

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
November 8, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of Freetown, NY was held on November 8, 2023, at the Town Hall. Supervisor Lisa Grinnell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Lisa Grinnell, Town Supervisor
Ward Fox, Councilperson
Crystal Jenney, Councilperson - Absent
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Robert Stewart, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: Crystal Clough, Richard Stearns, Josh Macuch, and Deputy Superintendent Alnutt

Public hearings opened at 6:30 pm.
The budget for 2024 was discussed and passed by the board.
Public Hearing closed at 6:44 pm
Regular Board Meeting starts at 6:45.

Motion 46: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Fox to accept the 2024 budget.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Absent	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Justice, and Highway Dept. were received and reviewed. No financial report.

Motion 47: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the minutes for October 2023.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Absent	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

HIGHWAY: Deputy Alnutt has shared concerns about the pay and retirement for hiring a new crewman Wages are not comparable to other Towns. Deputy Alnutt stated winter hours will start in December from 4- 10-hour days to 5- 8-hour days. Councilperson Barber asked Deputy Superintendent Alnutt why we don't cover our salt piles, which seems to be too much work to do.

¾ ton pick-up has recalls that the highway Dept. needs to address.

The New Generator comes with a 10-year warranty instead of 5 years.

OPEN FLOOR: Richard Stearns a resident of Gee Brook Rd. has great concern about squatters/renters on adjoining property owned by Brett Gofgosky. It was stated by the Supervisor she would contact DEC.

Motion 48: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to move ARPA Funding to Highway checking to pay for the new parking lot of \$16,475.13.

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Absent	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Aye	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

Motion 49: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers #.160-180. Councilperson Barber has abstained due to a lack of correct financial Statements.

(A) General \$ 20,349.56

(DA) Highway \$ 120,263.97

Votes:	Councilpersons:	Robert Stewart: Aye	
		Crystal Jenney: Absent	
		Ward Fox: Aye	
		Dylan Barber: Abstained	
	Supervisor:	Lisa Grinnell: Aye	Passed

The meeting Adjourned at 9:22 pm
Acknowledged by the Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm