

**Town of Freetown
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
January 13, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held January 13, 2020 at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Others Present: Mary Mackey Bookkeeper, John Slocum, Jim Weiss Planning Board Chairperson, and Becky Bailey former book keeper, Tyler Wildman Solon Highway Superintended, Stephen A Furlin Solon Supervisor, Mitchell Eccleston County Legislator, Alan Butler Code Enforcement Officer and Gail Heady Tax Collector.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Highway and Tax collector were received and passed along for review.

Motion 1: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept December 2020 minutes.

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

Highway:

Highway Superintendent notified Board that our one ton truck had a check light on was sent to Ron's Paint and body fixed returned and check engine light is on again. Ron's said it was a heater problem. Councilperson Barber suggested trying Dovi Motor's for diagnostic test. Highway has been plowing and replacing culverts.

Code Enforcement Officer:

Alan Butler Code Enforcement Officer came to acquire on a discussion to change our junk law and to clarifying details on local law.

Alan Barber suggested we rearrange the layout of local laws book.

Mitch Eccleston County Legislator:

Mr. Eccleston came to check-in and report changes since the last board meeting. Covid vaccine was discussed on where and how to get vaccinated. Cortland County Suggested to call your participating provider for instructions. Mr. Eccleston brought masks.

Open Floor:

Gail Heady inquired about the use of the Town Hall building being reserved by town residents for small gatherings. Mary Mackey said there was an acceptance to the idea of residence using town hall for gatherings no price was recalled. But no decision was made.

Resident Jim Weiss came to question the 13.7% increase in Freetown's Town/County tax bill for 2021. Town Supervisor explained how we raised our budget \$34,000 in highway.

Budget was correct.

The summary sheet was incorrect on amount.

Town increase equaled out to be 13.7% increase.

New Bookkeeper Mary Mackey stated Supervisor Grinnell had the wrong monetary figures.

Town Board decided for Supervisor Grinnell to contact State Comptroller Office to make them aware of the mistake and what the town is doing about it. Supervisor Grinnell stated this Sept, 2021 she would start the budget and have some material to present to the board.

Town Board will make a decision in February on how much and where to allocate the extra \$34,513.00 over passed budget. Councilperson Clough inquired on behalf of the planning board on if they should get paid for the year due to two meetings in 2020. Conclusion was to pay for the entire year.

Councilperson gave report on community yard sale for 2021 trying for a day in July. Vendor's \$5.00 charge to fund advertising. There will be street parking, Councilperson Clough will received and adhere to regulating by state on covid prevention. Food truck mention no decision was made.

Town would like to see an itemized bill from Homer men's and Boy's on highways clothing allowance (\$250.00) per year.

Becky Bailey former bookkeeper came to finish her term and turn over paperwork to Mary Mackey new Bookkeeper for 2021

Solon:

Stephen Furlin Town Supervisor and Tyler Wildman Highway Superintendent from Solon came to introduce themselves. Shared their opinion on budgeting.

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

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

Motion 3: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept Crystal Clough (Deputy Town Supervisor) as signers on the First National Bank of Dryden town bank accounts.

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

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

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

Motion 5: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Donald Armstrong as the Town Attorney.

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

Motion 6: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint MAVAC (Marathon Area Volunteer Ambulance Corporations) as our ambulance service.

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

Motion 7: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Marathon, Cincinnatus, and McGraw as the fire districts.

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

Motion 8: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Serina Ingrahm as the Vital Statics and record keeper.

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

Motion 9: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint as Terry Wolff to the Work Liaison.

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

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

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

Motion 11: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Gail Heady as Deputy Town Clerk.

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

Motion 12: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Robert Stewart to appoint Matthew Heady as Deputy Town Tax Collector.

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

Motion 13: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Blue Moose Sanitation as the garbage and trash service for 2021.

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

Motion 14: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Fran Butler as the Town Assessor.

Votes: Councilpersons: Dylan Baber: Aye
Crystal Clough: Aye
William Stewart: Aye
Terry Wolff: Absent
Supervisor: Lisa Grinnell: Aye Passed

Motion 15: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Mary Mackey as the Town bookkeeper.

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

Motion 16: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Alan Butler as our Town Code Enforcement officer.

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

Motion 17: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint the Town Board to audit Town Clerk and Town Justice.

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

Motion 18: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to appoint Country Acres as our Town's Dog control officer.

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

Motion 18: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve paying bills from following accounts. Vouchers 1-18.

A (\$ 9,142.99)

DA (\$6,952.83)

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm