

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
August 9, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held August 9, 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
	Absent:	Mary Mackey
	Town Clerk:	Serina Ingrahm
	Highway Superintendent:	Art Hawley

Guess: Clarence Wright Jr, Patti Zering, Charles Sudbrink, Tim Brown, Charles Cross,

Motion 70: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Clough to accept the minutes of July 2017 meeting.

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

Passed

Supervisor Hopkins tried to contact Brigg's to verify that all information was sent to Fran Butler Town Assessor that was needed to complete the Towns re-valuation. Supervisor Hopkins was unable to reach Mr. Brigg's. Supervisor Hopkins was also asked by Councilperson Mackey to check with Cincinnatus to see who will do their re-valuation. Supervisor Hopkins stated Cincinnatus was going to contacted Larry Fritts for a price quote on their re-valuation. Councilperson Clough suggested that we get a quote from Brigg's to complete our re-valuation, Mr. Brigg's was already familiar with our town's properties.

ROOF: Supervisor Hopkins has received three bid for our roof replacement 1) J&B Installations @ \$40,000. 2) Alpine Roofing @ \$35,000. 3) Perry's Amish Construction \$13,500.

Councilperson Contri volunteered to check with Perry's Amish Construction about adding the cost of installing the insulation to the roof quote.

A decision on the roof will be discussed at next month's meeting.

State Sales Taxes has been received.

Guess Speaker: Charles Sudbrink came to address the board on legislation updates. FEMA funding is available for flood damages from July 1st through July 16th, reimbursement is available for damages over \$3,200. Superintendent Hawley is going to look into applying for the flood funding. Mr. Sudbrink also indicated that he was reporting at our Board Meeting on the proposed 10% increase in property taxes as well as a reallocation of the sales tax monies.

Councilperson Stewart was asked to put together a letter to the Editor to protest the 10% increase of sales tax, available for anyone to sign.

County Jail is expected to move on to phase 2, which is the discussion on how Cortland County can't afford a new jail.

Republic Chairperson Charles Cross addressed the board about our Republican caucus that has been scheduled for August 29th 2017 @ 7:00 pm, at 2369 McGraw Marathon Rd, Marathon N.Y. Mr. Cross will advertise the caucus in the Cortland Standard, and the bill will be sent to the Town Barn for payment. No word on Democratic caucus.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Superintendent Hawley has reported that Sperry Rd had been graveled and was graded and rolled, and ready for oil and stone. Superintendent has stated that all roads were checked as needed and patched. Hydraulic hose was replaced on the 2004 International dump truck. Highway employee Tim Brown was on vacation so Superintendent Hawley called in Larry Cass to fill in. Highway has patched on Pine Hill from Merihew to the bridge. Highway has graveled Russell Rd from State Land trail to Merihew Rd. Superintendent Hawley is asking the Board to consider an extra truck for plowing and a Gradall ditch digger. Hoxie Gorge Freetown Rd will be worked on Wednesday, August 16th, and Thursday August 17th after 10 days they will lay oil and stone. The Town Board suggested that Highway Superintendent request his machinery contractual be increased for 2018. Supervisor has not received a check from Contento's from 2016 amnesty day metal.

Councilperson Clough asked if there were any expenditures by Highway Dept. from petty cash this month, Highway Superintendent Hawley responded with a no answer.

Councilperson Clough asked about a traffic counter and was told it was broken. No pick-up truck usage and mileage report as requested by Councilperson Clough.

OPENFLOOR: Supervisor wants a light on the Flag Pole, it's a requirement by the State if the flag is left up. Councilperson Clough to explore costs for lights. Councilperson Clough and Patti Zering will form a committee to adjust the Park rules due to the grill being added to the park. Councilperson Clough would also like additional parking added to the Town Hall. A committee needs to be formed for the solar Moratorium, suggestions made were Councilperson Mackey and Planning Board Chairman Jim Weiss.

Councilperson Clough has reported a problem with the Cadwill Road Cemetery having a wood chuck that need to be trapped and removed.

Councilperson Clough suggested we pay the bookkeeper for quick books until the end of the year, then purchase ours in January 2018, Board will discuss quick books at next month's board meeting. Councilperson Clough suggested that Supervisor to discuss with Bookkeeper her availability via telephone during our Board Meetings.

Supervisor Hopkins has called NY State Retirement Systems. If the municipalities participate,

The State will not retroact back to the hire date. It is offered to all Towns employees. Retirement will be discussed at budget time.

Motion 71: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Contri the disapproval of the recommendations of Cortland Planning Board on the Nosie Ordinance, and added that local Law Enforcement will be our Town's enforcement of local law #1 of 2017.

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

Passed

Motion 72: Made by Councilperson Stewart and seconded by Councilperson Contri to pay bills.

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

Passed

Motion 73: Made by Supervisor Hopkins and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills from following accounts.

(A) General \$539.30
(DA) Highway \$15,598.97

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

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm