

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
February 14, 2018**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held February 14, 2018, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

Guest: Ann Homer, Legislator, LD7, Elwood Bryan, Tom Williams, Tim Brown, Jim Weiss, Bruce Hatch

Motion 17: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Contri to accept the minutes for January 2018.

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

Unfinished Business: SOLAR POWER: Jim Weiss, Chairman of the Planning Board. Mr. Weiss came to confirm that we were moving forward with the solar farming Moratorium, Supervisor needed to contact Dan Dineen, Cortland County's Planning Director on Cortlandville, Homer, Solon's regulations and laws on solar farming.

Supervisor Grinnell had not made contact with Dan Dineen, Councilperson Mackey will try to contact Dan Dineen before the next Board meeting in March. Councilperson Mackey will e-mail the Board the other town's laws on solar farming so they can be review by all board members prior to March's board meeting. Mr. Weiss and Councilperson Clough heard a presentation from prospected builders of an 80,000 acre solar farm in the Town of Willet, NY, where they listen in on the opinions of the guest speakers which included an Engineer, Environmental Conservationist Consultant and a large Construction Company on solar farming. Willet has no law, regulations or a moratorium in place to prevent solar farming. According to Jim Weiss, Councilperson Mackey expressed concern about a ground mounted solar system, which is defined as: a solar system that is directly mounted in the ground and is not attached to any other standing structure and where the size of installation is designed to be more than the usage of the

premises according to Jim Weiss. Councilperson Mackey thinks that no committee needs to be formed to enact a solar farming law, it could be done as a board like previous laws.

Tom Williams Code Enforcement Officer addressed the board on the need for a permit prior to solar mounting of any kind and for a roof mounting it requires approval from an engineer for weight limit and support, then it needs a final electrical inspection from Code Enforcement Officer.

Bruce Hatch has submitted a quote to be rehired as our ground keeper, he would like \$3,800 per year for his services which included the use of his own equipment.

Town Clerk, Serina Ingrahm will advertise in the Cortland Standard for the position of Grounds Keeper, Basic landscaping and cleaning of the Town Hall and a legal notice advertising the special board meeting for an annual auditing of the town's books.

Councilperson Clough will reach out to some cleaning services for quotes on the cleaning of the Town Hall. Councilperson Clough will call Diane Wheaton at Employment and Training, to see about the summer youth employment program for mowing and cleaning services. It's a grant funded program.

Thoma Grant was offered in our area and board decided not to peruse at this time for the grant in our area.

Councilperson Clough checked on whether or not Supervisor Grinnell had heard from Eric Cash from the State Comptroller's office, Supervisor has returned his call and has not received a call back.

Highway Dept.: Highway Superintendent Hawley would like to have an automatic door opener put on the third bay which is cold storage. Town Supervisor Grinnell will call and get a quote for automatic door opener for cold storage. Highway Superintendent has requested and turned in a quote for a new plow truck. The board has agreed to consider buying a truck next year when our other Plow truck is paid off.

Motion 18: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to advertise for basic landscaping and mowing.

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

New Business: Supervisor Grinnell is going to call Frontier to see how to access our computer security. Town tax collector has received notice of the extension of property tax collect until May 31, 2018. Supervisor Grinnell was asked to check with the bookkeeper on the transferring of \$50,000 from 2017 and the transfer of \$50,000 for 2018. Councilperson Clough was concerned whether or not Freetown veterans were aware of the property tax breaks that are available to them.

Motion 19: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to have a special meeting to Audit the Town books on February 21st 2018 at 5:30 pm.

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

Motion 20: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell for Tax Collector to contact Real Property for information on any Veterans discount program and if any of the Town residence qualified.

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

Motion 21: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay the \$1,400 penalty for none filing of W-2's forms in 2014.

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

Motion 22: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay bills.

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

Motion 23: Made by Councilperson Contri and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to pay bills from following accounts. (A) \$1,648.36

(DA)\$ 10,411.50

Votes: Councilpersons:
Crystal Clough: Aye

Mary Mackey: Aye

William Contri: Aye

Terry Wolff: Aye

Lisa Grinnell: Aye

Passed

Supervisor:
Adjourned 9:40 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,

Serina Ingrahm