

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
February 10, 2016**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held February 10, 2016 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present	Town Supervisor:	Thomas VanderPloeg
	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart William Contri Crystal Clough Mary Mackey
	Town Clerk:	Serina Ingrahm
	Highway Superintendent:	Steve Strough

Guests: Elwood Bryan, Tim Brown, Randy Hopkins, Tom Williams, Becky Bailey, James Burk, and Tom Adams who arrived at 6:50 pm.

Minutes: Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg addressed the board about reviewing the minutes from the prior month and sending an e-mail with any corrections they may have prior to the next meeting.

Motion 24: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg and seconded by councilperson Mary Mackey to approve January minutes after the stated corrections at the February, 10th board meeting.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Robert Stewart: Aye William Contri: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye	Passed

Bookkeeper: Becky Bailey stood and introduced herself to the board. Becky stated she has had her degree in accounting for 6 years, she also shares an office with a CPA to assist as needed. Becky is available by office hours or e-mail if anyone should have any questions for her.

Code Enforcement: Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg stated that he spoke to someone representing the Town of Cortlandville and they don't currently have the personnel to provide services for Freetown and have no interest in doing a resolution for the current fiscal year. We do not at this time have a contract with Cortlandville. Tom Williams will have a one year contract with the Town of Freetown. We will continue to pay Tom in 12 equal installments, the new contract included \$770.00 to pay for his insurance. Tom Williams also stated his mileage will start when he enters the Town of Freetown. Tom Williams will also provide a monthly report to the Board.

Motion 25: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to accept the new Contract provided by Tom William as Code Enforcement officer.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed

Motion 26: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to authorize the termination of an Inter-municipal agreement between the town of Freetown and the town of Cortlandville. It will be resolution number 19 for 2016.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed

Highway: Superintendent Steve Strough stated he had meet with Supervisor Tom Adams from Marathon about the Pine Hill Bridge, and the possibility of using the abutments already in place. (There's a booklet at Town Clerks office available for viewing during Town Clerk office hours concerning the different type of bridges and options available). Freetown Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg, Highway Superintendent Steven Strough, Supervisor Tom Adams and both legislators George Wagner and Charles Sudbrink are hoping to schedule a meeting to discuss the pine hill bridge on February 22 at 10:30 am. We are waiting on two estimates from Daniel S. Logel, bridge consultant from Contech Engineered Solutions, one for repairing the bridge and one for replacing the bridge. Supervisor Tom Adams with our Town Board's approval would like to apply for grants. The current weight limit posted on Pine Hill Bridge is 9 tons; the worse the bridge gets the lower the weight capacity gets, eventually the bridge will be closed altogether.

Computer: Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg is going to check into getting Superintendent Steve Strough a new computer with funding from the general account.

Motion 27: Made by Councilperson Crystal Clough and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to accept the Shared Services Agreement for the highway.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed
Motion 28: Made by Councilperson Crystal Clough and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to do a resolution for the use of the intersection of 41 and Tarbell Rd, so we can access County RT 41 to our Roads in Freetown.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed

Councilperson Crystal Clough is requesting Superintendent Steve Strough to review December fuel and mileage usage for the trucks due to a discrepancy in the records. Superintendent Strough will report back in March.

Motion 29: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to make a resolution authorizing Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg and Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins as account signers on the First National Bank of Dryden accounts.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed

Motion 30: Made by Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to rescind all prior resolutions granting authority to sign checks.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye Passed

Recycling bins: Deputy Supervisor Randy Hopkins has been checking on the cost of recycling pick up .He contacted Waste Management and they stated we were too far out of area. Waiting on an estimate from Leachs Custom Trash .Blue Moose stated they would pick up recyclables for \$150.00 a month. The Board decided that was too much and to keep looking. Councilperson

William Contri stated he talk to Adams Trash Service and they didn't want to infringe on Blue Moose Trash Service area. Board Members are going to continue to check for the best options.

Fuel Sun Oil: Councilperson William Contri has been checking on fuel prices for the Town of Freetown to save money on diesel fuel and propane. He stated that we could get our fuel for \$1.30-\$1.40 a gallon, Councilperson William Contri will pick up an application and give Sun Oil a more exact usage to get an estimated quote for the March Board meeting.

Equalization rate: Councilperson Mary Mackey is going to send an e-mail to Briggs about the Data Collection Project.

Members of the Grievance Committee: Also referred to as Board of Assessment Review Members, Councilperson Crystal Clough was inquiring about length of terms were and if they were appointed positions and if any appointments are expiring. They are appointed positions for a 5 year term.

Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg is going to check with Jim Weiss, chair of the Planning Board to see if it's necessary to continue reconstructing some of our local land laws, combining Variance Board and Planning Board ideas and clarification.

Pay cards: Quick books does have pay card so Freetown will go to direct deposit to a pay card or your personal account for payroll.

Motion 31: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Town Supervisor Thomas VanderPloeg to pay bills as follows.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye	
		Robert Stewart: Aye	
		William Contri: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
	Supervisor	Thomas VanderPloeg: Aye	Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56 pm

General (A) \$1,453.25
Highway (DA) \$18,601.80

Acknowledge by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm