

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
June 14, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held June 14 2017, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:33 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: Ann Homer, Tim Brown, Jim Weiss, John Slocum, Terry Perfetti, Gail Heady, Charles Cross, Clarence Wright Jr.

Motion 53: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to accept the minutes of April 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

Motion 54: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to accept the minutes of May 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

New Business: Supervisor Hopkins received a renewal policy from Partners Insurance Company for the Town's property, equipment and liability Insurance at the rate of \$10,222.42. Partners also had a recommendation for the Highway drivers to take a Driver Distraction Prevention Class due to past incidences. Highway Superintendent had received a call from a resident on a road that has been abandoned by Cincinnatus. Our Code Enforcement office suggested that if we have any roads that are unused or thought to be abandoned that we should have them declared legally signed off on threw The Real Properties Division of Cortland County.

OLD BUSINESS:

Noise Ordinance: The Town Board has review the revised noise ordinance written by Town Attorney Armstrong there has been a few suggested changes, the statement of daytime hours for Highway be removed. Added in section 5 at the end of the paragraph, after nighttime hours as stated on page one of this local law. Agricultural should also be an exemption from daytime hours. Public Hearing has been scheduled at 6:45 pm on July 12, 2017.

Moratorium: Attorney Armstrong has written a moratorium and the board has reviewed it. Jim Weiss had concerns about the process of the moratorium, wanted to know if there was going to be a public hearing for the town to vote on the moratorium and if there were unsolved issues then we could postpone the voting. Public Hearing has been scheduled for July 12 at 7:00. Town Supervisor Hopkins will check with frontier on sorting out our problems with our phone numbers.

Motion 55: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson William Contri to hold a Public Meeting to amend the noise ordinance local law Number 1 of 2017 held before our regular scheduled Board Meeting in July 2017.

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

Passed

Motion 56: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Clough to hold a Public Meeting to address establishing a temporary town-wide moratorium on the installation of non-residential freestanding or ground- mounted solar energy systems.

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

Passed

OPEN FLOOR: Freetown Republican Committee Chairman Thomas Cross addressed the board on how many positions that were available to fill in 2018. Mr. Cross's job is to provide a forum so the republican voters in Freetown can vote on candidates that they want to appear on the ballots for the Republican Party. Mr. Cross asked the board if anything was going to be done to advertise for the empty upcoming seats of election. Mr. Cross was advised that we would post them on Facebook and post on the front door of the Town Hall and on recycling bins. Republic caucus will be held the last two weeks of August. Mr. Cross also was wondering if the Town Clerk and Town Supervisor could be elected on opposite years to avoid two newbies at the same

time. Councilperson Clough will contacted the State Board of Election to get in writing if these changes could be made for Clerk and Supervisor. Gail Heady had a question on her contractual of \$149.35 being spent and was not showing on the warrants. Supervisor Hopkins is checking into it with the bookkeeper.

Supervisor Hopkins asked the Board to consider turning the Highway Superintendent position into an appointed instead of an elected position, most of the board didn't want to entertain that option again. Superintendent Hawley suggested to change his position to a four year term instead of a two year term, board will consider the idea in the future. A possible wage increase for Highway Superintendent will also be considered in the future. Jim Weiss was wondering how much the home owner would be responsible for in tax percentage if a raise was giving to the Superintendent.

HIGHWAY: John Slocum was asking when Hoxie Gorge was getting worked on and was wondering about dust control on Denver Rd. Superintendent Hawley stated he would put something down to control dust. Superintendent and employees have been working on ditches on Sperry Rd. Mr. Hawley also has not heard on the replacement of the circuit board for the Gradall excavator, he is currently renting one from Beck Equipment for \$2,750 a month. Vantage said they could have one made for us for \$7,000 and 6-8 weeks to receive it. Yakanose has brought over a Gradall ditching machine for the highway to sample, the ditching machine would cost \$28,000 and they would give us \$10,000 for our old Excavator so a total of out of pocket would be \$18,000. Superintendent Hawley recommended the town buy an extra plow truck. Town Supervisor requested Superintendent to fill out a 284 just for Hoxie Gorge for additional money for Hoxie Gorge.

Park: Bruce Hatch has permission from the Town Board to install the grill for the park.

Cemetery Grant: Councilperson Clough will check into getting paperwork for a grant to repair and fix our Town's cemeteries.

Briggs: Briggs has finished the Data Collection for the town and will bill his final payment. The second part of the Project needs to be done by Fran Butler our Tax Assessor. Town Board would like conformation from Fran Butler that she received all the information she needed from Briggs. Supervisor Hopkins will check with Cincinnatus to see who they hired to do their town's re-valuation.

History Tour was given by Town Historian Randy Hopkins with Connie White from the Marathon Historical society.

Motion 57: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart remove \$200.00 from the General Account and coded as Highway contractual as he spends it.

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

Passed

Motion 58: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to close the regular board meeting at 8:26 pm

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

Motion 59: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to go into executive session at 8:27 pm

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

Motion 60: Made by Councilperson William Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mary Mackey to end the executive meeting at 8:34 pm.

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

Motion 61: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to return to the regular board meeting at 8:35 pm.

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

Motion 62: Made by Councilperson Mary Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to accept the minutes for the special meeting in May 2017.

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

Motion 63: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to connect the Baileys Bookkeeping for Quick Book access.

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

Motion 64: 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 Hopkins: Aye
Passed

Motion 65: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to pay bills from the following accounts.

(A) General \$13,559.64

(DA) Highway \$23,111.41

Votes:

Councilpersons:

Mary Mackey: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye

William Contri: Aye

Robert Stewart: Aye

Supervisor:

Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 9:19pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm