

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
May 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held on May 10, 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
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Robert Stewart, Councilperson

Recording Secretary: Serina Ingrahm, Town Clerk

Others Present: KJ Alnutt, Jean Weiss, Jim Weiss, Ashley and Todd Warfield, Crystal Clough, and John Slocum.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Bookkeeper, Justice, and Highway Dept. were received and reviewed.

Motion 25: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to accept the minutes for April 2023.

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

OPEN FLOOR:

Supervisor Grinnell spoke to the Towns Attorney Donald Armstrong about our trash/ garbage law and Mrs. Grinnell told Mr. Armstrong we were tabling it for now. Mr. Weiss asked how the process was going to progress forward and who was moving it forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Warfeild pointed out that our Town of Freetown pays the highest taxes in Cortland County. What does the Town use tax money for and why is it the highest? Town Supervisor Grinnell stated because Freetown has 3 different fire depts. covering Freetown could be a contributor. Supervisor Grinnell said she would call and talk to Don Bliss from the Marathon Fire Dept. about next year's budget increase, before the board's approval.

Councilperson Fox asked if Marathon was still putting in water access to be more efficient in controlling fires.

Jason Travis is our new recycling attendant.

Councilperson Barber asked how many residences are in Freetown. The number is unknown. The Town Board is still entertaining the idea of trash pick-up at the town's cost as a perk to having higher taxes.

Mrs. Clough suggested we talk to the school for volunteers to help people unable to clean their own properties. Councilperson Jenney told Supervisor Grinnell to check with Mrs. Penrose at the school.

HIGHWAY:

Councilperson Fox asked KJ highway employees if they received any quotes on a salt shed. Hybrid Building Company just installs the building, but none of the prep work. The highway is still looking for more quotes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilperson Barber asked if the ARPA report was done in April, and Supervisor Grinnell said she had done it. Councilperson Barber also asked if someone else needed to take on the task of getting quotes to replace the front door, Supervisor Grinnell had put her Deputy Heidi Alnutt in charge of getting quotes and has only received one. Three are needed.

Councilperson Barber also questioned our financial report, Supervisor Grinnell needs to contact the bookkeeper to straighten out the figures. A reminder was given to Supervisor Grinnell to make sure lawns are mowed for Memorial Day.

The bookkeeper is still working on our bank transfers from First National Bank of Dryden to NBT. Councilperson Barber questioned Supervisor Grinnell on who made or passed a motion for Superintendent Hawley to buy a dump truck from Solon Highway Dept. Supervisor Grinnell stated she thought we approved it in last month's meeting. The truck was talked about but never a motion made to purchase it. Councilperson Barber would like the \$60,000 to come out of Highway Superintendent Hawley's budget for 2023, not his savings account.

Councilperson Jenney ask why our Superintendent needed permission to purchase items. It was explained that Highway Superintendent needs permission to purchase over \$10,000.

Motion 26: Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to except Serina Ingrahm to clean the Town Hall.

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

Motion 27:

Made by Supervisor Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to approve paying bills from the following accounts. Vouchers 65-77.

(A) General \$ 765.54

(DA) Highway \$ 100,566.87

The meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,

Serina Ingrahm

