

TOWN OF FREETOWN
2369 McGraw Marathon Rd
Marathon, NY 13803
July 20, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Freetown, NY was held July 20, 2022 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 -Absent
Crystal Jenney, Councilperson
Dylan Barber, Councilperson
Robert Stewart, Councilperson
Recording Secretary: Gail Heady, Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present:, Gail Heady Tax Collector.

Monthly reports from the Town Clerk, Bookkeeper, Tax Collector and Highway Superintendent were received and reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Supervisor Grinnell has received notice that our recycling permits are now in good standings. Supervisor Grinnell showed board a copy of the Workers Comp. second quarter self-insurance fund to review.

A notice was sent to Town Clerk e-mail confirming the second payment of ARPA – Covid relief fund will be deposited this summer. Town Clerk Ingrahm has given Supervisor Grinnell information on how we can use the ARPA funding which include salary raises. Supervisor Grinnell has asked the board if increasing salary and paying more with new hires to get better qualified workers. Town Board wants to wait till budget time to discuss this.

Councilperson Ward questioned a charge from Country Acres last month. Town Clerk provided a copy of the agreement that's been filed here in the Towns records to show the town is responsible for the charges requested.

Town Clerk Deputy asked if Supervisor Grinnell has straightened out Highway Superintendent Hawley's health insurance. Supervisor is still waiting on a phone call.

Councilperson Jenney asked where building cleaner put garbage's when collected, suggested to place in hallway where Mr. Hawley could take care of it, place in large garbage can in the meeting room or give him a key to gain access to garage.

Town Board has agreed to double fines for building without a permit. Permits need to be issued first. Supervisor will turn over the verbiage and amending part to our Attorney.

STATE RETIREMENT:

Supervisor Grinnell has corresponded with someone from New York State Retirement System. The Towns cost for the remaining year of 2022 will be \$5,022.00. In 2023 our share will be \$10,560.00. Both parties will revisit this dollar amount next year possible reduction in cost for future coming year. The papers attached to e-mail needs a resolution made and passed. Supervisor Grinnell needs to call for clarification on start date.

LOCAL LAW JUNK LAW:

Supervisor Grinnell and Code Enforcement Officer have discussed a few changes to be made such as compost will be allowed. Code Enforcement will send notice to comply with the amended local junk law and if no attempt has been made then a ticket will be issued for court. Code Enforcement officer has ensured the board there will be no favoritism. Lawyer will make changes then town will have a public hearing.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Road side mower is back from repairs and highway employee says it works great. Total bill was \$20,000 to fix. Deputy Town Clerk asked about a tractor that has been leaking oil and it has been fixed. Supervisor has been made aware that the road sign for Liberty In. is missing.

PARK REPORT:

The company we have been corresponding with on outdoor playground equipment is currently out of the country an invitation will be extended to attend our next board meeting to discuss options and prices.

Supervisor Grinnell inquired about the new BBQ grill for our park.

Supervisor will check with Superintendent Hawley on where aborts.

Resident Clough asked if next year’s yard sale we could leave the front door open for workers to use the bathrooms. Board agreed to do so.

Councilperson Barber asked if we could carry flood ins. for the park.

Supervisor Grinnell will contact ins company and ask.

Motion 31: Made by Supervisor Lisa Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Barber to change the wording on the amended local junk law to exclude compost and change to 20 day to a 30 day time frame to comply with code.

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

Motion 32: Made by Supervisor Lisa Grinnell and seconded by Councilperson Stewart to pay bills.

Votes: Councilpersons: Robert Stewart: Aye

Supervisor:
(A) \$ 14,559.83
(DA) \$69,332.96

Crystal Jenney: Aye
Ward Fox: -Absent
Dylan Barber: Aye
Lisa Grinnell: Aye

Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Acknowledged by Town Clerk,
Serina Ingrahm