

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 10, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held January 10, 2018, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell
Councilpersons: Terry Wolff
William Contri
Crystal Clough
Mary Mackey
Town Clerk: Serina Ingrahm
Highway Superintendent: Art Hawley: Absent

Guest: Gail Heady, Tim Brown, Jim Weiss.

Motion 1: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the minutes for December 2017.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Unfinished Business: Jim Weiss Chairman of the Planning Board addressed the Board about the appointment of Jim Aiken to the planning board. Jim Aiken's term would be from 1/8/2018 to 1/8/2023 (a five year term). Mr. Weiss has assured the town board that the camp on Freetown Cross Rd was subdivided properly. Mr. Weiss has a concern on the lack of interest to research and establish a farming solar moratorium. Mr. Weiss will continue to research information about existing moratoriums. Town Supervisor will contact Dan Dineen, Cortland County Planning Director, to request a copy of Cortlandville moratorium regulations and laws.

Councilperson Contri stated that Randy Ensign, Marathon Superintendent is applying for another grant for the Pine Hill Bridge project.

Councilperson Clough asked about the roof repairs. The board decided to wait until spring to check condition of the roof.

A report was received regarding successful completion of Justice training for Robin Slocum. Mrs. Slocum has opened a new checking account for Justice.

Motion 2: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint James Aiken as a Planning Board Member, term serving will be 1/8/2018-1/8/2023.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 3: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept Robin Slocum to be added to the first National Bank of Dryden on the Justice accounts.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

NEW BUSINESS: Town Tax Collector remind Town Board that Ralph Canfield requested the extension on property tax collection be filed in the County office by April 1, 2018, and to verify that the insurance bond is good. Town Supervisor Grinnell has found a check in her desk in the amount of \$3,756.00 from aid to municipality dated for September 15th, 2017, Supervisor will deposit it on 1/11/2018. Supervisor has received an e-mail from Eric Cash regarding our budget for 2018 stating we over ridden our tax cap by \$2,031.00. Supervisor will contact him and see what has to be done. Councilperson Clough asked if we should send the Bookkeeper to Account training for municipality, the town board has rejected the idea at this time. Councilperson Clough has brought in a letter of appreciation to be typed on a Town letter head to The Family Health Network for their donation of office furniture, to be typed and mailed by the Town Clerk. Councilperson Contri agreed to consult with Bruce Hatch our previous grounds keeper/ cleaner to see if he would be interested in returning as our employee. Councilperson Clough reported that Mike Maxwell has been in contact with Fran Butler regarding town property appraisals. Councilperson Mackey reminded the board that we still need to have a formal contract from Michael Maxwell for the revaluation.

HIGHWAY: Monthly report from Highway Superintendent: Superintendent Hawley has written a report that states the 2004 GMC pickup mileage as 109,754 with 45.7 gallons of fuel used. Town diesel fuel used in December was 606 gallons. New radiator was ordered for the 2014 Western star plow truck. Town Superintendent sent the 2004 International down to Grant Street Repair for ABS light repair, Battery shorted out. Highway employees have keep roads plowed and passable for December. Sunday December 31, 2017 the Town Hall ran out of propane and Phelps sun gas was notified and tanks were filled. Superintendent has put the 1994 Gradall on the auction block. Superintendent is requesting a new plow truck and states the loader could use replacing. Councilperson Contri was concerned about our cold storage bay door #3 being left open. Future conversation with Highway supervisor whether a door opener is needed.

Motion 4: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the First National Bank of Dryden as the Town's Bank.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 5: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the Cortland Standard as our official newspaper.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 6: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Donald Armstrong as the Town Attorney.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Nay William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 7: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint MAVAC as our ambulance service.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 8: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Contri to appoint Elwood Bryan as our MAVAC representative.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 9: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint William Contri as our work liaison.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 10: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Clough to accept the IRS standard mileage rate.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 11: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Fran Butler as the Town Assessor.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 12: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Bailey's bookkeeping as the Town bookkeeper.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 13: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Tom Williams as our Town Code Enforcement officer.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Mary Mackey: Aye Crystal Clough: Aye William Contri: Aye Terry Wolff: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 14: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Country Acres as our Town's Dog control officer.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

No historian was named at this time.

Clerk, Serina Ingrahm named Gail Heady as her Deputy. Tax Collector, Gail Heady named Matthew Heady as her deputy. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell named Mary Mackey as her deputy.

Motion 15: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay the encumbered bills from the following accounts.

- (A) General \$674.70
- (DA) Highway \$ 4,443.59

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 16: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay bills from the following accounts.

- (B) General \$2,357.67
- (DA) Highway \$ 537.85

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm