

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 11th, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held January 11th, 2017 at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins
Councilpersons: Robert Stewart
William Contri
Crystal Clough
Mary Mackey
Town Clerk: Serina Ingrahm
Highway Superintendent: Art Hawley

Guests: Gail Heady, Ann Homer, Freetown Fred (Elwood Bryan), John Leyburn, Tim Brown, Christine Hopkins, Clarence Wright Jr, Paul Merihew, Douglas Deuel.

Motion 1: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept the minutes of December 2016 meeting.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 2: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept Marathon and Cincinnatus, and McGraw fire contracts.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 3: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept First National Bank of Dryden as Freetown's Bank.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 4: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept MAVAC as our Ambulance service.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 5: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept Serina Ingrahm as our vital statics and record keeper.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 6: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint Donald Armstrong as the Town Attorney.

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

Passed

Motion 7: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint Tom William as our Code Enforcement Officer.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 8: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint Elwood Bryan as our MAVAC representative.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 9: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint William Contri as our work place Liaison.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 10: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept Randy Hopkins as our Historian.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 11: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint Serina Ingrahm as Deputy Town Supervisor.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 12: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept Clarence Wright Jr as Deputy Highway Superintendent.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 13: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept Gail Heady as Deputy Town Clerk.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 14: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint Mathew Heady as Deputy Tax Collector.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 15: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appointed Cortland Standard as our Town Newspaper.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 16: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept Becky Bailey as our Town's Bookkeeper for 2017.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 17: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept the same dates and times for our Board Meetings at 2369 McGraw Marathon Rd, Marathon NY, 13803 which occurs the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 18: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to appoint Fran Butler as our Town's Assessor.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 19: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept Country Acres as our Dog Control.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 20: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept the removal of Yvonne Fox from the Variance Board of Appeals.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 21: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept Christine Hopkins and Elwood Bryan as Variance Board of Appeals members.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 22: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept the removal of Joan Ann Lehman as a Board of Assessment Review member.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 23: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to accept Amanda Barber as a member of the Board of Assessment Review.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Abstained
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 24: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to accept the reimbursement rate of the IRS mileage.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

OPEN FLOOR: Councilperson Clough is concerned that our Town Code Officer appears not to be enforcing all of the town zoning and ordinances. She would also like to see the House numbers on his reports that he sends to our Town Assessor. Town Superintendent is checking on rent for Town Assessor office space in Marathon, in the past it's been split among the towns she services.

SUN GAS: Town Supervisor spoke to John Pitman of Sun Gas. Town Supervisor has requested a proposal so the board can make a discussion on whether to switch our fuel provider. Mr. Pitman had said that the diesel will stay the same as it is now at \$2.05 per gallon, the propane will be about .05 cents cheaper than our current rate at E&V Energy. Town Supervisor Hopkins asked Councilperson Mackey how to order Town checks for our general accounts, Councilperson Mackey suggested checking the QuickBooks ledger to find where the town has previously ordered checks.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Hawley stated that our 2004 international plow truck is in need of repair, parts are on their way from Henderson's, will verify delivery date on Monday by phone. Superintendent Hawley would like a spare truck for plowing. Councilperson Mackey would like to hold off on a used truck, town would rather consider a new truck after the payoff of our 2014 plow truck. Superintendent Hawley thinks the western Star plow isn't designed for dirt roads (it's not a floating Plow). Superintendent Hawley suggested Supervisor Hopkins and Town Clerk Ingrahm could use the 2004 GMC pick-up truck for Town errands. Supervisor Hopkins is going to check with Partners Insurance on coverage of drivers on that 2004 GMC pick-up Truck. Subsequent to a concern expressed by Mr. Paul Merihew .Superintendent Hawley agreed to plow

in front of Paul Merihew's old barn so the mailman could have a turn around. Larry Cass is still available for, on call for highway dept.

OPEN FLOOR:

Recycling: The trailer for the recyclables seems to be working well.

The board has concerns about the discrepancies in the monthly reports of expenditures and revenues submitted by the bookkeeper

IRS: Supervisor Hopkins has received paperwork from Pat Eisenberg at the IRS, to file for a collect due process evaluation hearing. The IRS has put a bank levy on the Town of Freetown through the First National Bank of Dryden, Bank has to send the funds in order to release the levy (total was \$12,626.27) for unfiled W-2's by the town's Supervisor starting in 2012.

Supervisor Hopkins is going to converse with Donald Armstrong about an official letter to Lisa Mitchell (former Town Supervisor of Freetown) about the Town's hardship that she's caused to Freetown while in office. Supervisor Hopkins is also going to ask about any Insurance coverage that our policy may carry for incompetency of office.

Christmas bonus are actually considered a NYS deferment compensation stipend as of 2014.

Supervisor Hopkins was inquiring about basketball court stencils, Councilperson Stewart suggested to check on line at google. Supervisor Hopkins is going to check with Frontier on our phone system, possible mailbox system. We are in need of four lines. Councilperson Mackey inquired about the bookkeeper finishing the annual report to the state it has a dead line by March first, Bookkeeper can file for an extension, if needed. Councilperson Clough volunteered to help Supervisor Hopkins sort through some paperwork.

Motion 25: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to pay Encumbered Bills from 2016

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye
		Crystal Clough: Aye
		William Contri: Aye
		Robert Stewart: Aye
	Supervisor:	Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 26: Made by Councilperson Robert Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to pay out of following account for the encumbered bills.

(A) General \$3,295.90

(DA) highway \$2,240.65

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye
		Crystal Clough: Aye
		William Contri: Aye
		Robert Stewart: Aye
	Supervisor:	Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Motion 27: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkin: Aye

Passed

Motion 28: Made by Supervisor Randy Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Crystal Clough to pay out of following accounts.

(A) General \$35,178.92

(DA) highway \$13,078.32

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Aye
Supervisor: Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm