

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 9, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held January 9, 2019, at the Town Hall. Town Supervisor Lisa Grinnell called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Present: Lisa Grinnell, Town Supervisor
Terry Wolff, Councilperson
William Contri, Councilperson
Crystal Clough, Councilperson
Mary Mackey, Councilperson
Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Robin Slocum, John Slocum, Tim Brown

Motion 1: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the minutes with corrections.

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

Motion 2: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the First National Bank of Dryden as the Town's Bank.

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| 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 Lisa Grinnell and Heidi Alnutt (Deputy Town Supervisor) as signers on the First National Bank of Dryden town bank accounts.

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

Motion 4: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to accept the Cortland Standard as the Town's official newspaper.

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 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 6: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint James Aiken as a member of the planning board for the term of 5 years.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
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 (Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Corporations) 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 Wolff to appoint Marathon, Cincinnatus, and McGraw as the fire districts.

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 Serina Ingrahm as the Vital Statics and record keeper.

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

Supervisor: Terry Wolff: Aye
Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 10: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint William Contri as the Work Liaison.

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

Motion 11: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Wolff 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 12: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to appoint Heidi Alnutt as Deputy Town Supervisor.

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

Motion 13: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Wolff to appoint Gail Heady as Deputy Town Clerk.

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

Motion 14: Made by Councilperson Mackey and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Matthew Heady as Deputy Town Tax Collector.

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

Motion 15: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint Blue Moose Sanitation as the garbage and trash service for 2019.

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

Motion 16: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Contri to appoint Councilperson Clough as or representative to CCTVS (County, City, Towns, Villages and Schools meetings).

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

Motion 17: 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 18: 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 19: 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 20: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Mackey to appoint the Town Board to audit Town Clerk and Town Justice on 1/16/2019.

Votes: Councilpersons: Mary Mackey: Aye

Crystal Clough: Aye
William Contri: Aye
Terry Wolff: Aye

Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 21: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Clough 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.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Justice and Code Enforcement Officer were received and passed along for review.

Unfinished Business:

Supervisor Grinnell inquired from Tim Brown (Highway Employee) if Mr. Hawley had gotten anymore quotes on the garage door openers, Tim had no knowledge of any information.

A conversation took place about the duties and responsibilities of the Highway Superintendent. During this conversation it was brought up by Justice Robin Slocum that it may be time to bring back the opportunity of changing Highway Superintendent position to an appointed instead of an elected. The largest portion of our budget is highway and the towns' people should have an opinion on how it's spent.

Town Board members are considering proceeding with a drafted law and referendum to make these changes on the upcoming election 2019.

Councilperson Clough shared information on changing the Highway Superintendent position to from elected to appointed.

Supervisor Grinnell will contact Town Attorney to get a copy of a draft law and see if this appointment could take place as early as 2020 election with special meeting held.

John Slocum came too inquired for dust control for spring on Deneve Rd.

Supervisor Grinnell received a complimentary letter from Melinda McCool (Superintendent of Schools) on how nice Freetown has kept their roads this winter.

Supervisor Grinnell has written a CAP (correction action plan) letter to the State Comptroller in regards to the three items that need to be corrected, (attached to the minutes will be a copy of this letter).

A letter was received from Fran Butler (Town Assessor) in regards to a meeting that took place on December 5th 2018.as town supervisor Grinnell was not present. The attendees were Mike

Maxwell (Appraiser), Karen Spafford (Director of Cortland County Real Property), Fran Butler (Freetown Assessor), and State Representative Kate Garbut, Peter Lin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Homer, NY opted not to participate in the Workers Compensation plan.

Councilperson Clough suggested we pay our portion of payment to Cortland County for Workers Compensation immediately.

Councilperson Clough informed the board that Cortland County has declined to renew the contract with Casella for recycling. Casella contract ends 2019.

Supervisor Grinnell will contact Tom Williams (Code Enforcement Officer) to request his attendance the February Board Meeting.

Motion 22: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay encumbered bills from 2018 following accounts, vouchers #236-#247.

(A) \$1,117.83

(DA) \$ 5,578.85

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

Motion 23: Made by Councilperson Clough and seconded by Supervisor Grinnell to pay bills from following accounts, vouchers #1-#12.

(A) \$2,282.06

(DA) \$ 8,391.95

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm