

**Town of Freetown  
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd  
Marathon, NY 13803  
July 12, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held July 12, 2017, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**Present:** Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins  
Councilpersons: Robert Stewart  
William Contri  
Crystal Clough  
Mary Mackey  
Acting Deputy Town Clerk: Gail Heady  
Highway Superintendent: Art Hawley

**Guests:** Keith Dayton, Jim Weiss, Robin Slocum, Terry Perfetti, David O'Neill, Andrea O'Neill, Clarence Wright Jr, Freetown Fred (Elwood Bryan), Michael Bellefleur Sr.

**Motion 66:** Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Clough to accept the minutes of June 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

**Guest Speaker:** Keith Dayton is a candidate running for Cortland County Judge who came to address our board meeting, hoping for support and votes.

Regular meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Public meeting open at 6:46 pm for a revised noise ordinance Law #1 of 2017.

Public meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Reopen regular meeting at 6:55 pm.

**Motion 67:** Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the local Law #1 of 2017 with corrections.

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

Passed

**Open Floor:** Andrea O’Neil was concerned about the condition of Sperry Rd, and was looking for a date on repairs to be done.

David O’Neil complimented the work that had been done on Liberty Lane, Highway Department had oiled and stoned Liberty Lane. Terry Perfetti had concerns about his blue berries fields being affected by the road work being done on Hoxie Gorge Freetown Rd. Superintendent Hawley assured him that the road would be reduced to one lane but not a full road closure during repairs. Mr. Weiss suggested the Town check into a large sign for announcements for the towns business. Supervisor Hopkins will looking into pricing and options.

Councilperson Clough reported back on what would have to be done in order to have our Highway Superintendent position be an appointed instead of an elected position. Town Board would have to put forth a referendum. Board had decided not to go forward with that idea. Town Board has decided to leave the Highway Superintendent to a two year term.

Town Resident Robin Slocum asked about the revaluation that had been done by Brigg’s Appraisal, if it has moved forward at all. Supervisor Hopkins will contact Cincinnatus to see what company they used for their second part of the re-valuation project. Bookkeeper Becky Bailey had told us that sharing quick book with her would cost \$10-\$15 a month, our updated price through Becky is \$40.00 a month. Councilperson Mackey will check into the cost of purchasing our own quick books and get back to us at the next board meeting. Supervisor Hopkins has had one bid on the roof repair on the town barn. Vinny from J&B Roofing came down and has written us a rough estimate on the replacement of the roof (\$40,000) 20 year warranty. Gail Heady has been instructed to make some handouts for Jim Burk to hand out during recycling hours regarding open positions for election in the fall of 2017.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Public hearing at 7:04 pm for Solar farming moratorium local law #2 of 2017.

Open Floor: The 18 Acres on Texas Valley East Freetown Rd. that was being looked at as a potential site for a solar farm the idea has been abandoned. The moratorium will give the Town of Freetown time to create regulations for solar farming.

Public meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm on the establishment of a temporary town-wide moratorium on the installation of non- residential freestanding or ground- mounted solar energy systems.

Reopen regular meeting at 7:14pm.

**Motion 68:** Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the local Law #2 of 2017 for the establishment of a temporary town-wide moratorium on the installation of non- residential freestanding or ground- mounted solar energy systems. A committee will be established to research solar energy systems and report recommendations to the Town board.

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| <b>Votes:</b> | Councilpersons: | Mary Mackey: Aye    |
|               |                 | Crystal Clough: Aye |
|               |                 | William Contri: Aye |
|               |                 | Robert Stewart: Nay |

Supervisor:

Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

**Highway:** Highway employees checked all of Freetown's roads for any damage due to the heavy rain shower we have been enduring and fixed any trouble spots where needed. Superintendent had stated that the employees have done some patch work, still doing perp work on Hoxie Gorge road, stone has been delivered, and equipment is running no repair this month. A portable fuel tank is set up and ready to re-fuel on site during road project. Metal items left from 2015 Amnesty day was cleaned up and hauled away by Contento's. Supervisor Hawley stated he will oil and stone Sperry Rd, before Hoxie Gorge rd.

Graffiti was written on Pine Hill Rd, it stated: "Attention negligence of Freetown Highway". Supervisor Hopkins states that Pine Hill Bridge doesn't belong to Freetown he has talked to the Real Property for Cortland County. Supervisor Hopkins is suggesting that we get a new survey done on Pine Hill Bridge, he believes that Marathon is soul owner to Pine Hill Rd.

**Cemetery:** Councilperson Clough contacted the Cemetery Association out of Albany. Councilperson Clough found that there's possible funding for safety repairs in the cemeteries, she obtained an application for the funding. It was recommended that we contact our Legislator to see if we would be eligible for funding under any charitable funds.

**Motion 69:** Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Contri to pay bills from the following accounts.

(A) General \$1,342.07

(DA) Highway \$12,566.01

**Votes:**

Councilpersons:

Mary Mackey: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye

William Contri: Aye

Robert Stewart: Aye

Supervisor:

Randy Hopkins: Aye

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,  
Serina Ingrahm

