

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held January 11, 2023 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-Absent
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Robert Stewart, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Todd Warfield, Ashley Warfield, Art Hawley, Heidi Alnutt, KJ Alnutt, Mitchel Eccleston.

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

Motion 1: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the minutes for December 2022.

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

Motion 2: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Barber to accept NBT as the Town's Bank.

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

HIGHWAT REPORT: Superintendent Hawley has chosen Volvo brand for a new Loader. Superintendent Hawley and crew went to the Highway Dept. in Lapeer, NY to see one in motion. L70 H Volvo is American made and parts dealer in Binghamton. Comes with Broom and Forks Warranty is lifetime on frame possible 5 years on machine. Volvo has offered \$20,000 for trade on our 1999 caterpillar (old loader).

Mitchell Eccleston:

Legislators are trying to get Fire Fighters and emergency personal a 10% tax break as an incentive to join a department as volunteers. Larry Eaton from Marathon Fire Dept. requested a driveway to the water hole in the park area for fire purposes. It will not cost Freetown anything. Marathon will pay to have it put in. Legislator re-districting should be done in March of 2023 reducing to 13-15 instead of 17.

Micron is setting up shop in Syracuse creating 55,000 jobs. Colleges are creating training classes on how to make micro-chips.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Grinnell received a quote for \$4,450.00 to replace the front door to Town Hall. Heide Alnutt has recommended a door company B. R. Johnson. Heide will pass along the contact # to Supervisor Grinnell to follow-up on.

Our local junk law change was made to exclude compositing and changing 20 days to 30 days for clean the junk away if progress has been made the offender will be granted an extension.

Tax Collector requested 6 rolls of stamps. Supervisor Grinnell will get them for her.

OPEN FLOOR:

Councilperson Barber had question on our 2023 budget items being in red.

Motion 3: 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: Absent	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 4: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Donald Armstrong as the Town Attorney.

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

Motion 5: 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: Absent Robert Stewart: Aye Ward Fox: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 6: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Fox to accept the IRS standard mileage rate.

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

Motion 7: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Gail Heady as Deputy Town Clerk.

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

Motion 8: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Matthew Heady as Deputy Town Tax Collector.

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

Motion 9: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Blue Moose Sanitation as the garbage and trash service for 2023.

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

Passed

Motion 10: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Fox to appoint Fran Butler as the Town Assessor.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Baber: Aye
Crystal Jenney: Absent
Robert Stewart: Aye
Ward Fox: Aye

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 11: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Fox to appoint Erin as the Town bookkeeper.

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

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye

Passed

Motion 12: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Barber to accept the bid from Volvo.

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 Fox to accept the motion to send revised Junk law of 2023 for approval from Cortland County Planning Board and to hold a public meeting on 2/8/2023 at 6:30pm.

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

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 14: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve paying bills from following accounts. Vouchers 1-10.

(A) General \$ 768.72

(DA) Highway \$ 9,450.55

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm