William Contri: Aye    |        |
|               |                 | Terry Wolff: Aye       |        |
|               | Supervisor:     | Lisa Grinnell: Aye     | Passed |

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,  
Serina Ingrahm