

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held January 12, 2022 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Lisa Grinnell, Town Supervisor
Ward Fox, Councilperson
Crystal Jenney, Councilperson
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Robert Stewart, Councilperson
Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Mitch Eccleston, County Legislator, Gail Heady, Tax Collector, Art Hawley, Highway Superintendent, Mary Mackey, Bookkeeper, Jim Weiss, Planning Board Chairman.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Bookkeeper, and Highway Superintendent were received and reviewed.

No Job applications were received for Recycle Attendant position.

Motion 1: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept December 8, 2021 minutes.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Aye	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Town Supervisor raised concern for our Highway Employee Charlie Peck. Mr. Peck has been out do to his health. Highway Superintendent Hawley asked if Mr. Peck could pay his medical Insurance premium while he's out healing on his health issue. Supervisor Grinnell will check with Department of Labor.

Supervisor Grinnell stated she was still working on all Insurance issues.

There is concern on Charles Peck health and liability on the Town for him to continue working with heavy equipment. Highway Superintendent asked the Board whether he should repair current one or look for a new one.

Motion 2: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to appoint Mary Mackey to our Planning Board.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
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Crystal Jenney: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

OPENFLOOR:

Chairman of the Planning Board James Weiss sent out information on his duties as Planning Board Chairman describing his job and to clarify any miss communication.

Gail Heady is concern on the Amish buildings that are being built, not meeting proper laws or regulations. Code Enforcement Officer Alan Butler needs to be notified to follow up with the Amish on Freetown Cross Rds.

Mr. Weiss check with our Attorney Don Armstrong on their being a conflict of interest with Mary Mackey and Toni Olsen being on the same Board being there relationship to each other. Gail Heady noticed people are still putting garbage in our recycling, Gail Heady has offered to be our new Recycling attendant. Supervisor Grinnell thinks there a conflict being that she already holds a position as Town Tax Collector.

John Bergeron Was hired to remove our Amnesty day garbage to the Cortland County landfill. No invoice has been submitted for payment/ possible payment was the amount of money received from the metal that he also junked.

Tax Collector Gail Heady is considering not running again after current term.

Auditing of the books for 2021 is scheduled to be after February Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Grinnell has been trying to reach our property insurance company Smith Brothers for payment /or payment reimbursement. During an ice/snow/windy day that took our main eclectic box off the building. Greenman Electric came and restored our Power.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT: Mary Mackey passed out financial reports.

COUNTY LEGISATOR: Michel Eccleston reported Cortland County's updates Cortland County Fire Depts. are considering giving Volunteers and First responder a 10% off there county taxes each year. Mr. Eccleston welcomed our 2 new Councilmen.

PARK REPORT: Councilperson Stewart (Chairman) got in touch with Randolph paving to fix flood damage in the early spring.

Motion 3: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept NBT as the Town's Bank.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 4: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the Cortland Standard as the Town's official newspaper.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 5: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Fox to appoint Donald Armstrong as the Town Attorney.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 6: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Barber to appoint MAVAC (Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Corporations) as our ambulance service and Elwood Bryan as our representative.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 7: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Marathon, Cincinnatus, and McGraw as the fire districts.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 8: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to appoint Serina Ingrahm as the Vital Statics and record keeper.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 9: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint as Dylan Barber to the Work Liaison.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 10: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the IRS standard mileage rate.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 11: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Gail Heady as Deputy Town Clerk.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 12: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to appoint Matthew Heady as Deputy Town Tax Collector.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 13: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Blue Moose Sanitation as the garbage and trash service for 2022.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye

Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed
Motion 14: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Fran Butler as the Town Assessor.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Baber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye

Passed
Motion 15: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Mary Mackey as the Town bookkeeper.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 16: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Ward to appoint Alan Butler as our Town Code Enforcement officer.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: opposed
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 17: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Barber to appoint the Town Board to audit Town Clerk and Town Justice.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 18: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Barber to appoint Country Acres as our Town's Dog control officer.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Barber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 19: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve paying bills from following accounts. Vouchers 1-10.

A (\$ 7,455.55)

DA (\$2,248.76)

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Aye	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm