

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
August 12, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held July 8, 2020 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Lisa Grinnell, Town Supervisor
Terry Wolff, Councilperson
Crystal Clough, Councilperson
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Robert Stewart, Councilperson
Recorded Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: John Slocum, James Toolan (Highway Employee), Clarence Wright (Highway Superintendent) and Mitchel Eccleston (County legislator)

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

Motion 39: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the minutes from June.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
		Terry Wolff: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

HIGHWAY:

James Toolan (New Highway employee) was introduced to board members by Supervisor Grinnell.

Patti Zering Town resident requesting information on Stramba road re-surfacing completion by the Highway Dept.

Superintendent Wright explained he had run out of funds to complete road this year. The new roller for highway broke down is temporarily fixed but needs new wiring harness.

Superintendent Wright plans to test for his CDL license on 8/24/2020.

Superintendent Wright received 3 estimates on a mini hoe for digging a ditch for park drainage.

1. Beck Equipment \$200 per day
2. CNY Rental \$220 per day
3. Builders Best \$215 per day

Councilperson Barber requested Highway Dept. turn equipment around in driveways not fields or lawns.

OPEN FLOOR:

Mitchel Eccleston (County Legislator) came with an update on County matters.

Mark Ash (Trans Pro) an organization that was hired by Cortland County to audit and find savings in our spending.

This included laying off County Workers and combining positions.

Mr. Eccleston stated the County would have a balance budget and a 3 million savings in two years. All this information depending on final analysis for the County next month

Mr. Eccleston also touched on solar power.

Mr. Eccleston suggested we contact our Attorney Donald Armstrong to have a public meeting and a moratorium so we don't miss out on any revenue that could be created in the future from solar power.

Councilperson Clough would like a committee formed to care for 2 cemeteries owed by Town. No volunteers at this time.

Serina Ingrahm (Town Clerk) to copy law #2 on solar farming for board review.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Alan Butler Code Enforcement Officer would like to consolidate and clarify our junk law he sent a copy of Marathons to be read over by the board and voted on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Grinnell sent a letter to Ben Stanton about the leaning fence that borders the property and his to be removed or fixed.

Supervisor Grinnell found two cemeteries that belonged to the Town of Freetown.

1. Turner cemetery on Cadwill Rd
2. Freetown cemetery

Town also has 3 properties

1. Town Park
2. Highway garage
3. Swamp across rd.

Supervisor Grinnell contact Jameson Livermore on ditch digging in park lawn for drainage. Haven't heard back.

Councilperson Wolff will contact William Contri to see if he was still available to stencil the basketball court.

Councilperson Stewart received 3 quotes on paving under pavilion

1. Sweets Paving to meet with Councilperson Stewart on 8/15 Sat.
 2. Randolph Paving has no time until spring but will give a quote.
 3. JW Stanley will get back to Bob Stewart on a time to meet.
- Town Board decided to repair the leaking section of roof (over meeting room)
Supervisor Grinnell will call for pricing on just the section that's leaking.

Motion 40: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Clough to pay bills from the following accounts vouchers #124-142.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Clough: Aye	
		Terry Wolff: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

(A) \$ 4,753.16
(DA) \$ 94,954.80

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm