

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
May 11, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held May 11, 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: NO, Town Clerk

Others Present: Mitch Eccleston, County Legislator, Jim Weiss Planning Board Chairman, John Leyburn, Chad Dorn, Denise Dorn, Lori Aiken, Jim Aiken, Crystal Clough, Brian Ward, Tricia Ward, Matthew Jenney, Robin Slocum Town Justice, John Slocum, Theresa VanderPloeg, Mary Mackey. Art Hawley Highway Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officer Alan Butler.

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

HIGHWAY:

Superintendent Hawley had work done on the Ford F-150 seems to running much better.

Highway has been working on Center rd. rolling gravel on May 24th Suite Kote will be up to grind up any high spots. Then it will be oiled and stoned in a week or so after the heading to Deneve Rd.

Highway Superintendent asked Board's opinion on replacing 2014 1ton truck it has 70,000 mile. Board never replied.

Superintendent Hawley called to inquire about the cost of training for a CDL, \$3,800 was the total for 90 hours of training. There will stipulations to this agreement if the towns pays for the training.

Supervisor Grinnell received a letter stating the Town wasn't responsible for damages during snow removal where Mrs. Christman never yielded to the flashing town equipment.

John Slocum inquired on dust control on Deneve rd. Superintendent stated in a week.

Resident Clough inquired on people who were interested in the highway position that hadn't been contacted? Supervisor Grinnell stated one was on weight restriction of 10 pounds, and other gentleman never showed up. Legislator Eccleston offered to contact Highway Superintendent Charles Sudbrink to see if our new Highway employee could train through Cortland County.

Resident John Slocum asked when they were going to finish McGraw Marathon rd. repaving.

OPEN FLOOR:

Legislator Eccleston offered to talk with County Highway Charles Sudbrink about training our new Highway employee. Mr., Eccleston inquired on Cortland County 4% tax on heating fuels Coal, Kerosene, Propane, wood etc.... Broome County and Onondaga County does not collect

this 4% tax. Mr. Eccleston received an e-mail stating that county makes almost \$800,000 a year and county can't afford to lose that income.

A rumor about Freetown and Solon combining to make one township is a false rumor.

Councilperson Barber questioned why there wasn't a voucher for BCBS health insurance for the month. Supervisor claimed no bill was received, Supervisor will call tomorrow.

RECYCLING:

Town Clerk Ingrahm handed the board members a registration form that's needed in order to be a recycling transfer station. Crystal Clough wants to know when the recycling trailer would be repaired. Mrs. Clough requested the electric heater be removed from the recycling trailer now that our weather has warmed up.

AMNESTY DAY: Crystal Clough has concerns on how this year's amnesty day will be run and by who. Superintendent Hawley has reserved 2 dumpster for materials.

RETIRMENT UPDATE:

Supervisor Grinnell received a letter for the retirement officials ??????????????????????

PARK REPORT:

Councilperson Stewart stated Randolph paving will be coming and repair the damage done by flooding. Councilperson Stewart has requested stone be delivered beforehand. Resident John Leyburn kindly for mowing our ball field.

Councilperson Stewart will contact Mary from Play by Design out of Ithaca, NY for prices and inventor availability.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Butler is having issues with our Amish residents building without permits. Town needs to be more aggressive in dealing with the laws. Town Board has decided to contact Town Lawyer Donald Armstrong for advice for further action. Mr. Butler has given out copies of Marathon junk law for an example on designing a local law for Freetown. A public hearing will be schedule for June 8th at 6:30pm before our regular meeting to discuss Local Law on junk.

Motion 26: Made by Supervisor Lisa Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Ward to accept the minutes for April 2022.

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