

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held October 11, 2017, at the Town Hall. Deputy Town Supervisor Serina Ingrahm called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Deputy Town Supervisor Serina Ingrahm
Councilpersons: Robert Stewart: Absent
William Contri
Crystal Clough
Mary Mackey
Deputy Town Clerk: Gail Heady
Highway Superintendent: Art Hawley

Guest: Tim Brown, Charles Sudbrink, Clarence Wright Jr, Mike Bellefleur, Fred Bryan, Art Hawley, Jim Weiss, Tom Williams, Lisa Grinnell

Motion 78: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the minutes of September 2017 meeting with corrections.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye

Passed

OPENFLOOR: Guest Speaker Legislator Charles Sudbrink came to update the Town on the upcoming tentative held by Cortland County on October 17, 2017. Cortland County was original looking at a 10% increase. Mr. Sudbrink feels that they are closer to flat increase for 2018.

Tom Williams was asked to come by the board to clarify some of our County and Town's property laws. Tom has stated there no County or Town law that prohibits the use of camper trailers to be lived in on properties in Freetown. NY.

Jim Weiss addressed the Board explaining the property on Freetown Cross Rd was subdivided in a parcel of 4 acres to be built on in the spring of 2018, property was sold by the Hershberger of McGraw Marathon Rd. Mr. Weiss also wanted the board to work on getting new Planning Board members.

Motion 79: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Clough to accept the resignation of Town Supervisor Randy Hopkins.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

Motion 80: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Clough to accept the resignation of Grounds Keeper/ Building cleaner employee Bruce Hatch.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

NEW BUSINESS: Deputy Town Supervisor Serina Ingrahm will resume Town Business until November 2017 Election. The nominee that wins the election will be asked to be appointed to the Town Supervisor position to finish out 2017. Deputy Town Supervisor has contacted McGraw Town Clerk Lori Aiken, to see whom they carry for retirement, Lori stated that they go with the State offered retirement Insurance. Association of Towns offered training for new officials, The Board does not participate in the training available.

A letter from a concern citizen was left at the desk of Town Clerk. The concern citizen was speaking about nepotism. The Board stated that it is an elective party's decision, it's not governed by the Town Board. Councilperson Contri would like Town Supervisor to check with Town Attorney in the next phone conversation on the legality of written letters from concerned citizens of Freetown.

HIGHWAY: Superintendent Hawley stated all beaver problem are taken care of. The recycling shack needs to be repaired for future recycling attendants.

ROOF: The Board would like to get a better idea on the roofs condition, Councilperson Contri will come down and with employee Tim Brown assistance will get on the roof for an inspection. A decision on the roof will be made at a future board meeting.

RE-valuation: Councilperson Clough has been in contact with Brigg's Appraisal who has not received final payment due to the un-certainty of Town Assessor receiving all documents needed from Brigg's. Brigg's is not interested in doing the re-valuation comparison of properties to finish our assessment. Councilperson Clough will check with a referral of an appraiser (Mike Maxwell) to possibly finish our re-valuation.

Motion 81: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to allow Becky to take advice from Kathy Sicilia (formerly McClary), Senior Examiner of Municipal Affairs Division of Local Government and School Accountability Office of the State Comptroller to discontinue searching for the missing placement of \$55,290.82. This amount could be reported as unallocated.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

Motion 82: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Clough to have the tentative budget meeting prior to regular board meeting on November 8th.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

Motion 83: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay bills from following accounts.

- (A) General \$2,670.34
- (DA) Highway \$97,986.39
- (H) Special Hoxie Gorge

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Robert Stewart: Absent
Deputy Supervisor: Serina Ingrahm: Aye
Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm

