

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
August 9, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY was held on August 9, 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
Dylan Barber, Councilperson - Absent
Robert Stewart, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Crystal Clough, John Slocum, and Superintendent Hawley

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

Motion 34: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the minutes for July 2023.

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

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Superintendent Hawley stated highway crew has been working on the roads and expects to be done by 8/31/2023. John Slocum questioned Mr. Hawley on road conditions and who decides which roads need to be done. Mr. Hawley stated that the Highway Superintendent makes the decisions. Mr. Slocum wanted to know why part of Deneve Road was done when there are many other roads in Freetown that need more attention.

The town's excavator is blowing black smoke. Mr. Hawley has Beck's equipment coming on 8/10/2023 to fix the problem. The board wants a new parking lot in front of the Town Hall.

Motion 35: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve \$5,055 from our park account to the town's general account.

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

Ward Fox: Aye
Dylan Barber: Absent
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 36: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Fox to accept the bid for the front door by BR Johnson LLC for \$3,987.73.

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

OPEN FLOOR:

Resident Crystal Clough wanted to inform the board that Cortland County has new recycling guidelines for 2023. Our current recycling attendant resigned his last day is 8/31/2023. Bookkeeper Potts is also leaving on 8/31/2023. Green's electric fixed snowflake on the side of the town hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The new playground has arrived. Councilperson Stewart is working on quotes and purchases for the installation of the playground equipment. A few residents requested the new playground be closer to the pavilion. Several people are asking for a new Enforcement Officer. A suggestion was Jordon Betts as a candidate for Code Enforcer. A decision to replace the front door was made.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter was passed around about downtown revitalization funding, but the board has decided not to proceed any further. Point Broadband sent some information on the new internet company. A request will be made to have a sales rep come and answer any questions the town may have.

Motion 37:

Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers # 96-107.

- (A) General \$ 3,262.57
- (DA) Highway \$ 2,146.24

The meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm
Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm

